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Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

ASSEMBLY BILL 56

Amends provision of Charter of City of Sparks governing boundaries of wards. (BDR S-211)

Sponsored by: Assemblyman Anderson,
(On behalf of the Sparks Charter Committee)
Date Heard: February 14, 2003

Assembly Bill 56 proposes a revision to the City Charter of Sparks to change the basis of the calculation of ward boundaries to population (instead of registered voters).

Amendments:

At the hearing on the bill, the Sparks Charter Committee proposed additional amendments to the Charter to create a trigger for raising the salaries of the mayor and city council members and to delete a provision stating that the mayor could vote in case of a tie (based on a legal opinion that the mayor cannot vote, the provision is obsolete).

A mock-up for a new section that removes the obsolete language regarding the mayoral vote is attached.

Opposition:

None

Fiscal Impact:

Local Government: No
State Government: No

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SUBMITTED BY: Susan Scholley

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 56
ADDING A NEW SECTION 2

April 6, 2003

Matter in blue bold italics is new language in the original bill. Matter in green strikethrough is language being proposed for deletion from the current City Charter of Sparks. Matter in black type is existing language in the City Charter that is not being changed by the bill.

Section 2. Section 3.010 of the Charter of the City of Sparks is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.010 Mayor: Duties; mayor pro tempore.

1. The mayor shall:
 - (a) Preside over the meetings of the city council, ~~and he may vote only in case of a tie.~~ The mayor may not vote on any proposed ordinance.
 - (b) Act as the head of the government of the city for all purposes.
 - (c) Perform such emergency duties as may be necessary for the general health, welfare and safety of the city.
 - (d) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance or by the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes which apply to a mayor.
2. The mayor may veto all matters passed by the city council if he gives notice in writing to the city clerk within 10 days of the action taken by the city council. A veto may be overturned only by a vote of at least four-fifths of the city council. An action requiring the expenditure of money is not effective without the approval of the mayor, unless he does not disapprove the action within 10 days after it is taken by the city council, or the city council by a four-fifths majority approves such expenditure at a regular meeting.
3. The city council shall elect one of its members to be mayor pro tempore. He shall:
 - (a) Hold the office and title until the next election without additional compensation, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c).
 - (b) Perform the duties of mayor during the temporary absence or disability of the mayor without loss of his rights and powers as a member of the council.
 - (c) Act as mayor until the next election if the office of mayor becomes vacant and draw the salary of mayor. His salary and position as a member of the council cease.