

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 93—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS)

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions of charter of City of North Las Vegas concerning appointment of city attorney. (BDR S-431)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the City of North Las Vegas; authorizing the city council to appoint certain professional corporations, partnerships or limited-liability companies to perform the duties of the city attorney; requiring each attorney employed by or associated with such a corporation, partnership or limited-liability company to be a member of the State Bar of Nevada under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** Section 3.050 of the charter of the City of North Las  
2 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter  
3 159, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 838, is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows:  
5         Sec. 3.050 City attorney: Appointment; salary; qualifications;  
6 duties; removal ~~+~~  
7 ~~1. The~~ ; *appointment of professional corporation, partnership*  
8 *or limited-liability company to perform duties of city attorney.*  
9         1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the* city council  
10 shall appoint a city attorney and fix his salary.  
11         2. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the* city  
12 attorney must be a ~~duly~~ licensed member of the State Bar of Nevada.  
13         3. The city attorney is the chief legal officer of the city and shall  
14 perform such duties as may be designated by the city council or  
15 prescribed by ordinance.  
16         4. The city attorney is under the general direction and supervision  
17 of the city council.



1       5. The city attorney serves at the pleasure of the city council and  
2 may be removed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire  
3 membership of the city council at any time.

4       6. *In lieu of or in addition to appointing a city attorney pursuant*  
5 *to the provisions of subsection 1, the city council may appoint a*  
6 *professional corporation, partnership or limited-liability company*  
7 *that engages in the practice of law in this state to perform all or a*  
8 *portion of the duties of the city attorney designated by the city*  
9 *council or prescribed by ordinance pursuant to the provisions of this*  
10 *section. If the city council appoints a professional corporation,*  
11 *partnership or limited-liability company to perform all or a portion*  
12 *of those duties:*

13       (a) *The city council shall establish the compensation payable to*  
14 *the professional corporation, partnership or limited-liability*  
15 *company for performing those duties; and*

16       (b) *Each attorney employed by or associated with the*  
17 *professional corporation, partnership or limited-liability company*  
18 *must be a licensed member of the State Bar of Nevada if the*  
19 *attorney performs or assists in performing any of those duties.*

20       7. *A professional corporation, partnership or limited-liability*  
21 *company that is appointed to perform all or a portion of the duties of*  
22 *the city attorney pursuant to the provisions of subsection 6 has, for*  
23 *each of those duties, all the powers and duties otherwise conferred*  
24 *upon a city attorney who is appointed pursuant to the provisions of*  
25 *subsection 1.*

