

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56—ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON, PARKS,
BROWN, BUCKLEY, CLABORN, COLLINS, CONKLIN,
GEDDES, GIUNCHIGLIANI, HETTRICK, HORNE, KOIVISTO,
LESLIE, MCCLAIN, OCEGUERA, SHERER AND WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 10, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

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

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 Sparks; providing that the
boundaries of wards must be determined on the basis of
population; 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 1.040 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
2 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as amended by chapter
3 41, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 394, is hereby amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 1.040 Wards: Creation; boundaries.
6 1. The city ~~{shall}~~ *must* be divided into five wards , each
7 of which ~~{shall}~~ *must* be as nearly equal in ~~{registered voters}~~
8 *population* as can be conveniently provided, and the territory
9 comprising each ward ~~{shall}~~ *must* be contiguous. ~~{In~~
10 ~~December of the year preceding a general election the~~
11 ~~Washoe County registrar of voters shall establish new~~
12 ~~boundaries for each ward if the number of electors registered~~
13 ~~at the time of the last preceding general election in any ward~~
14 ~~exceeds the number of electors registered in any other ward~~
15 ~~by more than 5 percent.]~~



1 2. *The boundaries of the wards must be established and*
2 *changed by ordinance. The boundaries of the wards:*

3 (a) *Must be changed whenever the population in any*
4 *ward, as determined by the last preceding national census of*
5 *the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department*
6 *of Commerce, exceeds the population in any other ward by*
7 *more than 5 percent.*

8 (b) *May be changed to include territory that has been*
9 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds*
10 *the population in another ward by more than 5 percent as*
11 *determined by any measure that is found to be reliable by*
12 *the City Council.*

