

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Eighty-first Session
March 23, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 3:34 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Online. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair
Senator Roberta Lange, Vice Chair
Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert
Senator Carrie A. Buck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Stewart, Policy Analyst
Bryan Fernley, Counsel
Diane Rea, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Gloria, Registrar of Voters, Clark County
Deanna Spikula, Registrar of Voters, Washoe County
Sandra "Sam" Merlino, Clerk, Nye County

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Senator Cannizzaro will introduce Senate Bill (S.B.) 84.

SENATE BILL 84: Increases the maximum number of voters in an election precinct. (BDR 24-532)

SENATOR NICOLE J. CANNIZZARO (Senatorial District No. 6):

I appreciate you hearing S.B. 84 which proposes to increase the maximum number of voters in an election precinct. My written statement ([Exhibit B](#)) is attached.

JOE GLORIA (Registrar of Voters, Clark County):

This bill will ease the density of population in certain areas of Clark County, especially with the apartment complexes being built in the valley and suburb areas that conflict with current precinct lines. Expanding from 3,000 to 5,000 would allow us to avoid unnecessarily splitting precincts. Since we utilize vote centers, we will not be overburdening any polling place by increasing the number of voters in each precinct.

DEANNA SPIKULA (Registrar of Voters, Washoe County):

The same issues, concerns and savings apply to Washoe County as Mr. Gloria mentioned. Our college campus at University of Nevada, Reno, will avoid having to unnecessarily split, and the bill helps with election management. It will have no harm and will provide more benefits.

SANDRA "SAM" MERLINO (Clerk, Nye County):

I am in support of this bill.

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

With no further comments, I will accept a motion on this measure.

SENATOR LANGE MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 84.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Having no further business, we will adjourn at 3:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Rea,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit Letter	Begins on Page	Witness / Entity	Description
	A	1		Agenda
S.B. 84	B	1	Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro	Written testimony