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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 297—ASSEMBLYMEN TITUS,  
LEAVITT, ROBERTS AND TOLLES

MARCH 16, 2021

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SETTELMEYER,  
HARDY AND HAMMOND

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Requires the election of a registrar of voters.  
(BDR 24-908)

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to elections; providing that a registrar of voters is  
an elected office; and providing other matters properly  
relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law authorizes a board of county commissioners in a county having a  
2 population of 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) to create the  
3 office of registrar of voters and make appointments to the office. (NRS 244.164)  
4 The office of registrar of voters has various duties relating to elections. (NRS  
5 244.164, 293.186, 293.503)

6 **Section 3** of this bill provides that the office of registrar of voters is an elected  
7 office. **Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5** of this bill make conforming changes related to  
8 changing the office from an appointed to an elected office.

9 **Section 6** of this bill provides that if a board of county commissioners has  
10 created the office of registrar of voters before January 1, 2022, a person who is a  
11 registrar of voters on January 1, 2022, may continue to serve in that office until the  
12 general election held in November 2022.

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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 293.186 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       293.186 The Secretary of State and each county clerk, or the  
3 registrar of voters of the county if ~~{one was appointed}~~ *the office*  
4 *has been created* pursuant to NRS 244.164, or city clerk who  
5 receives from a candidate for public office a declaration of  
6 candidacy shall give to the candidate:

7       1. If the candidate is a candidate for judicial office, the form  
8 prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the  
9 making of a financial disclosure statement;

10       2. If the candidate is not a candidate for judicial office and is  
11 required to file electronically the financial disclosure statement,  
12 access to the electronic form prescribed by the Secretary of State;  
13 or

14       3. If the candidate is not a candidate for judicial office, is  
15 required to submit the financial disclosure statement electronically  
16 and has submitted an affidavit to the Secretary of State pursuant to  
17 NRS 281.572, the form prescribed by the Secretary of State,  
18 ↪ accompanied by instructions on how to complete the form and  
19 the time by which it must be filed.

20       **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.503 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21       293.503 1. The county clerk of each county where ~~{a}~~ *the*  
22 *office of* registrar of voters has not been ~~{appointed}~~ *created*  
23 pursuant to NRS 244.164:

24       (a) Is ex officio county registrar and registrar for all precincts  
25 within the county.

26       (b) Shall have the custody of all books, documents and papers  
27 pertaining to preregistration or registration provided for in this  
28 chapter.

29       2. All books, documents and papers pertaining to  
30 preregistration or registration are official records of the office of the  
31 county clerk.

32       3. The county clerk shall maintain records of any program or  
33 activity that is conducted within the county to ensure the accuracy  
34 and currency of the registrar of voters' register for not less than 2  
35 years after creation. The records must include the names and  
36 addresses of any person to whom a notice is mailed pursuant to NRS  
37 293.5235, 293.530, or 293.535 and whether the person responded to  
38 the notice.

39       4. Any program or activity that is conducted within the county  
40 for the purpose of removing the name of each person who is  
41 ineligible to vote in the county from the registrar of voters' register



1 must be complete not later than 90 days before the next primary or  
2 general election.

3 5. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 6, all records  
4 maintained by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 3 must be  
5 available for public inspection.

6 6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, any  
7 information relating to where a person preregisters or registers to  
8 vote must remain confidential and is not available for public  
9 inspection. Such information may only be used by an election  
10 officer for purposes related to preregistration and registration.

11 **Sec. 3.** NRS 244.164 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 244.164 1. In each county having a population of 100,000 or  
13 more, the board of county commissioners may create the office of  
14 registrar of voters ~~[ ] as an elected office and~~ prescribe the  
15 qualifications, duties and compensation of that office . ~~[and make~~  
16 ~~appointments to that office.]~~

17 2. *The registrar of voters shall be elected by the qualified*  
18 *electors of the county, beginning at the general election*  
19 *immediately following the creation of the office of registrar of*  
20 *voters. The term of office of a registrar of voters is 4 years and*  
21 *begins on the first Monday in January following the general*  
22 *election.*

23 3. The registrar of voters ~~[, upon appointment as provided in~~  
24 ~~subsection 1,]~~ shall assume all of the powers and duties vested in  
25 and imposed upon the county clerk of the county with respect to  
26 elections, except the duties imposed by virtue of NRS 293.393 to  
27 make out and deliver certificates of election.

28 **Sec. 4.** NRS 245.043 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 245.043 1. As used in this section:

30 (a) "County" includes Carson City.

31 (b) "County commissioner" includes the Mayor and supervisors  
32 of Carson City.

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 , *NRS 244.164*  
34 and by any special law, the elected officers of the counties of this  
35 State are entitled to receive, for the appropriate fiscal year, annual  
36 salaries in the base amounts specified in the following table  
37 commencing on July 1 of the fiscal year. The annual salaries are in  
38 full payment for all services required by law to be performed by  
39 such officers. Except as otherwise provided by law, all fees and  
40 commissions collected by such officers in the performance of their  
41 duties must be paid into the county treasury each month without  
42 deduction of any nature.



ANNUAL SALARIES

| Class | County        | District Attorney | Sheriff   | County Clerk | County Assessor | County Recorder | County Treasurer | Public Administrator |
|-------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1     | Clark         |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 2     |               |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 3     |               |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 4     |               |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 5     |               |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 6     |               |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 7     | FY 2015-2016  | \$187,563         | \$161,692 | \$109,757    | \$109,757       | \$109,757       | \$109,757        | \$109,757            |
| 8     | FY 2016-2017  | 193,190           | 166,543   | 113,050      | 113,050         | 113,050         | 113,050          | 113,050              |
| 9     | FY 2017-2018  | 198,986           | 171,540   | 116,441      | 116,441         | 116,441         | 116,441          | 116,441              |
| 10    | FY 2018-2019  | 204,955           | 176,685   | 119,934      | 119,934         | 119,934         | 119,934          | 119,934              |
| 11    | 2 Washoe      |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 12    | FY 2015-2016  | 165,573           | 133,234   | 100,610      | 100,610         | 100,610         | 100,610          | 100,610              |
| 13    | FY 2016-2017  | 170,540           | 137,231   | 103,629      | 103,629         | 103,629         | 103,629          | 103,629              |
| 14    | FY 2017-2018  | 175,656           | 141,348   | 106,738      | 106,738         | 106,738         | 106,738          | 106,738              |
| 15    | FY 2018-2019  | 180,926           | 145,588   | 109,940      | 109,940         | 109,940         | 109,940          | 109,940              |
| 16    | 3 Carson City |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 17    | FY 2015-2016  | 118,872           | 98,567    | 78,293       | 78,293          | 78,293          | 78,293           | -----                |
| 18    | FY 2016-2017  | 122,438           | 101,524   | 80,642       | 80,642          | 80,642          | 80,642           | -----                |
| 19    | FY 2017-2018  | 126,112           | 104,570   | 83,061       | 83,061          | 83,061          | 83,061           | -----                |
| 20    | FY 2018-2019  | 129,895           | 107,707   | 85,553       | 85,553          | 85,553          | 85,553           | -----                |
| 21    | Churchill     |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 22    | FY 2015-2016  | 118,872           | 98,567    | 78,293       | 78,293          | 78,293          | 78,293           | -----                |
| 23    | FY 2016-2017  | 122,438           | 101,524   | 80,642       | 80,642          | 80,642          | 80,642           | -----                |
| 24    | FY 2017-2018  | 126,112           | 104,570   | 83,061       | 83,061          | 83,061          | 83,061           | -----                |
| 25    | FY 2018-2019  | 129,895           | 107,707   | 85,553       | 85,553          | 85,553          | 85,553           | -----                |
| 26    | Douglas       |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 27    | FY 2015-2016  | 118,872           | 98,567    | 78,293       | 78,293          | 78,293          | 78,293           | -----                |
| 28    | FY 2016-2017  | 122,438           | 101,524   | 80,642       | 80,642          | 80,642          | 80,642           | -----                |
| 29    | FY 2017-2018  | 126,112           | 104,570   | 83,061       | 83,061          | 83,061          | 83,061           | -----                |
| 30    | FY 2018-2019  | 129,895           | 107,707   | 85,553       | 85,553          | 85,553          | 85,553           | -----                |
| 31    | Elko          |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 32    | FY 2015-2016  | 118,872           | 98,567    | 78,293       | 78,293          | 78,293          | 78,293           | -----                |
| 33    | FY 2016-2017  | 122,438           | 101,524   | 80,642       | 80,642          | 80,642          | 80,642           | -----                |
| 34    | FY 2017-2018  | 126,112           | 104,570   | 83,061       | 83,061          | 83,061          | 83,061           | -----                |
| 35    | FY 2018-2019  | 129,895           | 107,707   | 85,553       | 85,553          | 85,553          | 85,553           | -----                |
| 36    | Humboldt      |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 37    | FY 2015-2016  | 118,872           | 98,567    | 78,293       | 78,293          | 78,293          | 78,293           | -----                |
| 38    | FY 2016-2017  | 122,438           | 101,524   | 80,642       | 80,642          | 80,642          | 80,642           | -----                |
| 39    | FY 2017-2018  | 126,112           | 104,570   | 83,061       | 83,061          | 83,061          | 83,061           | -----                |
| 40    | FY 2018-2019  | 129,895           | 107,707   | 85,553       | 85,553          | 85,553          | 85,553           | -----                |
| 41    | Lyon          |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 42    | FY 2015-2016  | 118,872           | 98,567    | 78,293       | 78,293          | 78,293          | 78,293           | -----                |
| 43    | FY 2016-2017  | 122,438           | 101,524   | 80,642       | 80,642          | 80,642          | 80,642           | -----                |
| 44    | FY 2017-2018  | 126,112           | 104,570   | 83,061       | 83,061          | 83,061          | 83,061           | -----                |
| 45    | FY 2018-2019  | 129,895           | 107,707   | 85,553       | 85,553          | 85,553          | 85,553           | -----                |
| 46    | Nye           |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 47    | FY 2015-2016  | 118,872           | 98,567    | 78,293       | 78,293          | 78,293          | 78,293           | -----                |
| 48    | FY 2016-2017  | 122,438           | 101,524   | 80,642       | 80,642          | 80,642          | 80,642           | -----                |
| 49    | FY 2017-2018  | 126,112           | 104,570   | 83,061       | 83,061          | 83,061          | 83,061           | -----                |
| 50    | FY 2018-2019  | 129,895           | 107,707   | 85,553       | 85,553          | 85,553          | 85,553           | -----                |
| 51    | 4 Lander      |                   |           |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| 52    | FY 2015-2016  | 112,268           | 88,711    | 65,305       | 65,305          | 65,305          | 65,305           | -----                |
| 53    | FY 2016-2017  | 115,636           | 91,372    | 67,264       | 67,264          | 67,264          | 67,264           | -----                |
| 54    | FY 2017-2018  | 119,105           | 94,113    | 69,282       | 69,282          | 69,282          | 69,282           | -----                |
| 55    | FY 2018-2019  | 122,678           | 96,937    | 71,361       | 71,361          | 71,361          | 71,361           | -----                |



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| Class | County       | District Attorney | Sheriff  | County Clerk | County Assessor | County Recorder | County Treasurer | Public Administrator |
|-------|--------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
|       | Storey       |                   |          |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
|       | FY 2015-2016 | \$112,268         | \$88,711 | \$65,305     | \$65,305        | \$65,305        | \$65,305         | -----                |
|       | FY 2016-2017 | 115,636           | 91,372   | 67,264       | 67,264          | 67,264          | 67,264           | -----                |
|       | FY 2017-2018 | 119,105           | 94,113   | 69,282       | 69,282          | 69,282          | 69,282           | -----                |
|       | FY 2018-2019 | 122,678           | 96,937   | 71,361       | 71,361          | 71,361          | 71,361           | -----                |
|       | White Pine   |                   |          |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
|       | FY 2015-2016 | 112,268           | 88,711   | 65,305       | 65,305          | 65,305          | 65,305           | -----                |
|       | FY 2016-2017 | 115,636           | 91,372   | 67,264       | 67,264          | 67,264          | 67,264           | -----                |
|       | FY 2017-2018 | 119,105           | 94,113   | 69,282       | 69,282          | 69,282          | 69,282           | -----                |
|       | FY 2018-2019 | 122,678           | 96,937   | 71,361       | 71,361          | 71,361          | 71,361           | -----                |
| 5     | Eureka       |                   |          |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
|       | FY 2015-2016 | 99,060            | 70,968   | 58,537       | 58,537          | 58,537          | 58,537           | -----                |
|       | FY 2016-2017 | 102,033           | 73,097   | 60,293       | 60,293          | 60,293          | 60,293           | -----                |
|       | FY 2017-2018 | 105,093           | 75,290   | 62,102       | 62,102          | 62,102          | 62,102           | -----                |
|       | FY 2018-2019 | 108,246           | 77,549   | 63,965       | 63,965          | 63,965          | 63,965           | -----                |
|       | Lincoln      |                   |          |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
|       | FY 2015-2016 | 99,060            | 70,968   | 58,537       | 58,537          | 58,537          | 58,537           | -----                |
|       | FY 2016-2017 | 102,033           | 73,097   | 60,293       | 60,293          | 60,293          | 60,293           | -----                |
|       | FY 2017-2018 | 105,093           | 75,290   | 62,102       | 62,102          | 62,102          | 62,102           | -----                |
|       | FY 2018-2019 | 108,246           | 77,549   | 63,965       | 63,965          | 63,965          | 63,965           | -----                |
|       | Mineral      |                   |          |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
|       | FY 2015-2016 | 99,060            | 70,968   | 58,537       | 58,537          | 58,537          | 58,537           | -----                |
|       | FY 2016-2017 | 102,033           | 73,097   | 60,293       | 60,293          | 60,293          | 60,293           | -----                |
|       | FY 2017-2018 | 105,093           | 75,290   | 62,102       | 62,102          | 62,102          | 62,102           | -----                |
|       | FY 2018-2019 | 108,246           | 77,549   | 63,965       | 63,965          | 63,965          | 63,965           | -----                |
|       | Pershing     |                   |          |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
|       | FY 2015-2016 | 99,060            | 70,968   | 58,537       | 58,537          | 58,537          | 58,537           | -----                |
|       | FY 2016-2017 | 102,033           | 73,097   | 60,293       | 60,293          | 60,293          | 60,293           | -----                |
|       | FY 2017-2018 | 105,093           | 75,290   | 62,102       | 62,102          | 62,102          | 62,102           | -----                |
|       | FY 2018-2019 | 108,246           | 77,549   | 63,965       | 63,965          | 63,965          | 63,965           | -----                |
| 6     | Esmeralda    |                   |          |              |                 |                 |                  |                      |
|       | FY 2015-2016 | 78,657            | 63,083   | 51,220       | 51,220          | 51,220          | -----            | -----                |
|       | FY 2016-2017 | 81,017            | 64,976   | 52,756       | 52,756          | 52,756          | -----            | -----                |
|       | FY 2017-2018 | 83,447            | 66,926   | 54,339       | 54,339          | 54,339          | -----            | -----                |
|       | FY 2018-2019 | 85,951            | 68,933   | 55,969       | 55,969          | 55,969          | -----            | -----                |

↳ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the annual salaries set forth in this subsection for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 are effective for that fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the annual salary for county commissioners commencing on July 1 of the fiscal year is:

- (a) For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, 103.00 percent;
- (b) For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, 106.09 percent;
- (c) For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 109.273 percent; and
- (d) For Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and each fiscal year thereafter, 112.551 percent,

↳ of the amount of the annual salary for the county commissioners of that county that was in effect on January 1, 2015.



1 4. Any elected officer or county commissioner who is entitled  
2 to a salary pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 may elect not to receive any  
3 part of the salary to which he or she is entitled pursuant to  
4 subsection 2 or 3, as applicable.

5 5. The increased annual salaries for all elected county officers  
6 provided for in subsections 2 and 3 for a fiscal year must not be paid  
7 in a fiscal year if the board of county commissioners determines that  
8 sufficient financial resources are not available to pay increased  
9 annual salaries in that fiscal year and the annual salaries paid for  
10 those officers in the immediately preceding fiscal year must  
11 continue to be paid. If increased annual salaries are paid in a  
12 subsequent fiscal year:

13 (a) Those increased annual salaries must be in the amounts  
14 provided for in subsections 2 and 3 starting with the first fiscal year  
15 in which increased salaries were not paid because sufficient  
16 financial resources were not available.

17 (b) An elected county officer is not entitled to any retroactive  
18 payment of the salary increase for any previous fiscal year in which  
19 increased annual salaries were not paid.

20 **Sec. 5.** NRS 281.574 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 281.574 1. A list of each public officer who is required to file  
22 a financial disclosure statement must be submitted electronically to  
23 the Secretary of State, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State,  
24 on or before December 1 of each year by:

25 (a) Each county clerk for all public officers of the county and  
26 other local governments within the county other than cities;

27 (b) Each city clerk for all public officers of the city;

28 (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for all public  
29 officers of the Legislative Branch; and

30 (d) The Director of the Department of Administration for all  
31 public officers of the Executive Branch.

32 2. Each county clerk, or the registrar of voters of the county if  
33 ~~one was appointed~~ *the office has been created* pursuant to NRS  
34 244.164, and each city clerk shall submit electronically to the  
35 Secretary of State, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, a  
36 list of each candidate who filed a declaration of candidacy with that  
37 officer within 10 days after the last day to qualify as a candidate for  
38 the applicable office.

39 **Sec. 6.** 1. If on January 1, 2022, a board of county  
40 commissioners has created the office of registrar of voters pursuant  
41 to NRS 244.164, as that provision existed on December 31, 2021,  
42 the person appointed as a registrar of voters may continue in office  
43 until his or her successor is elected and qualified at the general  
44 election held in November 2022.



1       2. Nothing in this section prohibits a person who is a registrar  
2 of voters on January 1, 2022, from becoming a candidate for the  
3 office of registrar of voters at the general election held in November  
4 2022.

5       **Sec. 7.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
6 approval.

7       2. Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act become effective:

8       (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting  
9 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
10 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

11       (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.



