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SENATE BILL NO. 27—SENATOR WIENER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to voting. (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 the secretary of state to include on a form for an application to register to vote an option for a registered voter to receive a sample ballot in large type; requiring that certain information be placed on certain sample ballots; requiring that a sample ballot in large type be mailed to a registered voter upon request; 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.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:

3 *The secretary of state shall include on all forms for an application to*
4 *register to vote prescribed by him the following option, printed in a*
5 *separate box created by bold lines, in at least 20-point bold type:*

6 **[] CHECK THIS BOX TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN**
7 **LARGER TYPE**

8 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, sample
10 ballots must include:

11 (a) The fiscal note, as provided pursuant to NRS 218.443 or 293.250,
12 for each proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure;

13 (b) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218.443, of each
14 proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure, including
15 arguments for and against it; and

16 (c) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

17 2. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be printed
18 without the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment if:



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1 (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly
2 reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment were
3 not included;

4 (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes the full
5 text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided at no charge to
6 each registered voter who requests such a sample ballot; and

7 (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the full
8 text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

9 3. At least 10 days before any election, the county clerk shall cause to
10 be mailed to each registered voter in the county a sample ballot for his
11 precinct with a notice informing the voter of the location of his polling
12 place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last
13 election:

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

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

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

21 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a sample ballot*
22 *required to be mailed pursuant to this section must:*

23 (a) *Be printed in at least 12-point type; and*

24 (b) *Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines,*
25 *a notice printed in at least 20-point bold type that states:*

26 NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
27 LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)

28 5. *A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the*
29 *display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point*
30 *type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the*
31 *sample ballot.*

32 6. *The sample ballot mailed to a person who requests a sample ballot*
33 *in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to section 1 of*
34 *this act, or in any other manner, must be printed in at least 14-point type,*
35 *or larger when practicable.*

36 7. *If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk*
37 *shall ensure that all future sample ballots mailed to that person from the*
38 *county are in large type.*

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

42 ~~§-1~~ 9. The cost of mailing sample ballots for any election other than a
43 primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision
44 holding the election.

45 Sec. 3. NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 293C.530 1. At least 10 days before an election, the city clerk shall
47 cause to be mailed to each registered voter in the city a sample ballot for
48 his precinct with a notice informing the voter of the location of his polling



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

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

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

8 NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE

9 HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

10 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a sample ballot*
11 *required to be mailed pursuant to this section must:*

12 (a) *Be printed in at least 12-point type; and*

13 (b) *Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines,*
14 *a notice printed in at least 20-point bold type that states:*

15 NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN

16 LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)

17 3. *A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the*
18 *display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point*
19 *type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the*
20 *sample ballot.*

21 4. *The sample ballot mailed to a person who requests a sample ballot*
22 *in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to section 1 of*
23 *this act, or in any other manner, must be printed in at least 14-point type,*
24 *or larger when practicable.*

25 5. *If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city clerk*
26 *shall ensure that all future sample ballots mailed to that person from the*
27 *city are in large type.*

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

31 ~~13-1~~ 7. The cost of mailing sample ballots for a city election must be
32 borne by the city holding the election.

33 Sec. 4. NRS 266.0325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 266.0325 1. At least 10 days before an election held pursuant to NRS
35 266.029, the county clerk or registrar of voters shall cause to be mailed to
36 each qualified elector a sample ballot for his precinct with a notice
37 informing the elector of the location of his polling place.

38 2. The sample ballot must:

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

40 (b) Include the information required by NRS 266.032.

41 (c) *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, be printed in at least*
42 *12-point type.*

43 (d) Describe the area proposed to be incorporated by assessor's parcel
44 maps, existing boundaries of subdivision or parcel maps, identifying
45 visible ground features, extensions of the visible ground features, or by any
46 boundary that coincides with the official boundary of the state, a county, a
47 city, a township, a section or any combination thereof.



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1 ~~(d)~~ (e) Contain a copy of the map or plat that was submitted with the
2 petition pursuant to NRS 266.019 and depicts the existing dedicated streets,
3 sewer interceptors and outfalls and their proposed extensions.
4 (f) *Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a*
5 *notice printed in at least 20-point bold type that states:*
6 **NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN**
7 **LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)**
8 3. *A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the*
9 *display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point*
10 *type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the*
11 *sample ballot.*
12 4. *The sample ballot mailed to a person who requests a sample ballot*
13 *in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to section 1 of*
14 *this act, or in any other manner, must be printed in at least 14-point type,*
15 *or larger when practicable.*
16 5. *If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk*
17 *shall ensure that all future sample ballots mailed to that person from the*
18 *county are in large type.*
19 **Sec. 5.** A form for an application to register to vote prescribed by the
20 secretary of state which does not comply with the requirements of section 1
21 of this act may be used after July 1, 2001, if the form was printed on or
22 before July 1, 2001, but forms that do not comply with section 1 of this act
23 must not be ordered or produced after July 1, 2001.

