

SENATE BILL NO. 252—SENATOR CEGAVSKE

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises date for primary city election and general city election in cities in certain larger counties. (BDR 24-971)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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.

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AN ACT relating to elections; providing that the governing body of a city incorporated pursuant to general law in a county whose population is 400,000 or more shall adopt an ordinance to provide for a primary city election and general city election on the dates for state primary elections and state general elections; revising the charters of certain cities to provide for primary city elections and general city elections on the dates for state primary elections and state general elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Existing law provides that city primary and general elections must be held in
  - 2 odd-numbered years while state and other local primary and general elections must
  - 3 be held in even-numbered years. (NRS 293.12755, 293.175, 293C.115, 293C.140,
  - 4 293C.145)
  - 5 This bill requires a city incorporated under general law in a county whose
  - 6 population is 400,000 or more (currently Clark County) to adopt an ordinance
  - 7 setting city elections in even-numbered years. This bill also amends the charter of
  - 8 each city created by a charter that is located in a county whose population is
  - 9 400,000 or more to reflect this change in election dates. Cities affected are Boulder
  - 10 City, Henderson, Las Vegas, Mesquite and North Las Vegas.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 293C.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.115 1. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the* governing body of a city incorporated pursuant to general law may by ordinance provide for a primary city election and a general city election on:

(a) The dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS; or

(b) The dates set forth for primary city elections and general city elections pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

2. *The governing body of a city incorporated pursuant to general law in a county whose population is 400,000 or more shall by ordinance provide for a primary city election and a general city election on the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.*

3. If a governing body of a city adopts an ordinance pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 ~~[1]~~ *or subsection 2*, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165, and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for purposes of conducting the primary city elections and general city elections of the city.

~~[3-]~~ 4. If a governing body of a city adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 1 ~~[1]~~ *or is required to adopt an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2:*

(a) The term of office of any elected city official may not be shortened as a result of the ordinance; and

(b) Each elected city official holds office until the end of his term and until his successor has been elected and qualified.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 293C.291 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.291 If a candidate whose name appears on the ballot at a primary city election or general city election dies after the applicable date set forth in:

1. NRS 293C.370; or

2. NRS 293.368, if the governing body of the city has adopted an ordinance pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 *of NRS 293C.115 or subsection 2* of NRS 293C.115,

➤ but before the time of the closing of the polls on the day of the election, the city clerk shall post a notice of the candidate's death at each polling place where the candidate's name will appear on the ballot for the primary city election or general city election.



**Sec. 3.** NRS 267.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

267.110 1. Any city having adopted a charter pursuant to the provisions of NRS 267.010 to 267.140, inclusive, has pursuant to the charter:

(a) All of the powers enumerated in the general laws of the State for the incorporation of cities.

(b) Such other powers necessary and not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada to carry out the commission form of government.

2. The charter, when submitted, must:

(a) Fix the number of commissioners, their terms of office and their duties and compensation.

(b) Provide for all necessary appointive and elective officers for the form of government therein provided, and fix their salaries and emoluments, duties and powers.

(c) Fix, in accordance with the provisions of NRS 293C.140 and 293C.175 or with the provisions of NRS 293C.145, or with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 *of NRS 293C.115 or subsection 2* of NRS 293C.115, the time for the first and subsequent elections for all elective officers. After the first election and the qualification of the officers who were elected, the old officers and all boards or offices and their emoluments must be abolished.

**Sec. 4.** Section 4 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Number; selection and term; recall.

1. The City Council shall have four Councilmen and a Mayor elected from the City at large in the manner provided in Article IX . ~~[, for terms of four years and until their successors have been elected and have taken office as provided in section 16, subject to recall as provided in section 111.5.]~~ No Councilman shall represent any particular constituency or district of the City, and each Councilman shall represent the entire City. (Amd. 2; 6-4-91; Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-96)

2. (Repealed by Amd. 1; 6-4-91)

*3. Except as otherwise provided in section 96, all Councilmen and the Mayor shall serve for 4 years, subject to recall as provided in section 111.5.*

**Sec. 5.** Section 16 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 16. Induction of Council into office; meetings of Council.

1. The City Council shall meet within ~~[ten]~~ 10 days after each ~~[city]~~ primary election and each ~~[city]~~ general election specified in Article IX, to canvass the returns and to declare



1 the results. All newly elected or re-elected Mayor or  
2 Councilmen ~~{shall}~~ *must* be inducted into office at the next  
3 regular Council meeting following certification of the  
4 applicable ~~{city}~~ general election results. Immediately  
5 following such induction, both the Mayor and the Mayor pro  
6 tem ~~{shall}~~ *must* be designated as provided in section 7.  
7 Thereafter, the Council shall meet regularly at such times as it  
8 shall set by resolution from time to time, but not less  
9 frequently than once each month. (Add. 13; Amd. 1; 6-2-87;  
10 Amd. 2; 6-4-91; Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-96)

11 A. (Add. 3; Amd. 2; 5-2-67; Repealed by Amd. 1;  
12 6-4-91)

13 2. It is the intent of this Charter that deliberations and  
14 actions of the Council be conducted openly. All meetings of  
15 the City Council ~~{shall}~~ *must* be in accordance with chapter  
16 241 of ~~{the Nevada Revised Statutes.}~~ *NRS*. (Add. 10; Amd.  
17 1; 6-2-81)

18 3. Any emergency meeting of the City Council, as  
19 defined by chapter 241 ~~{,shall}~~ *of NRS, must* be as provided  
20 therein, and in addition:

21 (a) An emergency meeting may be called by the Mayor or  
22 upon written notice issued by a majority of the Council.

23 (b) Prior notice of such an emergency meeting ~~{shall}~~  
24 *must* be given to all members of the City Council. (Add. 10;  
25 Amd. 1; 6-2-81)

26 **Sec. 6.** Section 92 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 Section 92. Public parks, recreation areas, parking.

29 1. All public parks, public recreation areas and publicly  
30 owned off-street parking areas in existence at the time of  
31 incorporation, unless under private lease, must not be sold,  
32 leased or zoned for any other use without approval of the  
33 majority of the voters voting at a special election ~~{for primary~~  
34 ~~or general}~~ , *a primary municipal and state* election , ~~{for~~  
35 ~~primary}~~ or *a general municipal and state* election.

36 2. A special election may be held only if the City  
37 Council determines, by a unanimous vote, that an emergency  
38 exists. The determination made by the City Council is  
39 conclusive unless it is shown that the City Council acted with  
40 fraud or a gross abuse of discretion. An action to challenge  
41 the determination made by the City Council must be  
42 commenced within 15 days after the City Council's  
43 determination is final. As used in this subsection,  
44 "emergency" means any unexpected occurrence or  
45 combination of occurrences which requires immediate action



1 by the City Council to prevent or mitigate a substantial  
2 financial loss to the City or to enable the City Council to  
3 provide an essential service to the residents of the City.

4 **Sec. 7.** Section 96 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 96. Conduct of ~~[city]~~ elections.

7 1. All city elections must be nonpartisan in character and  
8 must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the  
9 general election laws of the State of Nevada and any  
10 ordinance regulations as adopted by the City Council which  
11 are consistent with law and this Charter. (1959 Charter)

12 2. ~~[All]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3*  
13 *and 4, all* full terms of office in the City Council are ~~four~~  
14 *years, and* *4 years*. Councilmen must be elected at large  
15 without regard to precinct residency.

16 3. Two ~~[full term]~~ Councilmen and the Mayor are to be  
17 elected ~~[in each year immediately preceding a federal~~  
18 ~~presidential election, and two full term]~~ *on the first Tuesday*  
19 *after the first Monday in June 2003, at a general municipal*  
20 *election to be held for that purpose. The two Councilmen*  
21 *and the Mayor shall hold office until their successors have*  
22 *been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 5.*

23 4. Two Councilmen are to be elected ~~[in each year~~  
24 ~~immediately following a federal presidential election.]~~ *on the*  
25 *first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2005, at a*  
26 *general municipal election to be held for that purpose. The*  
27 *two Councilmen shall hold office until their successors have*  
28 *been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 6.*

29 5. *Two Councilmen and the Mayor are to be elected on*  
30 *the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2006,*  
31 *and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter. The*  
32 *two Councilmen and the Mayor shall hold office for a*  
33 *period of 4 years and until their successors have been*  
34 *elected and qualified.*

35 6. *Two Councilmen are to be elected on the first*  
36 *Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2008, and at*  
37 *each successive interval of 4 years thereafter. The two*  
38 *Councilmen shall hold office for a period of 4 years and*  
39 *until their successors have been elected and qualified.*

40 7. In each election, the candidates receiving the greatest  
41 number of votes must be declared elected to the vacant full-  
42 term positions. (Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-96)

43 A. In the event one or more ~~[two-year]~~ *2-year* term  
44 positions on the Council will be available at the time of a  
45 municipal election as provided in section 12, candidates must



1 file specifically for such ~~{position(s)-}~~ *positions*. Candidates  
2 receiving the greatest respective number of votes must be  
3 declared elected to the respective available ~~{two-year}~~ *2-year*  
4 positions. (Add. 15; Amd. 2; 6-4-91)

5 ~~{3.-A city}~~

6 8. A primary election must be held on the first Tuesday  
7 ~~{after the first Monday in April}~~ *in September* of each ~~{odd-~~  
8 ~~numbered}~~ *even-numbered* year and a ~~{city}~~ general election  
9 must be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
10 ~~{June}~~ *November* of each ~~{odd-numbered}~~ *even-numbered*  
11 year.

12 A. A primary election must not be held if no more than  
13 double the number of Councilmen to be elected file as  
14 candidates. A primary election must not be held for the office  
15 of Mayor if no more than two candidates file for that position.  
16 The primary election must be held for the purpose of  
17 eliminating candidates in excess of a figure double the  
18 number of Councilmen to be elected. (Add. 17; Amd. 1;  
19 11-5-96)

20 B. If, in the primary ~~{city}~~ election, a candidate receives  
21 votes equal to a majority of voters casting ballots in that  
22 election, he shall be considered elected to one of the  
23 vacancies and his name ~~{shall}~~ *must* not be placed on the  
24 ballot for the general ~~{city}~~ election. (Add. 10; Amd. 7;  
25 6-2-81)

26 C. In each primary and general election, voters ~~{shall be}~~  
27 *are* entitled to cast ballots for candidates in a number equal to  
28 the number of seats to be filled in the city elections. (Add. 11;  
29 Amd. 5; 6-7-83)

30 **Sec. 8.** Section 100 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 Section 100. Registered voters' power of initiative and  
33 referendum concerning city ordinances.

34 The registered voters of a city may:

35 1. Propose ordinances to the Council and, if the Council  
36 fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without change in  
37 substance, ~~{to}~~ *may* adopt or reject it at a primary ~~{or general}~~  
38 municipal *and state* election ~~{or primary}~~ or general  
39 *municipal and* state election.

40 2. Require reconsideration by the Council of any  
41 adopted ordinance ~~{}~~ and , if the Council fails to repeal an  
42 ordinance so considered, ~~{to}~~ *may* approve or reject it ~~{as}~~ *at* a  
43 primary ~~{or general}~~ municipal *and state* election or ~~{primary~~  
44 ~~or}~~ general *municipal and* state election.



1     **Sec. 9.** Section 102 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3         Section 102. Results of election.

4         1. If a majority of the registered voters voting on a  
5 proposed initiative ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be  
6 considered adopted upon certification of the results of the  
7 election and must be treated in all respects in the same  
8 manner as ordinances of the same kind adopted by the  
9 Council. If conflicting ordinances are approved at the same  
10 election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative  
11 votes prevails to the extent of the conflict.

12         2. If a majority of the registered voters voting on a  
13 referred ordinance vote against it, it shall be considered  
14 repealed upon certification of the results of the election.

15         3. No initiative ordinance voted upon by the registered  
16 voters , or an initiative ordinance in substantially the same  
17 form as one voted upon by the people, may again be placed  
18 on the ballot until the next primary ~~for general~~ municipal  
19 *and state* election or ~~primary or~~ general *municipal and* state  
20 election.

21     **Sec. 10.** Section 119 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby  
22 amended to read as follows:

23         Section 119. Amending the Charter.

24         1. An amendment to this Charter:

25         A. May be made by the Legislature directly by the use of  
26 mandatory specific wording or indirectly by the use of  
27 wording allowing flexibility in expressing the required  
28 change.

29             (a) If a statute is enacted which directly amends this  
30 Charter, such an amendment is not subject to public approval  
31 as provided in subsection B and must be included in the  
32 Charter and identified as having been amended by the  
33 particular statute involved.

34             (b) If a statute is enacted which requires that this  
35 Charter be amended but does not require the specific wording  
36 to be used, the City Council shall propose a suitable  
37 amendment to be submitted to the registered voters of the  
38 City as provided in subsection B. If such a proposed  
39 amendment is not adopted by the voters, it must be redrafted  
40 and resubmitted to the voters at one or more special, primary  
41 ~~for general~~ city *and state* elections or ~~primary or~~ general  
42 *city and* state elections until an amendment is adopted.

43         B. May be proposed by the City Council and submitted  
44 to the registered voters of the City at a special election or the



1 next primary ~~for general~~ city *and state* election or ~~primary~~  
2 ~~or~~ general *city and* state election.

3 C. May be proposed by a petition signed by registered  
4 voters of the City equal in number to 15 percent or more of  
5 the voters who voted at the latest preceding general city  
6 election and submitted to registered voters of the City at a  
7 special election or at the next primary ~~for general~~ city *and*  
8 *state* election or ~~primary or~~ general *city and* state election.

9 2. A special election may be held only if the City  
10 Council determines, by a unanimous vote, that an emergency  
11 exists. The determination made by the City Council is  
12 conclusive unless it is shown that the City Council acted with  
13 fraud or a gross abuse of discretion. An action to challenge  
14 the determination made by the City Council must be  
15 commenced within 15 days after the City Council's  
16 determination is final. As used in this subsection,  
17 "emergency" means any unexpected occurrence or  
18 combination of occurrences which requires immediate action  
19 by the City Council to prevent or mitigate a substantial  
20 financial loss to the City or to enable the City Council to  
21 provide an essential service to the residents of the City.

22 3. The City Attorney shall draft any amendment  
23 proposed pursuant to subsections A(b) or B or, if such a  
24 proposed amendment has been previously drafted, the City  
25 Attorney shall review the previous draft and recommend to  
26 the Council any suggested changes or corrections. (Amd. 3;  
27 6-6-89)

28 4. The City Attorney shall, upon request, review any  
29 amendment intended to be proposed by petition pursuant to  
30 subsection C, make only such corrections as are agreed to by  
31 the proposers and report to the City Council his analysis of  
32 the significance and potential effects of the proposed  
33 amendment. (Amd. 3; 6-6-89)

34 5. A petition for amendment must be in the form  
35 specified by state law for city initiative petitions, and must be  
36 filed with the City Clerk not later than 6 months before the  
37 date of the primary ~~for general~~ city *and state* election or  
38 ~~primary or~~ general *city and* state election at which the  
39 proposed amendment is to be submitted to the voters of the  
40 City. (Amd. 3; 6-6-89)

41 6. When an amendment is adopted by the registered  
42 voters of the City, the City Clerk shall, within 30 days  
43 thereafter, transmit a certified copy of the amendment to the  
44 Legislative Counsel. (Add. 13; Amd. 3; 6-2-87)





1     **Sec. 11.** Section 138 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3         Section 138. Sale of public utilities; proviso.

4         1. No public utility of any kind, after having been  
5 acquired by the City, may thereafter be sold or leased by the  
6 City, unless the proposition for the sale or lease has been  
7 submitted to the electors of the City at a special election ~~for~~  
8 ~~primary or general~~, a *primary* municipal *and state* election ,  
9 or ~~primary or~~ a *general municipal and* state election. After  
10 a majority vote of those electors in favor of the sale, the sale  
11 may not be made except after 30 days' published notice  
12 thereof, except that the provisions of this section do not apply  
13 to a sale by the Council of parts, equipment, trucks, engines  
14 and tools ~~[-]~~ which have become obsolete or worn out, any of  
15 which equipment may be sold by the Council in the regular  
16 course of business.

17         2. A special election may be held only if the City  
18 Council determines, by a unanimous vote, that an emergency  
19 exists. The determination made by the City Council is  
20 conclusive unless it is shown that the City Council acted with  
21 fraud or a gross abuse of discretion. An action to challenge  
22 the determination made by the City Council must be  
23 commenced within 15 days after the City Council's  
24 determination is final. As used in this subsection,  
25 "emergency" means any unexpected occurrence or  
26 combination of occurrences which requires immediate action  
27 by the City Council to prevent or mitigate a substantial  
28 financial loss to the City or to enable the City Council to  
29 provide an essential service to the residents of the City. (1959  
30 Charter)

31     **Sec. 12.** Section 143 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby  
32 amended to read as follows:

33         Section 143. Expenditures from Capital Improvement  
34 Fund.

35         1. All expenditures from the Capital Improvement Fund  
36 must be approved by a simple majority of the votes cast by  
37 the registered voters of the City on a proposition placed  
38 before them in a special election ~~for primary or general~~, a  
39 *primary* municipal *and state* election , or ~~primary or~~ a  
40 general *municipal and* state election.

41         2. A special election may be held only if the City  
42 Council determines, by a unanimous vote, that an emergency  
43 exists. The determination made by the City Council is  
44 conclusive unless it is shown that the City Council acted with  
45 fraud or a gross abuse of discretion. An action to challenge



1 the determination made by the City Council must be  
2 commenced within 15 days after the City Council's  
3 determination is final. As used in this subsection,  
4 "emergency" means any unexpected occurrence or  
5 combination of occurrences which requires immediate action  
6 by the City Council to prevent or mitigate a substantial  
7 financial loss to the City or to enable the City Council to  
8 provide an essential service to the residents of the City. (Add.  
9 7; Amd. 5; 6-3-75)

10 **Sec. 13.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,  
11 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
12 chapter 596, Statutes of Nevada 1995, at page 2206, is hereby  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term  
15 of office; salary.

16 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City  
17 Council consisting of four Councilmen and the Mayor.

18 2. The Mayor must be:

19 (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is  
20 established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months  
21 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of  
22 candidacy for the office.

23 (b) A qualified elector within the City.

24 3. Each Councilman must be:

25 (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is  
26 established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months  
27 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of  
28 candidacy for the office.

29 (b) A qualified elector within the ward which he  
30 represents.

31 (c) A resident of the ward which he represents for at least  
32 30 days immediately preceding the last day for filing a  
33 declaration of candidacy for the office, except that changes in  
34 ward boundaries pursuant to the provisions of section 1.040  
35 do not affect the right of any elected Councilman to continue  
36 in office for the term for which he was elected.

37 4. All Councilmen, including the Mayor, must be voted  
38 upon by the registered voters of the City at large and shall  
39 serve for terms of 4 years **H**, *except as otherwise provided*  
40 *in section 5.020.*

41 5. The Mayor and Councilmen are entitled to receive a  
42 salary in an amount fixed by the City Council. The City  
43 Council shall not adopt an ordinance which increases or  
44 decreases the salary of the Mayor or the Councilmen during  
45 the term for which they have been elected or appointed.



1     **Sec. 14.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,  
2 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
3 chapter 637, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 3565, is hereby  
4 amended to read as follows:

5         Sec. 5.010 Primary election.

6         1. A primary election must be held on the *first* Tuesday  
7 ~~[after the first Monday in April of each odd-numbered year.]~~  
8 *of September 2006, and at each successive interval of 2*  
9 *years thereafter,* at which time there must be nominated  
10 candidates for offices to be voted for at the next general  
11 ~~[municipal]~~ election.

12         2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any  
13 primary ~~[municipal]~~ election must file a declaration of  
14 candidacy as provided by the election laws of this State.

15         3. All candidates for elective office must be voted upon  
16 by the registered voters of the City at large.

17         4. If in the primary election no candidate receives a  
18 majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which  
19 he is a candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving  
20 the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for  
21 the general election. If in the primary election, regardless  
22 of the number of candidates for an office, one candidate  
23 receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office  
24 for which he is a candidate, he must be declared elected and  
25 no general election need be held for that office.

26     **Sec. 15.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,  
27 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
28 chapter 209, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 971, is hereby  
29 amended to read as follows:

30         Sec. 5.020 General ~~[municipal election.]~~ *elections.*

31         1. ~~[A general election must be held in the City on]~~ *On*  
32 *the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June* ~~[of each odd-~~  
33 ~~numbered year and on the same day every 2 years thereafter,~~  
34 ~~at which time the registered voters of the City shall elect city~~  
35 ~~officers to fill the available elective positions.~~

36         —2. ~~All candidates for the office of Mayor, Councilman~~  
37 ~~and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered~~  
38 ~~voters of the City at large. The term of office for members of~~  
39 ~~the City Council and the Mayor is 4 years. Except as~~  
40 ~~otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 4.015 of this~~  
41 ~~Charter, the term of office for a Municipal Judge is 6 years.]~~  
42 *2005, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the*  
43 *City, at a general municipal election to be held for that*  
44 *purpose, a Mayor and a Councilman from the third ward,*



1 *both of whom will hold office until their successors have*  
2 *been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 7.*

3 2. *On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June*  
4 *2003, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the*  
5 *City, at a general municipal election to be held for that*  
6 *purpose, Councilmen from the first, second and fourth*  
7 *wards, all of whom will hold office until their successors*  
8 *have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 6.*

9 3. On the *first* Tuesday after the first Monday in June  
10 2001, ~~[and every 6 years thereafter.]~~ there must be elected by  
11 the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal  
12 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for  
13 Department 1 who will hold office until his successor has  
14 been elected and qualified ~~[.]~~ *pursuant to subsection 8.*

15 4. On the *first* Tuesday after the first Monday in June  
16 2003, ~~[and every 6 years thereafter.]~~ there must be elected by  
17 the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal  
18 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for  
19 Department 2 who will hold office until his successor has  
20 been elected and qualified ~~[.]~~ *pursuant to subsection 9.*

21 5. On the *first* Tuesday after the first Monday in June  
22 2005, ~~[and every 6 years thereafter.]~~ there must be elected by  
23 the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal  
24 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for  
25 Department 3 who will hold office until his successor has  
26 been elected and qualified ~~[.]~~ *pursuant to subsection 10.*

27 6. *On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in*  
28 *November 2006, and at each successive interval of 4 years*  
29 *thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of*  
30 *the City, at the general election, Councilmen from the first,*  
31 *second and fourth wards, all of whom will hold office until*  
32 *their successors have been elected and qualified.*

33 7. *On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in*  
34 *November 2008, and at each successive interval of 4 years*  
35 *thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of*  
36 *the City, at the general election, a Mayor and a Councilman*  
37 *from the third ward, both of whom will hold office until*  
38 *their successors have been elected and qualified.*

39 8. *On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in*  
40 *November 2006, and at each successive interval of 6 years*  
41 *thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of*  
42 *the City, at the general election, a Municipal Judge for*  
43 *Department 1 who shall hold office until his successor has*  
44 *been elected and qualified.*



1       9. *On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in*  
2 *November 2008, and at each successive interval of 6 years*  
3 *thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of*  
4 *the City, at the general election, a Municipal Judge for*  
5 *Department 2 who will hold office until his successor has*  
6 *been elected and qualified.*

7       10. *On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in*  
8 *November 2010, and at each successive interval of 6 years*  
9 *thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of*  
10 *the City, at the general election, a Municipal Judge for*  
11 *Department 3 who will hold office until his successor has*  
12 *been elected and qualified.*

13       11. *All candidates for the offices of Mayor,*  
14 *Councilman and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by*  
15 *the registered voters of the City at large. Except as otherwise*  
16 *provided in subsections 1 and 2, the term of office for a*  
17 *member of the City Council and the Mayor is 4 years.*  
18 *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4 and 5 and*  
19 *in subsection 3 of section 4.015, the term of office for a*  
20 *Municipal Judge is 6 years.*

21       **Sec. 16.** Section 1.140 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,  
22 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by  
23 chapter 6, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 10, is hereby amended  
24 to read as follows:

25       Sec. 1.140 Elective offices.

26       1. The elective officers of the City consist of:

27       (a) A Mayor.

28       (b) One Councilman from each ward.

29       (c) Municipal Judges.

30       2. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 5.010,*  
31 *the* terms of office of the Mayor and Councilmen are 4 years.

32       3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of  
33 section 4.010 ~~[of this Charter,]~~ *or section 5.010,* the term of  
34 office of a Municipal Judge is 6 years.

35       **Sec. 17.** Section 2.310 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,  
36 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by  
37 chapter 416, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 2101, is hereby  
38 amended to read as follows:

39       Sec. 2.310 Powers of City Council: Acquisition or  
40 establishment of City utility.

41       1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of  
42 section 2.300 and section 2.315, the City Council, on behalf  
43 of the City and in its name, may acquire, establish, hold,  
44 manage and operate, alone or with any other government or



any instrumentality or subdivision of any government, any public utility in the manner which is provided in this section.

2. The City Council ~~{must}~~ *shall* adopt a resolution which sets forth fully and in detail:

(a) The public utility which is proposed to be acquired or established.

(b) The estimated cost of that utility ~~{}~~ as shown in a recent report, which has been approved by the City Council, of an engineer or consulting firm which had previously been appointed by the City Council for that purpose.

(c) The proposed bonded indebtedness which must be incurred to acquire or establish that utility, the terms, amount and rate of interest of that indebtedness and the time within which, and the fund from which, that indebtedness is redeemable.

(d) That a public hearing on the advisability of acquiring the public utility will be held at the first regular meeting of the City Council after the final publication of the resolution.

3. The resolution must be published in full at least once a week for 4 successive weeks.

4. At the first regular meeting of the City Council, or any adjournment of that meeting, after the completion of the publication, the City Council may, without an election, enact an ordinance for that purpose ~~{}~~ which must conform in all respects to the terms and conditions of the resolution, unless, within 30 days after the final publication of the resolution, a petition is filed with the City Clerk which has been signed by a number of registered voters of the City which is not less than 15 percent of the registered voters of the City, as shown by the last preceding registration list, who own not less than 10 percent in assessed value of the taxable property within the City, as shown by the last preceding tax list or assessment roll, and which prays for the submission of the question of the enactment of the proposed ordinance at a special election or the next primary ~~{for general}~~ municipal *and state* election or ~~{primary or}~~ general *municipal and* state election. Upon the filing of that petition, the proposed ordinance may not be enacted or be effective for any purpose unless, at a special election ~~{for primary or general}~~ , *primary* municipal *and state* election , or ~~{primary or}~~ general *municipal and* state election, a majority of the votes which are cast in that election are cast in favor of the enactment of the ordinance.

5. A special election may be held only if the City Council determines, by a unanimous vote, that an emergency exists. The determination made by the City Council is



conclusive unless it is shown that the City Council acted with fraud or a gross abuse of discretion. An action to challenge the determination made by the City Council must be commenced within 15 days after the City Council's determination is final. As used in this subsection, "emergency" means any unexpected occurrence or combination of occurrences which requires immediate action by the City Council to prevent or mitigate a substantial financial loss to the City or to enable the City Council to provide an essential service to the residents of the City.

6. If the proposed ordinance is adopted, without an election or as a result of an election, the City Council may issue bonds to obtain revenue for acquiring or constructing systems, plants, works, instrumentalities and properties which are needed in connection with that public utility.

**Sec. 18.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 637, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 3565, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.010 Primary ~~municipal~~ elections.

1. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in April ~~[2001, and at each successive interval of 4 years,]~~ 2005, a primary municipal election must be held in the City, at which time candidates for ~~[half of the offices of]~~ Councilman *from the second, fourth and sixth wards*, and for Municipal Judge ~~[, Department]~~ *for Departments 2, 3 and 5* must be nominated.

2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in April 2003, ~~[and at each successive interval of 4 years,]~~ a primary municipal election must be held in the City, at which time candidates for Mayor, for ~~[the other half of the offices of]~~ Councilman *from the first, third and fifth wards* and for Municipal Judge ~~[, Department]~~ *for Departments 1, 4 and 6* must be nominated.

3. *On the Tuesday after the first Monday in September 2006, and at each successive interval of 4 years, a primary election must be held in the City, at which time candidates for Mayor and for Councilman from the first, third and fifth wards must be nominated.*

4. *On the Tuesday after the first Monday in September 2008, and at each successive interval of 4 years, a primary election must be held in the City, at which time candidates for Councilman from the second, fourth and sixth wards must be nominated.*

5. *On the Tuesday after the first Monday in September 2008, and at each successive interval of 6 years, a primary*





*election must be held in the City, at which time candidates for Municipal Judge for Departments 1, 4 and 6 must be nominated.*

*6. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in September 2010, and at each successive interval of 6 years, a primary election must be held in the City, at which time candidates for Municipal Judge for Departments 2, 3 and 5 must be nominated.*

7. The candidates for Councilman who are to be nominated as provided in subsections 1 ~~[and 2]~~ to 4, *inclusive*, must be nominated and voted for separately according to the respective wards. ~~[The candidates from each even-numbered ward must be nominated as provided in subsection 1, and the candidates from each odd-numbered ward must be nominated as provided in subsection 2.]~~

~~—4.]~~ 8. If the City Council has established an additional department or departments of the Municipal Court pursuant to section 4.010 ~~[of this Charter.]~~ and, as a result, more than one office of Municipal Judge is to be filled at any election, the candidates for those offices must be nominated and voted upon separately according to the respective departments.

~~[5.]~~ 9. Each candidate for the municipal offices which are provided for in subsections 1 ~~[, 2 and 4]~~ to 6, *inclusive*, must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk. All filing fees collected by the City Clerk must be paid into the City Treasury.

~~[6.]~~ 10. If, in the primary election, regardless of the number of candidates for an office, one candidate receives a majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office for which he is a candidate, he must be declared elected for the term which commences on the day of the first regular meeting of the City Council next succeeding the meeting at which the canvass of the returns is made, and no general election need be held for that office. If, in the primary election, no candidate receives a majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office for which he is a candidate, the names of the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

**Sec. 19.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1415, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 General ~~[municipal election.]~~ *elections.*

1. A general ~~[municipal]~~ election must be held in the City on the *first* Tuesday after the ~~[1st]~~ *first* Monday in





1 ~~[June]~~ *November* of each ~~[odd-numbered]~~ *even-numbered*  
2 year and on the same day every 2 years thereafter, at which  
3 time there must be elected those officers whose offices are  
4 required to be filled by election in that year.

5 2. All candidates for elective office, except the office of  
6 Councilman, must be voted upon by the registered voters of  
7 the City at large.

8 **Sec. 20.** Section 5.110 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,  
9 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1416, is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 5.110 Special elections: Registration of electors.

12 1. If a question is to be submitted to the registered voters  
13 of the City at a ~~[municipal or state]~~ primary *municipal and*  
14 *state election* or general *municipal and state* election, no  
15 notice of registration of electors is required other than that  
16 which is required by the election laws of the State for that  
17 election. If the question is to be submitted at a special  
18 municipal election, the City Clerk shall , at the expense of the  
19 City, cause to be published at least once a week for 5  
20 consecutive weeks by five weekly insertions 1 week apart, the  
21 first publication to be not more than 60 days nor less than 45  
22 days next preceding the election, a notice which has been  
23 signed by ~~[him]~~ *the City Clerk* to the effect that registration  
24 for the special election will be closed on the date which is  
25 designated in the notice, as provided in this section.

26 2. Except as *otherwise* provided in this subsection, the  
27 Office of the City Clerk must be open for the special election  
28 from 9 a.m. to 12 m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays  
29 through Fridays, with legal holidays excepted, for the  
30 registration of any qualified elector.

31 **Sec. 21.** Section 1.060 of the Charter of the City of North Las  
32 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended  
33 by chapter 515, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2451, is hereby  
34 amended to read as follows:

35 Sec. 1.060 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as  
36 otherwise provided in NRS 268.325:

37 1. A vacancy in the City Council or in the office of  
38 Mayor or Municipal Judge must be filled by a majority vote  
39 of the members of the City Council within 30 days after the  
40 occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a  
41 prospective vacancy in the City Council before the vacancy  
42 occurs. In such a case, each member of the Council, except  
43 any member whose term of office expires before the  
44 occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any action  
45 taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The appointee



1 must have the same qualifications as are required of the  
2 elective official.

3 2. No such appointment extends beyond the first day of  
4 ~~[July]~~ *December* after the next municipal election, at which  
5 election the office must be filled for the remaining unexpired  
6 term.

7 **Sec. 22.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of North Las  
8 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended  
9 by chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1413, is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term  
12 of office; salary.

13 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City  
14 Council consisting of four Councilmen and a Mayor.

15 2. The Mayor must be:

16 (a) A bona fide resident of the City for at least 6 months  
17 immediately preceding his election.

18 (b) A qualified elector within the City.

19 3. Each Councilman:

20 (a) Must be a qualified elector who has resided in the  
21 ward which he represents for at least 30 days immediately  
22 preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for  
23 his office.

24 (b) Must continue to live in the ward he represents, except  
25 that changes in ward boundaries made pursuant to section  
26 1.045 ~~[of this Charter]~~ will not affect the right of any elected  
27 Councilman to continue in office for the term for which he  
28 was elected.

29 4. At the time of filing, if so required by an ordinance  
30 duly enacted, candidates for the office of Mayor and  
31 Councilman shall produce evidence in satisfaction of any or  
32 all of the qualifications provided in subsection 2 or 3,  
33 whichever is applicable.

34 5. All Councilmen, including the Mayor, must be voted  
35 upon by the registered voters of the City at large. ~~[, and their]~~

36 *6. Except as otherwise provided in section 5.010, the*  
37 *terms of office of the Mayor and the Councilmen are 4*  
38 *years.*

39 ~~[6.]~~ *7. The Mayor and Councilmen are entitled to*  
40 *receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.*

41 **Sec. 23.** Section 4.005 of the Charter of the City of North Las  
42 Vegas, being chapter 215, Statutes of Nevada 1997, as amended by  
43 chapter 73, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 484, is hereby  
44 amended to read as follows:

45 Sec. 4.005 Municipal Court.



1           1. There is a Municipal Court of the City which consists  
2 of at least one department. Each department must be presided  
3 over by a Municipal Judge and has such power and  
4 jurisdiction as is prescribed in, and is, in all respects which  
5 are not inconsistent with this Charter, governed by the  
6 provisions of chapters 5 and 266 of NRS which relate to  
7 municipal courts.

8           2. The City Council may, from time to time, by  
9 ordinance, establish additional departments of the Municipal  
10 Court and shall appoint an additional Municipal Judge for  
11 each additional department.

12           3. At the first municipal primary or municipal general  
13 election that follows the appointment of an additional  
14 Municipal Judge to a newly created department of the  
15 Municipal Court, the successor to that Municipal Judge must  
16 be elected for an initial term of not more than 6 years, as  
17 determined by the City Council, ~~[in order]~~ so that, as nearly  
18 as practicable, one-third of the number of Municipal Judges  
19 ~~[be]~~ is elected every 2 years.

20           4. Except as otherwise provided by the ordinance  
21 establishing an additional department ~~[ ]~~ or section 5.010,  
22 each Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered  
23 voters of the City at large and holds office for a period of 6  
24 years and until his successor has been elected and qualified.

25           5. The respective departments of the Municipal Court  
26 must be numbered 1 through the appropriate Arabic numeral,  
27 as additional departments are approved by the City Council.  
28 A Municipal Judge must be elected for each department by  
29 number.

30       **Sec. 24.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of North Las  
31 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended  
32 by chapter 73, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 485, is hereby  
33 amended to read as follows:

34           Sec. 5.010 General ~~[municipal]~~ elections.

35           1. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June ~~[1977,~~  
36 ~~and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter, there~~  
37 ~~shall]~~ 2003, there must be elected by the qualified voters of  
38 the City, at a general *municipal* election to be held for that  
39 purpose, a Mayor and two Councilmen, who shall hold office  
40 ~~[for a period of 4 years and]~~ until their successors have been  
41 elected and qualified ~~[ ]~~ pursuant to subsection 3.

42           2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June ~~[1975,~~  
43 ~~and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter, there~~  
44 ~~shall]~~ 2005, there must be elected by the qualified voters of  
45 the City, at a general *municipal* election to be held for that



1 purpose, two Councilmen ~~[.]~~ who shall hold office ~~[for a~~  
2 ~~period of 4 years and]~~ until their successors have been elected  
3 and qualified ~~[.]~~ pursuant to subsection 4.

4 3. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
5 2006, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,  
6 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a  
7 general election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and  
8 two Councilmen, who shall hold office for a period of 4  
9 years and until their successors have been elected and  
10 qualified.

11 4. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
12 2008, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,  
13 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a  
14 general election to be held for that purpose, two  
15 Councilmen who shall hold office for a period of 4 years  
16 and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

17 5. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
18 2006, and at each successive interval of 6 years thereafter,  
19 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a  
20 general election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal  
21 Judge for Department 1 who shall hold office for a period  
22 of 6 years and until his successor has been elected and  
23 qualified.

24 **Sec. 25.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las  
25 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended  
26 by chapter 637, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 3566, is hereby  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 Sec. 5.020 Primary ~~[municipal]~~ elections; declaration of  
29 candidacy.

30 1. The City Council shall provide by ordinance for  
31 candidates for elective office to declare their candidacy and  
32 file the necessary documents. The seats for City Councilmen  
33 must be designated by the numbers one through four, which  
34 numbers must correspond with the wards the candidates for  
35 City Councilmen will seek to represent. A candidate for the  
36 office of City Councilman shall include in his declaration of  
37 candidacy the number of the ward which he seeks to  
38 represent. Each candidate for City Council must be  
39 designated as a candidate for the City Council seat that  
40 corresponds with the ward that he seeks to represent.

41 2. If for any general municipal election there are three or  
42 more candidates for the offices of Mayor or Municipal Judge,  
43 or for a particular City Council seat, a primary election for  
44 any such office must be held on the *first* Tuesday ~~[following~~



1 ~~the first Monday in April~~ in September preceding the  
2 general election.

3 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, after  
4 the primary election, the names of the two candidates for  
5 Mayor, Municipal Judge and each City Council seat who  
6 receive the highest number of votes must be placed on the  
7 ballot for the general election.

8 4. If one of the candidates for Mayor, Municipal Judge  
9 or a City Council seat receives a majority of the total votes  
10 cast for that office in the primary election, he ~~[shall]~~ must be  
11 declared elected to office and his name must not appear on  
12 the ballot for the general election.

13 **Sec. 26.** Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of North Las  
14 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended  
15 by chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 1440, is hereby  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 5.080 Election returns; canvass; certificates of  
18 election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.

19 1. The election returns from any special, primary or  
20 general municipal election ~~[shall]~~ must be filed with the City  
21 Clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or  
22 vault, and no person may be permitted to handle, inspect or in  
23 any manner interfere with the returns until canvassed by the  
24 City Council.

25 2. The City Council shall meet at any time within 16  
26 days after any election and shall canvass the returns and  
27 declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed  
28 and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no person may  
29 have access thereto except on order of a court of competent  
30 jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.

31 3. The City Clerk, under his hand and official seal, shall  
32 issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of  
33 election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon  
34 the discharge of their respective duties on the ~~[1st]~~ first day  
35 of ~~[July]~~ December next following their election.

36 4. If any election should result in a tie, the City Council  
37 shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and  
38 determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the  
39 winner a certificate of election.



1       **Sec. 27.** On or before January 1, 2006, the governing body of  
2 a city incorporated pursuant to general law in a county whose  
3 population is 400,000 or more shall adopt the ordinance required  
4 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.115, as  
5 amended by this act.





