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AN ACT relating to judges; prospectively amending the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas concerning the qualifications of municipal judges contingent upon voter approval; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill amends the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas to require a municipal judge to devote his full time to the duties of his office and to be a duly licensed member, in good standing, of the State Bar of Nevada. This requirement does not apply to a municipal judge who holds the office of municipal judge on January 1, 2009, and who continues to serve as such in uninterrupted terms. The provisions of **section 1** will become effective on January 1, 2009, only if the voters of the City of North Las Vegas approve of the effect of those provisions at the 2008 General Election.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 4.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being Chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by Chapter 73, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 485, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.020 Municipal Court: ~~[Residency requirement]~~
Qualifications of Municipal Judge; salary.

1. A Municipal Judge must have been a resident of the City for a continuous period of at least 6 months immediately preceding his election.

2. *A Municipal Judge shall devote his full time to the duties of his office and must be a duly licensed member, in good standing, of the State Bar of Nevada, except that the requirement to be a duly licensed member, in good standing, of the State Bar of Nevada does not apply to any Municipal Judge who holds the office of Municipal Judge on January 1, 2009, as long as he continues to serve as such in uninterrupted terms.*

3. If so required by an ordinance duly enacted, candidates for the office of Municipal Judge, at the time of filing, shall produce evidence in satisfaction of any or all of the qualifications for office.

~~[3-]~~ 4. The salary of a Municipal Judge must be fixed by the City Council, must be uniform for all departments of the



Municipal Court and may be increased during the term for which a Municipal Judge is elected or appointed.

Sec. 2. At the general election on November 4, 2008, in the City of North Las Vegas, a question must be placed on the general election ballot in substantially the following form:

Shall Section 4.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas be amended to require a Municipal Judge who holds the office of Municipal Judge after January 1, 2009:

1. To devote his full time to the duties of his office; and
2. Except for a Municipal Judge who holds the office of Municipal Judge on January 1, 2009, and continues to serve in uninterrupted terms, to be a duly licensed member, in good standing, of the State Bar of Nevada?

Sec. 3. 1. This section and section 2 of this act become effective on October 1, 2007.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2009, only if a majority of the voters voting on the question placed on the ballot pursuant to section 2 of this act vote affirmatively on the question.

