SUMMARY—Makes various changes to the Carson City Charter. (BDR S-421)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State: No.

Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

AN ACT relating to Carson City; revising provisions relating to regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors of Carson City; revising the requirements for the form of ordinances; revising provisions relating to the regulation of animals; revising the period for which the Clerk is required to keep election returns; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The existing Charter of Carson City requires the Board of Supervisors of Carson City to hold at least two regular meetings each month and authorizes the Board of Supervisors to provide by ordinance for the holding of additional regular meetings. (Carson City Charter § 2.050) **Section 1** of this bill requires instead that the Board of Supervisors hold at least one regular meeting each month. **Section 1** further provides that when a regular meeting falls on a Saturday or on a nonjudicial day, the Board of Supervisors may hold the meeting on another business day so long as the requirements for public notice of the meeting, as set forth in the Open Meeting Law, have been satisfied.

COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION REQUIRED

The existing Charter of Carson City sets forth the style and other requirements for all ordinances, including the requirement that any ordinance indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics. (Carson City Charter § 2.100) **Section 2** of this bill requires instead that new language proposed to be enacted by ordinance and proposed amendments to add or remove language from an existing ordinance be set forth in a clear, conspicuous and uniform manner. **Section 2** further requires that any proposed ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance specify the date on which the proposed ordinance or amendment, as applicable, becomes effective.

The existing Charter of Carson City authorizes the Board of Supervisors to impose an annual per capita tax on all dogs, regulate or prohibit the running at large of all kinds of animals and poultry, establish a pound, appoint a Poundkeeper and prohibit cruelty to animals. (Carson City Charter § 2.180) **Section 3** of this bill instead authorizes the Board of Supervisors to impose an annual license fee on animals, establish an animal shelter and appoint an Animal Services Manager, and removes certain provisions relating to dogs and poultry.

The existing Charter of Carson City requires the Clerk to seal and keep the election returns from a municipal election for 6 months. (Carson City Charter § 5.100) **Section 4** of this bill instead requires the Clerk to seal and keep those election returns for the period set forth in existing law for city elections, generally.

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

Section 1. Section 2.050 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as amended by chapter 255, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 1130, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.050 Meetings: Quorum.

1. The Board shall hold at least ~~[two]~~ ***one*** regular ~~[meetings]~~ ***meeting*** each month, and by ordinance may provide for the holding of additional regular meetings. ***When a regular meeting falls on a Saturday or on a nonjudicial day, the Board may hold the regular meeting on another business day so long as the requirements for public notice of the meeting, as set forth in chapter 241 of NRS, have been satisfied.***

2. Special meetings may be held on call of the Mayor or by a majority of the Board, by giving a minimum of 6 hours' notice of such special meeting to each member of the Board prior to the meeting. No contract involving the expenditure of money may be made or claim allowed at a special meeting unless notice of the meeting called to consider such action is published in a newspaper within Carson City at least 1 day before such meeting, and no business may be transacted at a special meeting except such as has been stated in the call of the meeting, and no ordinance may be passed at a special meeting except an emergency ordinance.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 241.0355, a majority of all members of the Board constitutes a quorum to do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time, and compel the attendance of the absent members.

4. Except as otherwise provided by law, the sessions and all proceedings of the Board must be public.

Sec. 2. Section 2.100 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as amended by chapter 52, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 240, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; ~~[title]~~ requirements.

1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and by a majority vote of the whole Board of Supervisors. The style of all ordinances shall be as follows: "The Board of Supervisors of Carson City does ordain."

2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. ***New language proposed to be enacted by ordinance and proposed amendments to add or remove language from an existing ordinance must be set forth in a clear, conspicuous and uniform manner.*** Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended **.** ~~[, and shall indicate~~

~~matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.]~~

4. Any proposed ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance must specify the date on which the proposed ordinance or amendment, as applicable, becomes effective.

Sec. 3. Section 2.180 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1407, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.180 Power of Board: Animals ***.*** ~~[and poultry.]~~ The Board may:

1. Fix, impose and collect an annual ~~[per capita tax]~~ ***license fee*** on ~~[all dogs and provide for the capture and disposal of all dogs on which the tax is not paid.]~~ ***animals.***

2. Regulate or prohibit the running at large within Carson City of all kinds of animals ~~[and poultry, establish a pound, appoint a Poundkeeper]~~ ***, establish an animal shelter, and appoint an Animal Services Manager*** and prescribe his or her duties ***.*** ~~[, distrain and impound animals and poultry running at large, and provide for the disposition of such animals and poultry. The proceeds arising from the disposition of such animals and poultry, after the payment of all costs, must be deposited in the Treasury to be disposed of according to law.]~~

3. Prohibit cruelty to animals.

Sec. 4. Section 5.100 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4134, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties.

1. The election returns from any special, primary or general municipal election shall be filed with the Clerk, who shall immediately place such returns in a safe or vault, and no person shall be permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with such returns until canvassed by the Board.

2. The Board shall meet within the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns shall then be sealed and kept by the Clerk for ~~[6 months]~~ ***the period set forth in NRS 293C.387*** and no person shall have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the Board.

3. The Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the 1st Monday in January next following their election.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.