

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Eighty-Third Session
April 11, 2025**

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair Erica Mosca at 10:19 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025, in Room 3142 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3 of the Nevada Legislature Hearing Rooms, 7120 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [[Exhibit A](#)], the Attendance Roster [[Exhibit B](#)], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblymember Erica Mosca, Chair
Assemblymember Cecelia González, Vice Chair
Assemblymember Lisa K. Cole
Assemblymember Jill Dickman
Assemblymember Rebecca Edgeworth
Assemblymember Brian Hibbetts
Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui
Assemblymember Brittney M. Miller
Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno
Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore
Assemblymember Hanadi Nadeem

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst
Aaron MacDonald, Committee Counsel
Mackenzie Scruggs, Committee Manager
Kristi Howard, Committee Secretary
George Whalen, Committee Assistant



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Mosca:

[Roll was called. Committee rules and protocol were reviewed.] Hello to our audience in Carson City, those joining by videoconference in Las Vegas, and those listening over the Internet. Today, our first item of business is going to be a work session, and I would like to start our work session by announcing we have received permission from Speaker Yeager, who has waived Assembly Standing Rule 57.4, to allow us to work session bills within 24 hours of the hearing. This is not a rehashing of the bill hearing. This is our work session today. I will hand it over to Ms. Proehl, our committee policy analyst.

Assembly Bill 73: Establishes requirements for certain communications relating to an election. (BDR 24-487)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

As nonpartisan Legislative Counsel Bureau staff, I neither support nor oppose any of the measures before you today. The first bill on work session is Assembly Bill 73, sponsored by this Committee on behalf of the Secretary of State and heard in Committee on April 1, 2025 [Exhibit C]. Assembly Bill 73 establishes requirements for certain communications relating to an election. There are two proposed amendments, both by the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS). Both are attached.

The first was presented at the meeting on April 1, 2025, proposing to remove requirements for the size of the text of the disclosure; revise the definition of "synthetic media"; remove sections 3 through 5, which relate to the civil penalty of \$50,000, and the requirement for submitting copies of communications requiring disclosures to the SOS, and for the SOS to make the communications available to the public; add a personal cause for action for candidates if an AI [artificial intelligence]-generated deepfake is used without the proper disclosure; and provide the provisions of the bill do not apply to certain media entities that broadcast a deceptive and fraudulent deepfake or publish materially deceptive audio or visual media prohibited by the bill or materially deceptive audio or visual media that constitutes satire or parody.

There was a second amendment proposed by the Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with stakeholders, which seeks to make the following additional changes: specify in section 2 the provisions of the bill apply to communications made by a candidate, authorized candidate campaign committee, political action committee, political party committee, or person or entity making an independent expenditure. In section 2, revise the definitions of "artificial intelligence" and "synthetic media"; clarify that the personal cause of action that candidates may take if a deceptive and fraudulent deepfake is used without proper disclosure is against the relevant party making the communication; remove unnecessary language from the first proposed amendment relating to the liability of certain media entities, and instead clarify the provisions of the bill do not impose liability upon or create a right of

action for equitable relief against certain entities as a result of a deceptive and fraudulent deepfake prohibited by the bill and provided by another person; and finally, provide the bill does not restrict the ability of a person to take certain actions relating to security incidents and deceptive or illegal activities.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 73.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 73.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Hibbetts. Next bill, please.

[Assembly Bill 79](#): Revises provisions relating to campaign finance. (BDR 24-483)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 79, sponsored by this Committee on behalf of the Secretary of State, heard in Committee on April 10, 2025 [[Exhibit D](#)]. Assembly Bill 79 revises provisions relating to campaign finance. There are two proposed amendments.

The first, by the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS), proposes to remove the prohibition against a political action committee (PAC) from spending contributions for personal use and instead specify the permissible expenditures by a PAC; remove the authorization for elected public officers to use unspent contributions for the cost of child or elderly parent care or health insurance premiums and instead add language allowing campaign funds to be used to defray any ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the recipient's duties as a candidate for or holder of office; revise the definition of a nonprofit organization that is excluded from the definition of a PAC; no longer require candidates to specify which office they are running for on a notice of intent to file for candidacy; remove the requirement for candidates and PACs to provide campaign account information to the SOS when requested for an investigation and instead establish an administrative hearing process based on *Nevada Revised Statutes* 90.620 for investigations of alleged violations of campaign finance law, while additionally providing the SOS the authority to apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce subpoenas and clarifying that an order of the SOS is appealable as a contested matter for purposes of judicial review.

The amendment also seeks to provide additional clarification on campaign contribution limits and make various changes regarding civil penalties in connection with financial disclosure requirements.

There is another amendment, proposed by Chair Mosca, to delete sections 2, 5, 6, and 8 of the bill.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 79.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 79.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS DICKMAN,
EDGEWORTH, AND HIBBETTS VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Nadeem. Next bill, please.

Assembly Bill 92: Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-101)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next bill is Assembly Bill 92, sponsored by Assemblymembers Dickman, Gray, DeLong, O'Neill, and Senator Titus, and heard in Committee on April 1, 2025 [[Exhibit E](#)]. Assembly Bill 92 requires the use of rooms and spaces in public buildings to be granted to a State or county central committee of a major political party, upon application, and if the room or space is available. The room or space must be provided without charge for any purpose during presidential years or to conduct a precinct meeting in nonpresidential years and at a rate that does not exceed what another group would be charged for purposes other than conducting a precinct meeting in nonpresidential years.

Assemblymember Dickman proposed the attached amendment to exclude buildings of the Nevada System of Higher Education from the public buildings that must be made available for use by State and county central committees of major political parties.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 92.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 92.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Dickman. Next bill, please.

**Assembly Bill 367: Makes various changes related to language access in elections.
(BDR 24-364)**

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next bill On work session is Assembly Bill 367, sponsored by this Committee on behalf of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and heard in Committee on March 20, 2025 [[Exhibit F](#)]. Assembly Bill 367 makes various changes related to language access in elections.

All Voting is Local proposed an amendment to strike all of the language of A.B. 367 and rewrite the bill to do the following: codify the telephone interpretation service that is currently provided by the Secretary of State (SOS) for election questions in over 200 languages, including American Sign Language (ASL); codify the current practice of translating the SOS's website to, at a minimum, the seven most common languages in Nevada and ASL; authorize the use of cell phones, tablets, or other devices inside polling places to ensure the deaf and hard-of-hearing community has access to interpretation services; require all statewide SOS communications to occur in both English and Spanish; and fund the position of Language Access Coordinator in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 367.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 367.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember González. Next bill, please.

Assembly Bill 477: Revises provisions relating to the counting of incarcerated persons for purposes of the apportionment of the population for certain election districts. (BDR 16-1134)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 477, sponsored by this Committee, was heard on April 1, 2025 [[Exhibit G](#)]. Assembly Bill 477 revises the process of counting incarcerated individuals for the purposes of the apportionment of the population for legislative districts, congressional districts, and the districts of the Board of Regents. There are no amendments.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to do pass Assembly Bill 477.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 477.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Jauregui. Next bill, please.

Assembly Bill 491: Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-570)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

Our next bill is Assembly Bill 491, sponsored by this Committee and heard on April 8, 2025 [[Exhibit H](#)]. Assembly Bill 491 makes several changes relating to elections, including: requiring, with certain exceptions, county and city clerks to respond to a request from the Secretary of State (SOS) for information or data relating to an election within 48 hours of receiving the request; revising the qualifications for elected public offices other than federal offices; requiring those filing a declaration of candidacy or eligibility to attest under penalty of perjury to the city, or town, and the county in Nevada where they are registered to vote; providing that declarations of candidacy, residency, and eligibility are public records; and revising the date by which an independent candidate for partisan office must file a petition of candidacy from the third Friday in June to the Friday in June immediately after the primary election.

Assemblymember Yeager proposed the attached amendment to amend section 1 to replace "48 hours" with "end of the second calendar day" and add "and when the information or data, in the estimation of the clerk, will be available"; and to delete section 5.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 491.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 491.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

Assemblymember Hibbetts:

In the interest of time, I am going to do a quick blanket statement for Assembly Bill 491 and Assembly Bill 496. My Republican colleagues and I are going to vote yes to get these out of Committee, and we are going to reserve our right to change our vote on the floor based on whether the bills are amended to the satisfaction of the county clerks.

Chair Mosca:

Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblymember Moore. Next bill, please.

Assembly Bill 496: Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-997)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next bill is Assembly Bill 496, sponsored by Assemblymember Yeager and heard in Committee on April 8, 2025 [[Exhibit I](#)]. Assembly Bill 496 makes various changes relating to elections, including requiring county clerks to post online, on the first business day of each month, an alphabetical listing of all registered voters in the county; requiring county and city clerks to post online by 10 a.m. each day certain information relating to mail ballots and provisional ballots, and that is for the period on the day after early voting begins and ending the day after the election results are canvassed; clarifying that access to information concerning an individual provisional ballot is restricted to the person who cast the ballot; and requiring mail ballot return envelopes to include the name of the voter in print and a space for the voter to write his or her telephone number for the purposes of contacting the voter, if necessary, for signature curing or verification.

Following the bill hearing, Assemblymember Yeager proposed the attached amendment to replace the amendment that was originally proposed on April 8, 2025. The amendment requires county and city clerks to post a list of individual ballots that have been sent to cure and ballots that have been cured, and update that list every 24 hours. The list must also include the reasons for sending the ballots to cure, which must be categorized by the Secretary of State through regulation. The amendment also changes the time by which clerks must post information each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and requires mail ballot return envelopes to include the initials of the voter in print, rather than the full name of the voter in print.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 496.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 496.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno. Next bill, please.

Assembly Bill 497: Revises provisions relating to campaign finance. (BDR 24-996)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next bill is Assembly Bill 497, sponsored by Assemblymember Yeager and heard in Committee on April 8, 2025 [[Exhibit J](#)]. Assembly Bill 497 authorizes a political action committee (PAC) to use contributions for certain purposes and excludes nonprofit organizations and corporations from the definition of a PAC. Additionally, the bill authorizes defeated candidates to use unspent contributions in their next election if the election is within 4 years and requires any former public officer to dispose of unspent contributions within 15 days of the second month after leaving office.

Following the bill hearing, Assemblymember Yeager proposed the attached amendment, which replaces the amendment originally proposed on April 8, 2025. This new amendment amends subsection 8 of section 3 to require a former public officer to dispose of any unspent campaign contributions within 15 days after the 4-year period, rather than within 15 days of the second month after leaving office; and provides that the 4-year period for candidates and former public officers begins from the effective date of the bill, or from their next loss, or when they leave or resign from office.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 497.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 497.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Miller. Next bill, please.

Assembly Bill 499: Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-998)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next bill is Assembly Bill 499, sponsored by Assemblymember Yeager and heard in Committee on April 8, 2025 [[Exhibit K](#)]. Assembly Bill 499 revises various provisions relating to elections, including requiring county clerks to establish and maintain an online voter services portal; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to regularly send certain information to county clerks; requiring mail ballot return envelopes to include space for voters to voluntarily provide certain identifying information, which, if verified by the clerk to be accurate, will not necessitate the signature on the mail ballot envelope to be verified; and requiring clerks to ensure employees are available by telephone on evenings and weekends during the signature curing period.

Assemblymember Yeager proposed the attached amendment to require the DMV to provide the last four digits of a social security number, rather than the entire number, to county clerks; no longer require the DMV to provide data on birthplace, height, and weight, or the photograph from a driver's license or ID card to county clerks; clarify that clerks ensure employees are available by telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings and weekends; and require the QR [quick response] code or other machine-readable code that links to the voter services portal to be included on all communications to voters.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 499.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 499.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS COLE, DICKMAN, EDGEWORTH, AND HIBBETTS VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember González. Next bill, please.

Assembly Bill 534: Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-975)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next bill is Assembly Bill 534, sponsored by this Committee on behalf of the Secretary of State and heard in Committee on April 10, 2025 [[Exhibit L](#)]. Assembly Bill 534 makes various changes related to elections, and since this bill was just heard yesterday, I think I will spare the Committee from reading through all of this. I am happy to answer any questions or highlight a specific provision. There are no amendments.

Chair Mosca:

Understanding that a lot of work still needs to be done on this bill, I would like to accept a motion to move it without recommendation, understanding that it will move to the fiscal committee and can continue to be worked on while it awaits a hearing there. Do I have a motion to move without recommendation Assembly Bill 534?

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MADE A MOTION TO MOVE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION ASSEMBLY BILL 534.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any questions about the bill? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will not assign a floor statement. Next bill, please.

Assembly Joint Resolution 11: Urges Congress to enact the Protecting the Right to Organize Act. (BDR R-1012)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The next measure is Assembly Joint Resolution 11, sponsored by Assemblymember D'Silva and heard in Committee on April 3, 2025 [[Exhibit M](#)]. Assembly Joint Resolution 11 urges Congress to enact the Richard L. Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2025 to increase protections relating to the rights of employees to collectively bargain. There are no amendments.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to do pass Assembly Joint Resolution 11.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 11.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS COLE, DICKMAN, EDGEWORTH, AND HIBBETTS VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember D'Silva. Next and last one, please.

Assembly Joint Resolution 14: Condemns the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol and denounces the use of presidential pardons and commutations to absolve the rioters. (BDR R-991)

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

The last measure on work session today is Assembly Joint Resolution 14, sponsored by Assemblymembers Yeager, Monroe-Moreno, Miller, Jauregui, Backus, and Senator Scheible, et al., and heard in Committee on April 3, 2025 [[Exhibit N](#)]. Assembly Joint Resolution 14 condemns the attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, including the assault on law enforcement officers, and denounces the use of presidential pardons and commutations to absolve the participants in the riot.

Assemblymember Yeager proposed an amendment to add Assemblymember Orentlicher as a cosponsor of the bill.

Chair Mosca:

Members, are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Joint Resolution 14.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 14.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS COLE, DICKMAN, EDGEWORTH, AND HIBBETTS VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to myself.

We will close the work session. Great job, Committee, as we go to our last item of business, public comment. We will start in Carson City. Seeing no one, we will move to Las Vegas for public comment. Seeing no one, we will open the phone line for public comment. [There was no one.]

Before we end today, I want to make sure we give a big, big thanks to our staff, whether it is our Policy staff, our Legal staff, our Committee staff, or Audiovisual and Public Hearings, and everybody who makes this building run. Thank you so much for all your hard work and especially, too, to all of our members, as we are finishing with our first deadline day. With that, there will be no committees next week, so Tuesday and Thursday will be canceled. Seeing no other business before us, I will adjourn [at 10:43 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kristi Howard
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblymember Erica Mosca, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
A.B. 73	C	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 79	D	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 92	E	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 367	F	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 477	G	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 491	H	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 496	I	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 497	J	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 499	K	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 534	L	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.J.R. 11	M	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.J.R. 14	N	Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document