

SENATE BILL NO. 155—SENATOR MCGINNESS

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Allows certain unincorporated towns the option to control planning and zoning. (BDR 22-714)

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 zoning; allowing certain unincorporated towns the option to control planning and zoning; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, the governing bodies of cities and counties are allowed to
2 regulate and restrict the improvement of land and to control the location and
3 soundness of structures. (NRS 278.020) **Section 1** of this bill allows the governing
4 body of an unincorporated town whose population is 24,000 or more to choose to
5 exercise control over planning and zoning as if it were a city.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *The governing body of an unincorporated town whose*
4 *population is 24,000 or more may, by ordinance, elect to be treated*
5 *as a city pursuant to NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive.*

6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 278.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 278.010 As used in NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive, *and*
8 *section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
9 words and terms defined in NRS 278.0105 to 278.0195, inclusive,
10 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

11 **Sec. 3.** NRS 278.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:
12 278.012 "Cities and counties" means all counties and cities
13 located in counties ~~and~~ *and includes an unincorporated town that*



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- 1 *elects to be treated as a city pursuant to section 1 of this act.*
- 2 Carson City is considered as a county.

