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SUMMARY—Prohibits certain public bodies from taking action by vote without affirmative vote of majority of entire public body. (BDR 19-640)

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 public bodies; prohibiting certain public bodies from taking action by vote without the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the public body; 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 241 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***A public body that is required to be composed of elected officials only***
4 ***may not take action by vote unless at least a majority of all the members***
5 ***of the public body vote in favor of the action. For purposes of this***
6 ***section, a public body may not count an abstention as a vote in favor of***
7 ***an action.***
8 **Sec. 2.** NRS 241.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
9 241.015 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
10 1. “Action” means:
11 (a) A decision made by a majority of the members present during a
12 meeting of a public body;
13 (b) A commitment or promise made by a majority of the members
14 present during a meeting of a public body; ~~for~~
15 ~~—(c) A~~
16 ***(c) If a public body may have a member who is not an elected***
17 ***official, an affirmative*** vote taken by a majority of the members present
18 during a meeting of ~~the~~ ***the*** public body ~~it~~ ***it***; ~~or~~



1 *(d) If all the members of a public body must be elected officials, an*
2 *affirmative vote taken by a majority of all the members of the public*
3 *body.*

4 2. "Meeting" means the gathering of members of a public body at
5 which a quorum is present to deliberate toward a decision or to take action
6 on any matter over which the public body has supervision, control,
7 jurisdiction or advisory power.

8 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, "public body"
9 means any administrative, advisory, executive or legislative body of the
10 state or a local government which expends or disburses or is supported in
11 whole or in part by tax revenue or which advises or makes
12 recommendations to any entity which expends or disburses or is supported
13 in whole or in part by tax revenue, including, but not limited to, any board,
14 commission, committee, subcommittee or other subsidiary thereof and
15 includes an educational foundation as defined in subsection 3 of NRS
16 388.750 and a university foundation as defined in subsection 3 of NRS
17 396.405. "Public body" does not include the legislature of the State of
18 Nevada.

19 4. "Quorum" means a simple majority of the constituent membership
20 of a public body or another proportion established by law.

21 **Sec. 3.** NRS 244.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 244.060 1. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act,*
23 *a majority of the board ~~shall form~~ constitutes* a quorum for the
24 transaction of business.

25 2. When a majority only of the members ~~shall be~~ *is* present at ~~the~~ *a*
26 meeting of the board, in case of a tie vote on any question, ~~it shall~~ *the*
27 *vote must* be postponed to a subsequent meeting.

28 **Sec. 4.** NRS 244.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 244.345 1. Every natural person wishing to be employed as an
30 entertainer for an entertainment by referral service and every natural
31 person, firm, association of persons or corporation wishing to engage in the
32 business of conducting a dancing hall, escort service, entertainment by
33 referral service or gambling game or device permitted by law, outside of an
34 incorporated city, must:

35 (a) Make application to the license board of the county in which the
36 employment or business is to be engaged in, for a county license of the
37 kind desired. The application must be in a form prescribed by the
38 regulations of the license board.

39 (b) File the application with the required license fee with the county
40 license collector, as provided in chapter 364 of NRS, who shall present the
41 application to the license board at its next regular meeting.

42 The board, in counties whose population is less than 400,000, may refer the
43 petition to the sheriff, who shall report upon it at the following regular
44 meeting of the board. In counties whose population is 400,000 or more, the
45 board shall refer the petition to the metropolitan police department. The
46 department shall conduct an investigation relating to the petition and report
47 its findings to the board at the next regular meeting of the board. The board
48 shall at that meeting grant or refuse the license prayed for or enter any
49 other order consistent with its regulations. Except in the case of an



1 application for a license to conduct a gambling game or device, the county
2 license collector may grant a temporary permit to an applicant, valid only
3 until the next regular meeting of the board. In unincorporated towns and
4 cities governed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 269 of NRS, the
5 license board has the exclusive power to license and regulate the
6 employment and businesses mentioned in this subsection.

7 2. The board of county commissioners, and in a county whose
8 population is less than 400,000, the sheriff of that county constitute the
9 license board, and the county clerk or other person designated by the
10 license board is the clerk thereof, in the respective counties of this state.

11 3. The license board may, without further compensation to the board
12 or its clerk:

13 (a) Fix, impose and collect license fees upon the employment and
14 businesses mentioned in this section.

15 (b) Grant or deny applications for licenses and impose conditions,
16 limitations and restrictions upon the licensee.

17 (c) Adopt, amend and repeal regulations relating to licenses and
18 licensees.

19 (d) Restrict, revoke or suspend licenses for cause after hearing. In an
20 emergency, the board may issue an order for immediate suspension or
21 limitation of a license, but the order must state the reason for suspension or
22 limitation and afford the licensee a hearing.

23 4. The license board shall hold a hearing before adopting proposed
24 regulations, before adopting amendments to regulations, and before
25 repealing regulations relating to the control or the licensing of the
26 employment or businesses mentioned in this section. Notice of the hearing
27 must be published in a newspaper published and having general circulation
28 in the county at least once a week for 2 weeks before the hearing.

29 5. Upon adoption of new regulations, the board shall designate their
30 effective date, which may not be earlier than 15 days after their adoption.
31 Immediately after adoption, a copy of any new regulations must be
32 available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office
33 of the county clerk.

34 6. ~~{A majority vote of the members of the license board present~~
35 ~~governs in the transaction of all business. A}~~ *Except as otherwise provided*
36 *in section 1 of this act, a* majority of the members constitutes a quorum for
37 the transaction of business.

38 7. Any natural person, firm, association of persons or corporation who
39 engages in the employment of any of the businesses mentioned in this
40 section without first having obtained the license and paid the license fee as
41 provided in this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

42 8. In a county whose population is 400,000 or more, the license board
43 shall not grant any license to a petitioner for the purpose of operating a
44 house of ill fame or reputé or any other business employing any person for
45 the purpose of prostitution.

46 9. As used in this section:

47 (a) "Entertainer for an entertainment by referral service" means a
48 natural person who is sent or referred for a fee to a hotel or motel room,
49 home or other accommodation by an entertainment by referral service for



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1 the purpose of entertaining the person located in the hotel or motel room,
2 home or other accommodation.

3 (b) "Entertainment by referral service" means a person or group of
4 persons who send or refer another person to a hotel or motel room, home or
5 other accommodation for a fee in response to a telephone or other request
6 for the purpose of entertaining the person located in the hotel or motel
7 room, home or other accommodation.

8 **Sec. 5.** NRS 266.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 266.235 ~~1. Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a~~
10 majority of all members of the council shall constitute a quorum to do
11 business, but a less number may meet and adjourn from time to time and
12 may compel the attendance of absentees under such penalties as may be
13 prescribed by ordinance.

14 **Sec. 6.** NRS 266.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 266.250 1. The council's deliberations, sessions and proceedings
16 must be public.

17 2. The council shall keep a journal of its own proceedings. The yeas
18 and nays ~~shall~~ **must** be taken upon the passage of all ordinances, and all
19 propositions to create any liability against the city, or to grant, deny,
20 increase, decrease, abolish ~~or~~ or revoke licenses, and in all other cases at
21 the request of any member or of the mayor, which yeas and nays ~~shall~~
22 **must** be entered upon the journal of its proceedings.

23 3. The ~~concurrence~~ **affirmative vote** of a majority of **all** the members
24 elected to the city council ~~shall be~~ **is** necessary to pass any such
25 ordinance or proposition.

26 **Sec. 7.** NRS 269.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 269.025 1. The town board or board of county commissioners of any
28 county in this state having jurisdiction of the affairs of any town or city, as
29 in this chapter provided, shall hold a regular meeting in the town offices or
30 in the courthouse at the county seat at least once in each month, on a day
31 previously fixed by the board, for the purpose of transacting the business
32 provided for in this chapter, and shall continue in session from day to day
33 until such business is completed.

34 2. The town board or board of county commissioners may also hold
35 special meetings upon a call of the chairman of the board, or a majority of
36 the members thereof.

37 3. A majority of the town board or board of county commissioners
38 ~~shall be necessary to constitute~~ **constitutes** a quorum. ~~and a~~ **An**
39 **affirmative** vote of the majority of the whole board ~~shall be~~ **is** necessary
40 to carry any question.

41 **Sec. 8.** NRS 278.349 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 278.349 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
43 governing body, if it has not authorized the planning commission to take
44 final action, shall, by **an affirmative vote of** a majority ~~vote~~ of **all** the
45 members, ~~present,~~ approve, conditionally approve ~~or~~ or disapprove a
46 tentative map filed pursuant to NRS 278.330:

47 (a) In a county whose population is 40,000 or more, within 45 days; or



1 (b) In a county whose population is less than 40,000, within 60
2 days,
3 after receipt of the planning commission's recommendations.
4 2. If there is no planning commission, the governing body shall
5 approve, conditionally approve or disapprove a tentative map:
6 (a) In a county whose population is 40,000 or more, within 45 days; or
7 (b) In a county whose population is less than 40,000, within 60
8 days,
9 after the map is filed with the clerk of the governing body.
10 3. The governing body, or planning commission if it is authorized to
11 take final action on a tentative map, shall consider:
12 (a) Environmental and health laws and regulations concerning water
13 and air pollution, the disposal of solid waste, facilities to supply water,
14 community or public sewage disposal and, where applicable, individual
15 systems for sewage disposal;
16 (b) The availability of water which meets applicable health standards
17 and is sufficient in quantity for the reasonably foreseeable needs of the
18 subdivision;
19 (c) The availability and accessibility of utilities;
20 (d) The availability and accessibility of public services such as schools,
21 police protection, transportation, recreation and parks;
22 (e) Conformity with the zoning ordinances and master plan, except that
23 if any existing zoning ordinance is inconsistent with the master plan, the
24 zoning ordinance takes precedence;
25 (f) General conformity with the governing body's master plan of streets
26 and highways;
27 (g) The effect of the proposed subdivision on existing public streets and
28 the need for new streets or highways to serve the subdivision;
29 (h) Physical characteristics of the land such as flood plain, slope and
30 soil;
31 (i) The recommendations and comments of those entities reviewing the
32 tentative map pursuant to NRS 278.330 to 278.348, inclusive; and
33 (j) The availability and accessibility of fire protection, including, but not
34 limited to, the availability and accessibility of water and services for the
35 prevention and containment of fires, including fires in wild lands.
36 4. The governing body or planning commission shall, by *an*
37 *affirmative vote of* a majority ~~vote~~ of *all* the members, ~~present,~~ make a
38 final disposition of the tentative map. Any disapproval or conditional
39 approval must include a statement of the reason for that action.
40 **Sec. 9.** NRS 309.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
41 309.120 1. The officers of such district shall consist of three, five or
42 seven directors as aforesaid, a president and a vice president elected from
43 their number, a secretary and a treasurer. The board may also appoint an
44 assistant secretary who shall exercise such ~~of the~~ powers and perform
45 such ~~of the~~ duties of the secretary as may be designated by the board of
46 directors, except that such assistant secretary shall not be invested with
47 authority to sign on behalf of the secretary any bonds of the district. The
48 secretary and treasurer shall be appointed by the board of directors and
49 may or may not be members of the board. Such officers shall serve at the



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1 will of the board. One person may be appointed to serve as secretary and
2 treasurer.

3 2. The directors immediately upon their election and qualification shall
4 meet and organize. The board of directors shall designate some place
5 within the county where the organization of the district was effected as the
6 office of the board, and the board shall hold a regular monthly meeting in
7 its office on such day of the month as that fixed upon by resolution duly
8 entered upon the minutes, and when the time for such a monthly meeting
9 has been fixed, it cannot again be changed for 12 months, and it can only
10 be changed by resolution passed at least 2 months prior to the time such
11 change ~~{shall}~~ *will* take effect and upon publication in a newspaper of
12 general circulation in the district for at least 2 weeks prior to such change.
13 Should the regular meeting day fall upon a nonjudicial day, such meeting
14 ~~{shall}~~ *must* be held on the first judicial day thereafter.

15 3. The board of directors shall hold such special meetings as shall be
16 required for the purpose of transaction of business, ~~{}~~ but all special
17 meetings must be called by the president or a majority of the board. The
18 order calling such special meeting ~~{shall}~~ *must* be entered on the record,
19 and the secretary shall give each member not joining in the order 3 days'
20 notice of such special meeting. The order must specify the business to be
21 transacted at such special meeting, ~~{}~~ and none other than that specified
22 shall be transacted.

23 4. Whenever all members of the board are present at a meeting, the
24 same shall be deemed a legal meeting and any lawful business may be
25 transacted. All meetings of the board ~~{shall}~~ *must* be public and a majority
26 of the members ~~{shall constitute}~~ *constitutes* a quorum for the transaction
27 of business, but on all questions requiring a vote there ~~{shall be a}~~
28 ~~concurrence of~~ *must be an affirmative vote of* at least a majority of *all* the
29 members of the board.

30 5. All records of the board ~~{shall}~~ *must* be open to the inspection of
31 any elector during business hours.

32 6. At the regular monthly meeting in January next following their
33 elections, the board of directors shall meet and organize and elect a
34 president and vice president and appoint a secretary and treasurer. The
35 appointees aforesaid shall file bonds, which ~~{shall}~~ *must* be approved by
36 the board, for the faithful performance of their duties.

37 7. Any vacancies in the offices of directors ~~{shall}~~ *must* be filled from
38 the division in which the vacancy occurs by the remaining members of the
39 board. A director appointed to fill a vacancy, as above provided, shall hold
40 his office until the next biennial election and until his successor is elected
41 and qualified.

42 **Sec. 10.** NRS 320.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 320.090 1. After taking oaths and filing bonds, the members of the
44 board shall, by a majority vote, elect a chairman, vice chairman, secretary
45 and treasurer from among the members. The secretary and treasurer may be
46 one person. After the initial election, the chairman, vice chairman,
47 secretary and treasurer serve in that office for a term of 1 year beginning on
48 July 1 of each year. If a vacancy occurs in any of those offices, the



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1 members of the board shall elect a member of the board to serve in that
2 office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3 2. Three members of the board constitute a quorum, and *except as*
4 *otherwise provided in section 1 of this act*, a quorum may exercise all the
5 powers and duties of the board.

6 3. The board shall:

7 (a) Meet at such times and places specified by a call of the chairman or
8 by a majority of the members of the board;

9 (b) Adopt bylaws prescribing its management and government; and

10 (c) Comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.

11 4. The members of the board serve without compensation and are not
12 entitled to the per diem and travel expenses provided for state officers and
13 employees generally.

14 5. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board, the remaining
15 members of the board shall appoint a person to serve on the board until his
16 successor is elected and qualified. A person appointed to serve on the
17 board pursuant to this subsection must qualify in the manner provided in
18 NRS 320.070. If the board fails to fill a vacancy within 30 days after the
19 vacancy occurs, the board of county commissioners where the district is
20 located shall appoint a person to serve on the board in the manner provided
21 in this subsection.

22 **Sec. 11.** NRS 353.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 353.015 ~~{A}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act*, a
24 majority of the state board of examiners ~~{shall constitute}~~ *constitutes* a
25 quorum and may, as such, discharge any of the duties specified by law.

26 **Sec. 12.** NRS 403.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 403.040 1. The board of county highway commissioners must hold
28 regular meetings monthly on or about the 1st day of each month.

29 2. Special meetings may be called by the chairman, but no bills ~~{shall}~~
30 *may* be allowed at special meetings. Every member ~~{shall}~~ *must* be notified
31 of special meetings in ample time to attend.

32 3. In counties having three county commissioners, two members
33 ~~{shall}~~ constitute a quorum, but *an affirmative vote of* a majority ~~{vote}~~ of
34 all the members ~~{shall be}~~ *is* required at all times for the passing of any
35 motion. In counties having five county commissioners, three members
36 ~~{shall}~~ constitute a quorum, but *an affirmative vote of* a majority ~~{vote}~~ of
37 all the members ~~{shall be}~~ *is* required at all times for the passing of any
38 motion.

39 **Sec. 13.** NRS 450.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 450.140 1. The board of hospital trustees shall hold meetings at least
41 once each month, and shall keep a complete record of all its transactions.

42 2. *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act:*

43 (a) In counties where three county commissioners are not members of
44 the board, three members of the board constitute a quorum for the
45 transaction of business.

46 ~~{3. Except}~~



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1 (b) And except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 4.~~ paragraph (c),
2 in counties where three county commissioners are members of the board,
3 any five of the members constitute a quorum for the transaction of
4 business.

5 ~~4.~~ (c) In counties where the board of county commissioners is the
6 board of hospital trustees, a majority of the board constitutes a quorum for
7 the transaction of business.

8 **Sec. 14.** NRS 539.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 539.095 A majority of the members ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a
10 quorum for the transaction of business, but on all questions requiring a vote
11 , there ~~shall be a concurrence~~ must be an affirmative vote of at least a
12 majority of all the members of the board.

13 **Sec. 15.** NRS 548.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 548.305 A majority of the supervisors ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a
15 quorum, and except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, the
16 concurrence of a majority of the quorum in any matter within their duties
17 ~~shall be~~ is required for their determination.

18 **Sec. 16.** Section 2.040 of the charter of the City of Caliente, being
19 chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 58, is hereby amended to read
20 as follows:

21 Sec. 2.040 Meetings: Quorum.

22 1. The city council shall hold at least two regular meetings each
23 month, and by ordinance may provide for additional regular meetings.

24 2. ~~1.A~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a
25 majority of all members of the city council constitutes a quorum to do
26 business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time,
27 and compel the attendance of the absent members.

28 3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all
29 proceedings of the city council ~~shall~~ must be public.

30 **Sec. 17.** Section 2.050 of the charter of the City of Carlin, being
31 chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 606, is hereby amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Sec. 2.050 Meetings: Quorum.

34 1. The board of councilmen shall hold at least one regular
35 meeting each month, and by ordinance may provide for additional
36 regular meetings.

37 2. ~~1.A~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a
38 majority of all members of the board of councilmen constitutes a
39 quorum to do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from
40 time to time, and compel the attendance of the absent members.

41 3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all
42 proceedings of the board of councilmen ~~shall~~ must be public.

43 **Sec. 18.** Section 2.050 of the charter of Carson City, being chapter
44 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, at page 295, is hereby amended to read as
45 follows:

46 Sec. 2.050 Meetings: Quorum.

47 1. The board shall hold at least two regular meetings each month ,
48 and by ordinance may provide for the holding of additional regular
49 meetings.



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2. Special meetings may be held on call of the mayor or by a majority of the board, by giving a minimum of 6 hours' notice of such special meeting to each member of the board prior to the meeting. No contract involving the expenditure of money may be made or claim allowed at a special meeting unless notice of the meeting called to consider such action is published in a newspaper within Carson City at least 1 day before such meeting, and no business may be transacted at a special meeting except such as has been stated in the call of the meeting, and no ordinance may be passed at a special meeting except an emergency ordinance.

3. ~~1A1~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a* majority of all members of the board constitutes a quorum to do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time, and compel the attendance of the absent members.

4. Except as otherwise provided by law, the sessions and all proceedings of the board ~~shall~~ *must* be public.

Sec. 19. Section 2.050 of the charter of the City of Elko, being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 477, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.050 Meetings: Quorum.

1. The board of supervisors shall hold at least one regular meeting each month, and by ordinance may provide for additional regular meetings.

2. ~~1A1~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a* majority of all members of the board of supervisors constitutes a quorum to do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time, and compel the attendance of the absent members.

3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all proceedings of the board of supervisors ~~shall~~ *must* be public.

Sec. 20. Section 2.050 of the charter of the City of Gabbs, being chapter 265, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 388, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.050 Meetings: Quorum.

1. The board of councilmen shall hold at least one regular meeting each month, and by ordinance may provide for additional regular meetings.

2. ~~1A1~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a* majority of all members of the board of councilmen constitutes a quorum to do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time, and compel the attendance of the absent members.

3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all proceedings of the board of councilmen ~~shall~~ *must* be public.

Sec. 21. Section 2.040 of the charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 405, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.040 Meetings: Quorum.

1. The city council shall hold at least two regular meetings each month, and by ordinance may provide for additional regular meetings.



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1 2. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a*
2 majority of all members of the city council constitutes a quorum to do
3 business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time,
4 and compel the attendance of the absent members.

5 3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all
6 proceedings of the city council ~~shall~~ *must* be public.

7 **Sec. 22.** Section 2.060 of the charter of the City of Las Vegas, being
8 chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1395, is hereby amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 2.060 Meetings: Quorum.

11 1. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a*
12 majority of all members of the city council constitutes a quorum to do
13 business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time
14 or compel the attendance of the absent members, or both, under such
15 penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

16 2. ~~Unless~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act,*
17 *and unless* otherwise provided by *any other provision of* law,
18 including sections 1.160, 2.100 and 3.050 and subsection 3 of section
19 2.110 of this charter, the concurrence of a majority of a quorum of the
20 city council is necessary to pass any proposition.

21 **Sec. 23.** Section 2.040 of the charter of the City of North Las Vegas,
22 being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 301,
23 Statutes of Nevada 1979, at page 451, is hereby amended to read as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 2.040 Meetings: Quorum.

26 1. The city council shall hold at least one regular meeting each
27 month, and by ordinance may provide for additional regular meetings.

28 2. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a*
29 majority of all members of the city council constitutes a quorum to do
30 business.

31 3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all
32 proceedings of the city council ~~are~~ *must be* public.

33 **Sec. 24.** Section 2.040 of the charter of the City of Reno, being
34 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 203, Statutes
35 of Nevada 1989, at page 444, is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 Sec. 2.040 Meetings: Quorum.

37 1. The city council shall hold not less than two regular meetings
38 each month. The times and dates of the meetings must be established
39 by ordinance.

40 2. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a*
41 majority of all the members of the city council constitutes a quorum to
42 do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to
43 time, and compel the attendance of the absent members.

44 3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all
45 proceedings of the city council must be public.



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1 **Sec. 25.** Section 2.030 of the charter of the City of Sparks, being
2 chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by chapter 450,
3 Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 1313, is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

5 Sec. 2.030 Meetings: Regular; special; quorum.

6 1. The city council shall hold regular meetings at least twice each
7 month at times it designates by ordinance. When a regular meeting
8 falls on a holiday, the council must hold the meeting on the next
9 business day.

10 2. Special meetings may be held on a call of the mayor or by a
11 majority of the council. Reasonable effort must be made to give notice
12 of a special meeting to each member of the council, the mayor, city
13 clerk, city attorney, city manager and to any other person who has
14 submitted a request for notice to the city clerk. Notice is not required
15 if the mayor has declared an emergency.

16 3. At a special meeting, unless the entire city council otherwise
17 consents:

18 (a) Or unless notice of the meeting is published in a newspaper of
19 general circulation in the city at least 1 day before the meeting, a
20 contract or claim involving the expenditure of money may not be
21 approved;

22 (b) Only emergency ordinances may be passed; and

23 (c) Only that business which was stated in the call of the meeting
24 may be discussed.

25 4. ~~At~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a*
26 majority of all members of the city council constitutes a quorum to do
27 business, but a lesser number may meet and recess and compel the
28 attendance of the absent members.

29 5. No meeting of the city council may be held for the purpose of
30 conducting or discussing city business except as provided in this
31 section.

32 **Sec. 26.** Section 2.050 of the charter of the City of Wells, being
33 chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 460, is hereby amended to
34 read as follows:

35 Sec. 2.050 Meetings: Quorum.

36 1. The board of councilmen shall hold at least one regular
37 meeting each month, and by ordinance may provide for additional
38 regular meetings.

39 2. ~~At~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a*
40 majority of all members of the board of councilmen constitutes a
41 quorum to do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from
42 time to time, and compel the attendance of the absent members.

43 3. Except as otherwise provided by law, all sessions and all
44 proceedings of the board of councilmen ~~shall~~ *must* be public.



1 **Sec. 27.** Section 2.040 of the charter of the City of Yerington, being
2 chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 184, Statutes
3 of Nevada 1985, at page 643, is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2.040 Meetings: Quorum.

5 1. The city council shall hold at least two regular meetings each
6 month, on the second and fourth Mondays, and by ordinance may
7 provide for additional regular meetings.

8 2. If the date of any regular meeting of the city council falls on a
9 legal holiday, the meeting must be held on the next day which is not a
10 legal holiday.

11 3. ~~At~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a*
12 majority of all members of the city council constitutes a quorum to do
13 business.

14 **Sec. 28.** Section 8 of chapter 167, Statutes of Nevada 1947, as last
15 amended by chapter 468, Statutes of Nevada 1977, at page 932, is hereby
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 8. The officers of the district shall consist of directors as
18 specified in section 5.1, a president, a vice president , a secretary ~~+~~
19 and a treasurer. The chairman of the board of county commissioners
20 of Clark County may be president of the board of directors of the
21 district , or the board of county commissioners may, at its first
22 meeting in January of each year, designate another of its members to
23 serve as president of the board of directors of the district for a term of
24 1 year. The vice chairman of the board of county commissioners may
25 be vice president of the board of directors of the district , or the board
26 of county commissioners may, at its first meeting in January of each
27 year, designate another of its members to serve as vice president of
28 the board of directors of the district for a term of 1 year. The board
29 may appoint an assistant secretary, who shall exercise such ~~of the~~
30 powers and perform such ~~of the~~ duties of the secretary as may be
31 designated by the board of directors, except that the assistant secretary
32 may not sign on behalf of the secretary any bonds of the district. The
33 secretary and treasurer shall be appointed by the board of directors
34 and may not be members of the board. These officers shall serve at
35 the will of the board. One person may be appointed to serve as
36 secretary and treasurer. The board may designate the county clerk of
37 Clark County and the county treasurer of Clark County, respectively,
38 to act ex officio as secretary and treasurer, or it may designate some
39 other person to fill either or both of the offices. No additional bond
40 may be required of the county treasurer of Clark County as ex officio
41 district treasurer. The board may also appoint an engineer and
42 manager and such other assistants as may be necessary. The board of
43 directors shall designate some place within the county as the office of
44 the board *and* shall hold a regular monthly meeting in this office on
45 such day of the month as that fixed upon by resolution duly entered
46 upon the minutes. All meetings of the board ~~shall~~ *must* be public,
47 and , *except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act*, a majority
48 of the members ~~shall constitute~~ *constitutes* a quorum for the
49 transaction of business, but on all questions requiring *a* vote , there



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1 ~~{shall be a concurrence}~~ *must be an affirmative vote* of at least a
2 majority of *all* the members of the board. All records of the board
3 ~~{shall}~~ *must* be open to the inspection of any elector during business
4 hours.

5 **Sec. 29.** Section 10 of chapter 227, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as
6 amended by chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1979, at page 379, is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 10. ~~{A}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this*
9 *act, a* majority of the members ~~{constitute}~~ *constitutes* a quorum at
10 any meeting ~~{,}~~ and the ~~{Board}~~ *board* may take action either by
11 motion or by resolution, which must be adopted by at least a majority
12 of the members present and constituting a quorum.

13 **Sec. 30.** Section 8 of chapter 458, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as
14 amended by chapter 97, Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 363, is hereby
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 8. 1. The board shall meet regularly at a time and in a
17 place to be designated by the board. Special meetings may be held as
18 often as the needs of the board require, on notice to each board
19 member.

20 2. A majority of the members ~~{shall constitute}~~ *constitutes* a
21 quorum at any meeting. ~~{Every}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in*
22 *section 1 of this act, every* motion and resolution of the board must be
23 adopted by at least a majority of the members present and constituting
24 the quorum at such meeting.

25 3. If any member is absent from three consecutive regular
26 meetings of the board, without good cause as determined by the
27 board, his office thereupon becomes vacant.

28 4. The board shall adopt a seal.

29 **Sec. 31.** Section 4 of chapter 477, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as
30 amended by chapter 175, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 886, is hereby
31 amended to read as follows:

32 Sec. 4. All powers, duties and privileges of the Moapa Valley
33 Water District must be exercised and performed by the governing
34 board of the district. Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this
35 chapter, the board consists of five members elected as prescribed in
36 this act. A simple majority of the members of the board constitutes a
37 quorum. The *affirmative* vote of a ~~{simple}~~ majority of ~~{the quorum}~~
38 *all the members of the board* is required to take action.

39 **Sec. 32.** Section 8 of chapter 477, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as
40 amended by chapter 175, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 888, is hereby
41 amended to read as follows:

42 Sec. 8. 1. The board shall:

43 (a) Choose one of its members chairman of the board and president
44 of the district, and prescribe the term of office and the powers and
45 duties thereof.

46 (b) Fix the time and place at which its regular meetings must be
47 held and provide for the calling and conduct of special meetings.

48 (c) Fix the location of the principal place of business of the district.



(d) Elect a secretary-treasurer of the board and the district, who may or may not be a member of the board.

(e) Appoint a general manager who must not be a member of the board.

(f) Delegate and redelegate to officers of the agency the power to employ necessary executives, clerical workers, engineering assistants and laborers, and retain legal, accounting or engineering services, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be imposed by the board.

(g) Prescribe the powers, duties, compensation and benefits of all officers and employees of the district, and require all bonds necessary to protect the money and other property of the district.

(h) Take all actions and do all things reasonably and lawfully necessary to conduct the business of the district and *to* achieve the purpose of this act.

2. No regular or special meeting of the board may commence or continue unless a quorum of at least three members is present. ~~A majority~~ *The affirmative* vote of the ~~{quorum-present}~~ *majority of all the members of the board* is required to take action with respect to any matter.

3. Members of the board serve without compensation, except that they are entitled to reasonable per diem and travel expenses, set by the board, for attendance at meetings and conducting other business of the district.

Sec. 33. Section 9 of chapter 489, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 2531, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. 1. The board shall meet each month at a time and place designated by the chairman of the board. The board may hold special meetings as often as the needs of the board require, upon notice to each member of the board.

2. The board ~~must~~ *shall* provide notice of a meeting in the manner prescribed by NRS 241.020.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 ~~and~~ *section 1 of this act:*

(a) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum; and

(b) All actions must be adopted by at least a majority of the members present and constituting the quorum at such a meeting.

4. The affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the board is necessary to pass an action relating to:

(a) A budgetary matter or a matter which involves an expenditure of public money; or

(b) A contract or other instrument that creates a binding legal obligation on a public entity.

Sec. 34. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

