

SENATE BILL NO. 27—SENATOR WIENER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Establishes minimum size for print on sample ballots. (BDR 24-504)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
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 elections; requiring that certain sample ballots be printed in at least a certain minimum size print; 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.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, sample
- 3 ballots must include:
- 4 (a) The fiscal note, as provided pursuant to NRS 218.443 or 293.250,
- 5 for each proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure;
- 6 (b) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218.443, of each
- 7 proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure, including
- 8 arguments for and against it; and
- 9 (c) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 10 2. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be printed
- 11 without the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment if:
- 12 (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly
- 13 reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment were
- 14 not included;
- 15 (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes the full
- 16 text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided at no charge to
- 17 each registered voter who requests such a sample ballot; and
- 18 (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the full
- 19 text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 20 3. At least 10 days before any election, the county clerk shall cause to
- 21 be mailed to each registered voter in the county a sample ballot for his
- 22 precinct with a notice informing the voter of the location of his polling

place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:

(a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before mailing the sample ballots; or

(b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in ~~at least 10-point~~ bold type immediately above the location which states:

NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE
HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

4. *A sample ballot required to be mailed pursuant to this section must be printed in at least 14-point type.*

5. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot for a primary election, a separate page on which is printed a list of the offices and candidates for those offices for which there is no opposition.

~~5.1~~ 6. The cost of mailing sample ballots for any election other than a primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision holding the election.

Sec. 2. NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.530 1. At least 10 days before an election, the city clerk shall cause to be mailed to each registered voter in the city a sample ballot for his precinct with a notice informing the voter of the location of his polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:

(a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before mailing the sample ballots; or

(b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in ~~at least 10-point~~ bold type immediately above the location which states:

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2. *A sample ballot required to be mailed pursuant to this section must be printed in at least 14-point type.*

3. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot for a primary city election, a separate page on which is printed a list of the offices and candidates for those offices for which there is no opposition.

~~3.1~~ 4. The cost of mailing sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.

Sec. 3. NRS 266.0325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.0325 1. At least 10 days before an election held pursuant to NRS 266.029, the county clerk or registrar of voters shall cause to be mailed to each qualified elector a sample ballot for his precinct with a notice informing the elector of the location of his polling place.

2. The sample ballot must:

(a) Be in the form required by NRS 266.032.

(b) Include the information required by NRS 266.032.

(c) *Be printed in at least 14-point type.*

(d) Describe the area proposed to be incorporated by assessor's parcel maps, existing boundaries of subdivision or parcel maps, identifying visible ground features, extensions of the visible ground features, or by any

- 1 boundary that coincides with the official boundary of the state, a county, a
- 2 city, a township, a section or any combination thereof.
- 3 ~~(d)~~ (e) Contain a copy of the map or plat that was submitted with the
- 4 petition pursuant to NRS 266.019 and depicts the existing dedicated streets,
- 5 sewer interceptors and outfalls and their proposed extensions.

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