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AN ACT relating to the City of North Las Vegas; revising the provisions governing primary municipal elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The existing Charter of the City of North Las Vegas requires that a primary municipal election be held before a general election only if there are three or more candidates seeking the office of Mayor or Municipal Judge or a particular City Council seat. (North Las Vegas City Charter § 5.020) This bill makes the holding of a primary municipal election by the City preceding every general election mandatory, regardless of the number of candidates seeking a particular elective office. The Charters of the Cities of Henderson and Las Vegas currently contain the same requirement. (Henderson City Charter § 5.010; Las Vegas City Charter § 5.010)

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

Section 1. Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 499, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 2692, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 Primary municipal elections; declaration of candidacy.

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

2. ~~If for any general municipal election there are three or more candidates for the offices of Mayor or Municipal Judge, or for a particular City Council seat, a~~ A primary election ~~for any such office~~ must be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in April preceding the general election ~~at which time there must be nominated~~



candidates for offices to be voted for at the next general election. In the primary election:

(a) A candidate for the office of City Councilman must be voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward that he seeks to represent.

(b) Candidates for all other elective offices must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large.

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

4. If *, regardless of the number of candidates for an office,* one ~~{of the candidates for Mayor, Municipal Judge or a City Council seat}~~ *candidate* receives a majority of the total votes cast for that office in the primary election, he ~~{shall}~~ *must* be declared elected to *that* office and ~~{his name must not appear on the ballot for the}~~ *no* general election ~~{.}~~ *need be held for that office.*

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

