

SENATE BILL NO. 303—SENATOR LEE

MARCH 15, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Amends the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas concerning the qualifications of municipal judges prospectively contingent upon voter approval. (BDR S-80)

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 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:**

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

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

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

5             Sec. 4.020 Municipal Court: ~~Residency requirement~~  
6     ***Qualifications*** of Municipal Judge; salary.



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

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

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

16           ~~3.~~ 4. The salary of a Municipal Judge must be fixed by  
17 the City Council, must be uniform for all departments of the  
18 Municipal Court and may be increased during the term for  
19 which a Municipal Judge is elected or appointed.

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

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

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

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

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

