ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 313-ASSEMBLYWOMAN HANSEN

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions governing commoninterest communities and condominium hotels. (BDR 10-228)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to property rights; authorizing the use of electronic ballots for the election and removal of members of the executive board of a unit-owners' association of a common-interest community and for the election of delegates or representatives to exercise the voting rights of units' owners in an association; authorizing a member of the executive board who is subject to removal to submit a written request for a meeting of the executive board to discuss the member's removal; specifying that an association is authorized to conduct a vote for the election or removal of a member of the executive board without a meeting; authorizing an association that conducts a vote without a meeting to allow the units' owners to vote by using a voting machine; establishing requirements relating to the use of electronic voting for the election or removal of a member of the executive board without a meeting; authorizing money in the operating account of an association to be withdrawn without the usual required signatures for the purpose of making certain automatic and annual payments; requiring the Commission for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels to adopt regulations establishing the requirements relating to the transfer of certain items upon the termination or assignment of a management agreement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.





Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) establishes the procedures for the election and removal of 2345678 members of the executive board of a unit-owners' association of a common-interest community and the election of delegates or representatives to exercise the voting rights of units' owners in certain common-interest communities; and (2) requires that the election and removal of such members, as applicable, be conducted by secret written ballot. (NRS 116.31034, 116.31036, 116.31105) Sections 1 and 2 of this bill, respectively, authorize the use of secret electronic ballots for the election or removal of any member of the executive board and require that the results of ğ such ballots be reviewed, announced and entered into the record at a meeting of the 10 association. Section 4 of this bill makes conforming changes to provide the same 11 authority and impose the same requirement with regard to the election of delegates 12 13 or representatives to exercise the voting rights of units' owners. Section 2 additionally provides that, with regard to the removal of a member of the executive 14 board that will be voted on by secret ballot, the member who is the subject of the 15 removal may submit a written request for a meeting of the executive board, which 16 must occur before the meeting scheduled for a vote on the member's removal, at 17 which the removal will be discussed as an agenda item. Section 2 requires notice of 18 such a requested meeting to be given to the units' owners not later than 5 days after 19 receipt of the written request.

20Existing law authorizes an association to conduct a vote without a meeting unless conducting a vote in such a manner is prohibited by the declaration or bylaws of the association. (NRS 116.311) Section 3 of this bill removes such an exception and specifies that an association is authorized to conduct a vote for the election or removal of a member of the executive board without a meeting.

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Section 3 authorizes an association that conducts a vote without a meeting to allow the units' owners to vote by using a voting machine that meets certain requirements. Section 3 also provides that if an association conducts a vote for the election or removal of a member of the executive board without a meeting and the association allows the use of electronic voting: (1) a unit's owner may opt out of receiving an electronic ballot; (2) the association is required to deliver a paper 31 ballot to a unit's owner in certain circumstances; (3) if the association allows units' 32 33 owners to vote by using a voting machine, the association is required to provide to a unit's owner the opportunity to opt out of voting by using a voting machine and 34 instead receive a paper ballot; (4) a meeting of the units' owners must be held to 35 open and count the paper ballots and review and announce the results obtained from 36 the electronic ballots or voting machine and enter the results into the meeting 37 record; and (5) any electronic voting must be conducted by an independent third-38 party who meets certain requirements.

39 Existing law generally prohibits money in the operating account of an 40 association from being withdrawn without the signatures of certain persons, but 41 also establishes certain purposes for which money in the operating account may be 42 withdrawn without such signatures. (NRS 116.31153) Section 7 of this bill 43 additionally provides that money in the operating account of an association may be 44 withdrawn without the usual required signatures for the purpose of making: (1) 45 automatic payments for the cost of certain insurance policies, telecommunications 46 services maintained by the association and services to the association that are billed 47 on a monthly basis; and (2) annual payments to the Office of the Ombudsman.

48 Existing law imposes certain requirements on community managers regarding 49 the transfer of the possession of all books, records and other papers of a client upon 50 the termination or assignment of a management agreement. (NRS 116A.620) 51 Section 8 of this bill instead requires the Commission for Common-Interest 52 Communities and Condominium Hotels to adopt regulations establishing the 53 requirements relating to such a transfer. Section 9 of this bill makes a conforming





change to remove the provisions of existing law relating to such a transfer when the commission has adopted the regulations required by **section 8**.

56 Sections 9.2, 9.4 and 9.6 of this bill generally replicate the changes made by 57 sections 1, 2 and 3 in the corresponding provisions of law that apply to 58 condominium hotels. Section 9.8 of this bill replicates the existing provisions of 59 and changes made to section 7 and applies such provisions to condominium hotels.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 116.31034 is hereby amended to read as 2 follows:

3 116.31034 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of 4 NRS 116.212, not later than the termination of any period of 5 declarant's control, the units' owners shall elect an executive board 6 of at least three members, all of whom must be units' owners. The 7 executive board shall elect the officers of the association. Unless the governing documents provide otherwise, the officers of the 8 association are not required to be units' owners. The members of the 9 executive board and the officers of the association shall take office 10 11 upon election.

12 2. The term of office of a member of the executive board may 13 not exceed 3 years, except for members who are appointed by the 14 declarant. Unless the governing documents provide otherwise, there 15 is no limitation on the number of terms that a person may serve as a 16 member of the executive board.

17 3. The governing documents of the association must provide 18 for terms of office that are staggered in such a manner that, to the 19 extent possible, an equal number of members of the executive board 20 are elected at each election. The provisions of this subsection do not 21 apply to:

22 (a) Members of the executive board who are appointed by the 23 declarant; and

(b) Members of the executive board who serve a term of 1 yearor less.

26 4. Not less than 30 days before the preparation of a ballot for 27 the election of members of the executive board, the secretary or 28 other officer specified in the bylaws of the association shall cause 29 notice to be given to each unit's owner of the unit's owner's 30 eligibility to serve as a member of the executive board. Each unit's 31 owner who is qualified to serve as a member of the executive board 32 may have his or her name placed on the ballot along with the names 33 of the nominees selected by the members of the executive board or a nominating committee established by the association. 34





1 5. Before the secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws 2 of the association causes notice to be given to each unit's owner of 3 his or her eligibility to serve as a member of the executive board 4 pursuant to subsection 4, the executive board may determine that if, 5 at the closing of the prescribed period for nominations for 6 membership on the executive board, the number of candidates 7 nominated for membership on the executive board is equal to or less 8 than the number of members to be elected to the executive board at 9 the election, then:

(a) The association will not prepare or [mail] provide any ballots
 to units' owners pursuant to this section; and

12 (b) The nominated candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected 13 to the executive board at the meeting of the units' owners at which 14 the ballots would have been counted pursuant to paragraph (e) of 15 subsection 15.

16 6. If the executive board makes the determination set forth in 17 subsection 5, the secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws of 18 the association shall disclose the determination and the provisions of 19 subsection 5 with the notice given pursuant to subsection 4.

20 7. If, at the closing of the prescribed period for nominations for 21 membership on the executive board, the number of candidates 22 nominated for membership on the executive board is less than the 23 number of members to be elected to the executive board at the 24 election, the executive board may fill the remaining vacancies on 25 the executive board by appointment of the executive board at a 26 meeting of the executive board held after the candidates are elected 27 pursuant to subsection 5. Any such person appointed to the 28 executive board shall serve as a member of the executive board until 29 the next regularly scheduled election of members of the executive 30 board. An executive board member elected to a previously 31 appointed position which was temporarily filled by board 32 appointment pursuant to this subsection may only be elected to 33 fulfill the remainder of that term.

8. If, at the closing of the prescribed period for nominations for membership on the executive board described in subsection 5, the number of candidates nominated for membership on the executive board is greater than the number of members to be elected to the executive board, then the association shall:

(a) Prepare and [mail] *provide* ballots to the units' owners
 pursuant to this section; and

41 (b) Conduct an election for membership on the executive board 42 pursuant to this section.

43 9. Each person who is nominated as a candidate for 44 membership on the executive board pursuant to subsection 4 must:





(a) Make a good faith effort to disclose any financial, business,
 professional or personal relationship or interest that would result or
 would appear to a reasonable person to result in a potential conflict
 of interest for the candidate if the candidate were to be elected to
 serve as a member of the executive board; and

6 (b) Disclose whether the candidate is a member in good 7 standing. For the purposes of this paragraph, a candidate shall not be 8 deemed to be in "good standing" if the candidate has any unpaid and 9 past due assessments or construction penalties that are required to be 10 paid to the association.

→ The candidate must make all disclosures required pursuant to this 11 12 subsection in writing to the association with his or her candidacy 13 information. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the 14 association shall distribute the disclosures, on behalf of the 15 candidate, to each member of the association with the ballot or, in 16 the event ballots are not prepared and [mailed] provided pursuant to 17 subsection 5, in the next regular mailing of the association. The 18 association is not obligated to distribute any disclosure pursuant to 19 this subsection if the disclosure contains information that is believed 20 to be defamatory, libelous or profane.

10. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 11 and 12, unless a person is appointed by the declarant:

(a) A person may not be a candidate for or member of theexecutive board or an officer of the association if:

(1) The person resides in a unit with, is married to, is
domestic partners with, or is related by blood, adoption or marriage
within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to another person
who is also a member of the executive board or is an officer of the
association;

30 (2) The person stands to gain any personal profit or 31 compensation of any kind from a matter before the executive board 32 of the association; or

(3) The person, the person's spouse or the person's parent or
child, by blood, marriage or adoption, performs the duties of a
community manager for that association.

(b) A person may not be a candidate for or member of the
executive board of a master association or an officer of that master
association if the person, the person's spouse or the person's parent
or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, performs the duties of a
community manager for:

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(1) That master association; or

42 (2) Any association that is subject to the governing 43 documents of that master association.

44 11. A person, other than a person appointed by the declarant,45 who owns 75 percent or more of the units in an association may:





1 (a) Be a candidate for or member of the executive board or an 2 officer of the association; and

3 (b) Reside in a unit with, be married to, be domestic partners 4 with, or be related by blood, adoption or marriage within the third 5 degree of consanguinity or affinity to another person who is also a 6 member of the executive board or is an officer of the association,

7 \rightarrow unless the person owning 75 percent or more of the units in the association and the other person would constitute a majority of the 9 total number of seats on the executive board.

10 12. A person, other than a person appointed by the declarant, 11 may:

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(a) Be a candidate for or member of the executive board; and

(b) Reside in a unit with, be married to, be domestic partners
with, or be related by blood, adoption or marriage within the third
degree of consanguinity or affinity to another person who is also a
member of the executive board or is an officer of the association,

17 \rightarrow if the number of candidates nominated for membership on the 18 executive board is less than or equal to the number of members to be 19 elected to the executive board.

13. If a person is not eligible to be a candidate for or member of the executive board or an officer of the association pursuant to any provision of this chapter, the association:

(a) Must not place his or her name on the ballot; and

(b) Must prohibit such a person from serving as a member of theexecutive board or an officer of the association.

26 An officer, employee, agent or director of a corporate 14. 27 owner of a unit, a trustee or designated beneficiary of a trust that 28 owns a unit, a partner of a partnership that owns a unit, a member or 29 manager of a limited-liability company that owns a unit, and a 30 fiduciary of an estate that owns a unit may be an officer of the 31 association or a member of the executive board. In all events where 32 the person serving or offering to serve as an officer of the 33 association or a member of the executive board is not the record owner, the person shall file proof in the records of the association 34 35 that:

(a) The person is associated with the corporate owner, trust,
 partnership, limited-liability company or estate as required by this
 subsection; and

(b) Identifies the unit or units owned by the corporate owner,trust, partnership, limited-liability company or estate.

41 15. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or NRS
42 *116.311 or* 116.31105, the election of any member of the executive
43 board must be conducted by secret [written] ballot in the following
44 manner:





1 (a) The secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws of the 2 association shall cause a secret *paper or electronic* ballot *to be* 3 *provided to each unit's owner* and :

4 (1) If a paper ballot is provided, shall send the ballot and a 5 return envelope, [to be sent,] prepaid by United States mail, to the 6 mailing address of each unit within the common-interest community 7 or to any other mailing address designated in writing by the unit's 8 owner [.]; or

9 (2) If an electronic ballot is provided, shall provide the 10 ballot or make the ballot available by electronic means to each 11 unit's owner.

(b) Each unit's owner must be provided with at least 15 days
after the date the secret [written] ballot is mailed , *provided or made available* to the unit's owner to return the secret [written] ballot to
the association [.] by physical or electronic means.

16 (c) A quorum is not required for the election of any member of 17 the executive board.

18 (d) Only the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the 19 association *receives by physical or electronic means* may be 20 counted to determine the outcome of the election.

21 (e) [The secret written ballots must be opened and counted at] At 22 the meeting of the units' owners held pursuant to subsection 1 of 23 NRS 116.3108 [], the secret ballots physically received by the 24 association must be opened and counted and the results of the 25 secret ballots received by the association by electronic means must 26 be reviewed, announced and entered into the record. A quorum is 27 not required to be present when the secret [written] ballots 28 *physically received by the association* are opened and counted *or* 29 the results of the secret ballots received by the association by 30 electronic means are reviewed, announced and entered into the *record* at the meeting. 31

32 (f) The incumbent members of the executive board and each 33 person whose name is placed on the ballot as a candidate for 34 membership on the executive board may not possess, be given 35 access to or participate in the opening or counting of the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the association physically 36 37 receives, or the collection of data regarding the secret ballots that 38 the association receives by electronic means, before those secret [written] ballots have been opened and counted or reviewed, 39 40 announced and entered into the record, as applicable, at a meeting 41 of the association.

42 16. An association shall not adopt any rule or regulation that 43 has the effect of prohibiting or unreasonably interfering with a 44 candidate in the candidate's campaign for election as a member of 45 the executive board, except that the candidate's campaign may be





1 limited to 90 days before the date that ballots are required to be 2 returned to the association.

3 17. A candidate who has submitted a nomination form for 4 election as a member of the executive board may request that the 5 association or its agent either:

6 (a) Send before the date of the election and at the association's 7 expense, to the mailing address of each unit within the common-8 interest community or to any other mailing address designated in 9 writing by the unit's owner a candidate informational statement. The 10 candidate informational statement:

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(1) Must be no longer than a single, typed page;

12 (2) Must not contain any defamatory, libelous or profane 13 information; and

14 (3) May be sent with [the] *a* secret ballot mailed pursuant to 15 subsection 15 or in a separate mailing; or

16 (b) To allow the candidate to communicate campaign material 17 directly to the units' owners, provide to the candidate, in paper 18 format at a cost not to exceed 25 cents per page for the first 10 pages 19 and 10 cents per page thereafter, in the format of a compact disc at a 20 cost of not more than \$5 or by electronic mail at no cost:

21 (1) A list of the mailing address of each unit, which must not 22 include the names of the units' owners or the name of any tenant of 23 a unit's owner; or

(2) If the members of the association are owners of time
shares within a time share plan created pursuant to chapter 119A of
NRS and:

(I) The voting rights of those owners are exercised by
delegates or representatives pursuant to NRS 116.31105, the mailing
address of the delegates or representatives.

30 (II) The voting rights of those owners are not exercised by 31 delegates or representatives, the mailing address of the association 32 established pursuant to NRS 119A.520. If the mailing address of the association is provided to the candidate pursuant to this sub-33 subparagraph, the association must send to each owner of a time 34 35 share within the time share plan the campaign material provided by 36 the candidate. If the campaign material will be sent by mail, the 37 candidate who provides the campaign material must provide to the 38 association a separate copy of the campaign material for each owner and must pay the actual costs of mailing before the campaign 39 40 material is mailed. If the campaign material will be sent by electronic transmission, the candidate must provide to the 41 42 association one copy of the campaign material in an electronic 43 format.

44 \rightarrow The information provided pursuant to this paragraph must not 45 include the name of any unit's owner or any tenant of a unit's





owner. If a candidate who makes a request for the information
 described in this paragraph fails or refuses to provide a written
 statement signed by the candidate which states that the candidate is
 making the request to allow the candidate to communicate campaign
 material directly to units' owners and that the candidate will not use
 the information for any other purpose, the association or its agent
 may refuse the request.

8 18. An association and its directors, officers, employees and 9 agents are immune from criminal or civil liability for any act or 10 omission which arises out of the publication or disclosure of any 11 information related to any person and which occurs in the course of 12 carrying out any duties required pursuant to subsection 17.

13 19. Each member of the executive board shall, within 90 days 14 after his or her appointment or election, certify in writing to the 15 association, on a form prescribed by the Administrator, that the 16 member has read and understands the governing documents of 17 the association and the provisions of this chapter to the best of his or 18 her ability. The Administrator may require the association to submit 19 a copy of the certification of each member of the executive board of 20 that association at the time the association registers with the 21 Ombudsman pursuant to NRS 116.31158.

Sec. 2. NRS 116.31036 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 116.31036 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the 24 declaration or bylaws to the contrary, any member of the executive 25 board, other than a member appointed by the declarant, may be 26 removed from the executive board, with or without cause, if at a 27 removal election held pursuant to this section, the number of votes 28 cast in favor of removal constitutes:

(a) At least 35 percent of the total number of voting members ofthe association; and

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(b) At least a majority of all votes cast in that removal election.

32 A removal election may be called by units' owners 2. 33 constituting at least 10 percent, or any lower percentage specified in 34 the bylaws, of the total number of voting members of the 35 association. To call a removal election, the units' owners must 36 submit a written petition which is signed by the required percentage 37 of the total number of voting members of the association pursuant to 38 this subsection and which is mailed, return receipt requested, or 39 served by a process server to the executive board or the community 40 manager for the association. If a removal election is called pursuant 41 to this subsection and:

42 (a) The voting rights of the units' owners will be exercised 43 through the use of secret [written] ballots pursuant to this section:

44 (1) The secret [written] ballots for the removal election must
45 be [sent] mailed, provided or made available in the manner required





by this section not less than 15 days or more than 60 days after the
date on which the petition is received. [; and]

3 (2) The executive board shall set the date for the meeting to open and count the secret [written] ballots physically received by 4 5 the association and to review, announce and enter into the record 6 the results of the secret ballots received by the association by 7 *electronic means* so that the meeting is held not more than 15 days 8 after the deadline for returning the secret [written] ballots by 9 *physical or electronic means* and not later than 90 days after the date on which the petition was received. 10

11 (3) Upon written request submitted to the community 12 manager, president or secretary of the association by a member of 13 the executive board who is the subject of the removal election, the 14 secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws of the association 15 shall cause notice of a meeting of the executive board to be given 16 to the units' owners not later than 5 days after receipt of the 17 written request. The notice must include the date, time and 18 location of the meeting, as requested by the member of the 19 executive board who is the subject of the removal election, and 20 identify the removal of the member from the executive board as an 21 agenda item listed for discussion. A meeting requested pursuant to 22 this subparagraph must occur before the date for the meeting set 23 by the executive board pursuant to subparagraph (2).

(b) The voting rights of the owners of time shares will be
exercised by delegates or representatives as set forth in NRS
116.31105, the executive board shall set the date for the removal
election so that the removal election is held not less than 15 days or
more than 90 days after the date on which the petition is received.

29 \rightarrow The association shall not adopt any rule or regulation which 30 prevents or unreasonably interferes with the collection of the 31 required percentage of signatures for a petition pursuant to this 32 subsection.

33 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS *116.311 or* 116.31105, 34 the removal of any member of the executive board must be 35 conducted by secret [written] ballot in the following manner:

(a) The secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws of the
association shall cause a secret *paper or electronic* ballot *to be provided to each unit's owner* and :

(1) If a paper ballot is provided, shall send the ballot and a
return envelope, [to be sent,] prepaid by United States mail, to the
mailing address of each unit within the common-interest community
or to any other mailing address designated in writing by the unit's
owner [.]; or





1 (2) If an electronic ballot is provided, shall provide the 2 ballot or make the ballot available by electronic means to each 3 unit's owner.

4 (b) Each unit's owner must be provided with at least 15 days
5 after the date the secret [written] ballot is mailed , *provided or made*6 *available* to the unit's owner to return the secret [written] ballot to
7 the association [.] by physical or electronic means.

8 (c) Only the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the 9 association *receives by physical or electronic means* may be 10 counted to determine the outcome.

(d) [The secret written ballots must be opened and counted at] 11 12 At a meeting of the association [], the secret ballots physically 13 received by the association must be opened and counted and the 14 results of the secret ballots received by the association by electronic means must be reviewed, announced and entered into 15 16 *the record.* A quorum is not required to be present when the secret 17 [written] ballots *physically received by the association* are opened and counted or the results of the secret ballots received by the 18 19 association by electronic means are reviewed, announced and 20 *entered into the record* at the meeting.

21 (e) The incumbent members of the executive board, including, 22 without limitation, the member who is subject to the removal, may not possess, be given access to or participate in the opening or 23 24 counting of the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the 25 association physically receives, or the collection of data regarding 26 the secret ballots that the association receives by electronic means, 27 before those secret [written] ballots have been opened and counted 28 or reviewed, announced and entered into the record, as applicable, 29 at a meeting of the association.

Sec. 3. NRS 116.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 116.311 1. Unless prohibited or limited by the declaration or 32 bylaws and except as otherwise provided in this section, units' 33 owners may vote at a meeting in person, by absentee ballot pursuant 34 to paragraph (d) of subsection 2, by a proxy pursuant to 35 subsections 3 to 8, inclusive, or, when a vote is conducted without a 36 meeting, by electronic or paper ballot pursuant to subsection 9.

2. At a meeting of units' owners, the following requirements apply:

(a) Units' owners who are present in person may vote by voice
vote, show of hands, standing or any other method for determining
the votes of units' owners, as designated by the person presiding at
the meeting.

(b) If only one of several owners of a unit is present, that owner
is entitled to cast all the votes allocated to that unit. If more than one
of the owners are present, the votes allocated to that unit may be



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cast only in accordance with the agreement of a majority in interest
 of the owners, unless the declaration expressly provides otherwise.
 There is majority agreement if any one of the owners cast the votes
 allocated to the unit without protest being made promptly to the
 person presiding over the meeting by any of the other owners of the
 unit.

7 (c) Unless a greater number or fraction of the votes in the 8 association is required by this chapter or the declaration, a majority 9 of the votes cast determines the outcome of any action of the 10 association.

(d) Subject to subsection 1, a unit's owner may vote by absentee
ballot without being present at the meeting. The association
promptly shall deliver an absentee ballot to an owner who requests it
if the request is made at least 3 days before the scheduled meeting.
Votes cast by absentee ballot must be included in the tally of a vote
taken at that meeting.

17 (e) When a unit's owner votes by absentee ballot, the 18 association must be able to verify that the ballot is cast by the unit's 19 owner having the right to do so.

20 Except as otherwise provided in this section, votes allocated 3. 21 to a unit may be cast pursuant to a proxy executed by a unit's owner. 22 A unit's owner may give a proxy only to a member of his or her 23 immediate family, a tenant of the unit's owner who resides in the 24 common-interest community, another unit's owner who resides in the common-interest community, or a delegate or representative 25 26 when authorized pursuant to NRS 116.31105. If a unit is owned by 27 more than one person, each owner of the unit may vote or register 28 protest to the casting of votes by the other owners of the unit 29 through an executed proxy. A unit's owner may revoke a proxy given pursuant to this section only by actual notice of revocation to 30 31 the person presiding over a meeting of the association.

4. Before a vote may be cast pursuant to a proxy:

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(a) The proxy must be dated.(b) The proxy must not purport to be revocable without notice.

35 (c) The proxy must designate the meeting for which it is 36 executed, and such a designation includes any recessed session of 37 that meeting.

38 (d) The proxy must designate each specific item on the agenda 39 of the meeting for which the unit's owner has executed the proxy, 40 except that the unit's owner may execute the proxy without designating any specific items on the agenda of the meeting if the 41 42 proxy is to be used solely for determining whether a quorum is 43 present for the meeting. If the proxy designates one or more specific 44 items on the agenda of the meeting for which the unit's owner has 45 executed the proxy, the proxy must indicate, for each specific item





designated in the proxy, whether the holder of the proxy must cast a
 vote in the affirmative or the negative on behalf of the unit's owner.
 If the proxy does not indicate whether the holder of the proxy must
 cast a vote in the affirmative or the negative for a particular item on
 the agenda of the meeting, the proxy must be treated, with regard to
 that particular item, as if the unit's owner were present but not
 voting on that particular item.

8 (e) The holder of the proxy must disclose at the beginning of the 9 meeting for which the proxy is executed and any recessed session of 10 that meeting the number of proxies pursuant to which the holder will 11 be casting votes.

12 5. A proxy terminates immediately after the conclusion of the 13 meeting, and any recessed sessions of the meeting, for which it is 14 executed.

15 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a vote may 16 not be cast pursuant to a proxy for the election or removal of a 17 member of the executive board of an association. A vote may be 18 cast pursuant to a proxy for the election or removal of a member of 19 the executive board of a master association which governs a time-20 share plan created pursuant to chapter 119A of NRS if the proxy is 21 exercised through a delegate or representative authorized pursuant 22 to NRS 116.31105.

7. The holder of a proxy may not cast a vote on behalf of theunit's owner who executed the proxy in a manner that is contrary tothe proxy.

26 8. A proxy is void if the proxy or the holder of the proxy 27 violates any provision of subsections 3 to 7, inclusive.

9. [Unless prohibited or limited by the declaration or bylaws,
an] An association may conduct a vote without a meeting [. Except
as otherwise provided in NRS 116.31034 and 116.31036, if] ,
including, without limitation, a vote for the election or removal of
a member of the executive board. If an association conducts a vote
without a meeting, the following requirements apply:

(a) The association shall notify the units' owners that the votewill be taken by ballot.

(b) The association shall deliver a paper or electronic ballot to 36 37 every unit's owner entitled to vote on the matter *And may allow* 38 the units' owners to vote by using a voting machine. Any such 39 voting machine must be a mechanical voting system that has been 40 approved by the Secretary of State in accordance with chapter 41 293B of NRS and, once voting begins, must be available for use 42 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day for a period of 15 43 consecutive days.

44 (c) The ballot must set forth each proposed action and provide45 an opportunity to vote for or against the action.





(d) When the association delivers the ballots, it shall also:

2 (1) Indicate the number of responses needed to meet the 3 quorum requirements;

(2) State the percentage of votes necessary to approve each 4 5 matter other than election of directors:

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6 (3) Specify the time and date by which a ballot must be 7 delivered to the association to be counted, which time and date may 8 not be fewer than 3 days after the date the association delivers the 9 ballot: and

10 (4) Describe the time, date and manner by which units' 11 owners wishing to deliver information to all units' owners regarding 12 the subject of the vote may do so.

13 (e) Except as otherwise provided in the declaration or bylaws, a 14 ballot is not revoked after delivery to the association by death or 15 disability of or attempted revocation by the person who cast that 16 vote.

17 (f) Approval by ballot pursuant to this subsection is valid only if 18 the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum 19 required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action.

20 (g) If the vote is for the election or removal of a member of the 21 executive board and the association allows the use of electronic 22 voting:

23 (1) Upon the request of a unit's owner, an association shall 24 provide a form to the unit's owner that allows the unit's owner to 25 opt out of receiving electronic ballots.

26 (2) If a unit's owner has not given the association an 27 electronic mail address or has opted out of using electronic ballots 28 by returning to the association the form provided pursuant to 29 subparagraph (1) at any time not less than 5 days before the date 30 of the meeting when the votes will be counted, the association shall send a paper ballot and a return envelope, prepaid by United 31 32 States mail, to the mailing address of the unit's owner or to any 33 other mailing address designated in writing by the unit's owner.

34 (3) If the association allows units' owners to vote by using a 35 voting machine, the association must provide to each unit's owner, not less than 15 days before the date on which voting begins, a 36 37 notice of the opportunity to vote by using a voting machine that 38 provides the location at which the voting machine will be available 39 for use and the days and times during which the voting machine 40 will be available for use. The association shall also provide with 41 the notice a form that allows a unit's owner to opt out of voting by 42 using a voting machine and instead receive a paper ballot. If a 43 unit's owner returns the form to the association within 15 days 44 after receiving the notice, the association shall send a paper ballot 45 and a return envelope, prepaid by United States mail, to the





1 mailing address of the unit's owner or to any other mailing 2 address designated in writing by the unit's owner.

(4) A meeting of the units' owners must be held in the 3 manner set forth in NRS 116.31034 or 116.31036 to open and 4 5 count the paper ballots and review and announce the results obtained from the electronic ballots or voting machine, as 6 7 applicable, and enter the results into the meeting record. Any 8 paper ballots must be opened and counted in a manner that may be readily observed by the units' owners in attendance at the 9 meeting and must not occur privately behind closed doors or in an 10 11 area that is not open to observation by the units' owners in 12 attendance.

13 (5) Any electronic voting must be conducted by an independent third-party through the use of an online voting 14 15 system, a voting machine, or both an online voting system and a voting machine. The independent third-party shall be deemed to be 16 17 a data collector pursuant to NRS 603A.030 and is subject to the obligations and liabilities of chapter 603A of NRS with regard to 18 the security and privacy of any personal information, as that term 19 20 is defined in NRS 603A.040, that is provided or maintained 21 through the use of an online voting system or voting machine. The 22 independent third-party conducting the electronic voting may not 23 be any of the following persons and may not share voting results 24 or information with any of the following persons before the 25 meeting held pursuant to subparagraph (4):

26 (I) A candidate for or member of the executive board or 27 an officer of the association;

28 (II) A person who resides in a unit with, is married to, is 29 domestic partners with, or is related by blood, adoption or 30 marriage within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to 31 another person who is a member of the executive board or an 32 officer of the association or performs the duties of a community 33 manager for the association;

34 (III) An officer, employee, agent or director of a 35 corporate owner of a unit, a trustee or designated beneficiary of a 36 trust that owns a unit, a partner of a partnership that owns a unit, 37 a member or manager of a limited-liability company that owns a 38 unit or a fiduciary of an estate that owns a unit if the unit is also owned by another person who is a member of the executive board 39 or an officer of the association or serves as the community 40 41 *manager for the association;*

42 (IV) A person who performs the duties of a community 43 manager for the association, an affiliate of the community 44 manager, an employee of the company by whom the 45 community manager is employed or an affiliate of the company,





the spouse of any such person or the parent or child of any such 1 2 person by blood, adoption or marriage;

3 (V) The declarant of the association or an affiliate of the 4 declarant; 5

(VI) A unit's owner or resident of the association; or

6 (VII) Any person who stands to gain any personal profit 7 or compensation of any kind from a matter before the executive 8 board of the association other than payment only for conducting 9 voting services for the association.

10 10. If the declaration requires that votes on specified matters affecting the common-interest community must be cast by the 11 12 lessees of leased units rather than the units' owners who have leased 13 the units:

(a) This section applies to the lessees as if they were the units' 14 15 owners:

(b) The units' owners who have leased their units to the lessees 16 17 may not cast votes on those specified matters;

(c) The lessees are entitled to notice of meetings, access to 18 records and other rights respecting those matters as if they were the 19 20 units' owners; and

21 (d) The units' owners must be given notice, in the manner 22 provided in NRS 116.3108, of all meetings at which the lessees are 23 entitled to vote.

24 11. If any votes are allocated to a unit that is owned by the 25 association, those votes may not be cast, by proxy or otherwise, for 26 any purpose.

27 12. As used in this section, "online voting system" means an 28 *Internet-based voting system with a process that has the ability:* 29 (a) To authenticate:

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(1) The identity of a unit's owner; and

(2) The validity of each electronic vote to ensure that the 31 vote is not altered in transit: 32

33 (b) To enable a unit's owner to transmit an electronic ballot to the online voting system in a way that ensures the secrecy and 34 35 integrity of the ballot;

(c) To transmit an electronic receipt to each unit's owner who 36 37 casts an electronic vote;

38 (d) To separate any authenticating or identifying information from an electronic ballot, thereby rendering it impossible to match 39 40 an electronic ballot to a specific unit's owner;

(e) To store electronic votes and keep them accessible to units' 41 42 owners and the Office of the Ombudsman for the purposes of 43 recounts, inspections and reviews;

44 (f) To count all lawful votes; and





1 (g) To identify, reject and record the basis for rejection of all 2 unlawful votes, including, without limitation, a vote by a unit's 3 owner whose voting rights have been suspended, a vote by a 4 person who is not a unit's owner and duplicate votes.

Sec. 4. NRS 116.31105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 116.31105 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, if 7 the declaration so provides, in a common-interest community that 8 consists of at least 1,000 units, the voting rights of the units' owners 9 in the association for that common-interest community may be exercised by delegates or representatives except that, in the election 10 or removal of a member of the executive board, the voting rights of 11 12 owners may not be exercised by delegates or the units' 13 representatives.

14 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, in addition to 15 a common-interest community identified in subsection 1, if the 16 declaration so provides, in a common-interest community created 17 before October 1, 1999, the voting rights of the units' owners in the 18 association for that common-interest community may be exercised 19 by delegates or representatives except that, in the election or 20 removal of a member of the executive board, the voting rights of the 21 units' owners may not be exercised by delegates or representatives.

3. In addition to a common-interest community identified in subsections 1 and 2, if the declaration so provides, the voting rights of the owners of time shares within a time-share plan created pursuant to chapter 119A of NRS which is governed by a master association may be exercised by delegates or representatives.

4. For the purposes of subsection 1, each unit that a declarant has reserved the right to create pursuant to NRS 116.2105 and for which developmental rights exist must be counted in determining the number of units in a common-interest community.

5. For the purposes of subsection 3, each time share that a developer has reserved the right to create pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 2 of NRS 119A.380 must be counted in determining the number of time shares in a time-share plan.

6. Notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, the
election of any delegate or representative must be conducted by
secret [written] ballot.

38 7. When an election of a delegate or representative is39 conducted by secret [written] ballot:

(a) The secretary or other officer of the association specified in
the bylaws of the association shall cause a secret [written] paper or *electronic* ballot *to be provided to each unit's owner* and :

(1) If a paper ballot is provided, shall send the ballot and a
return envelope, [to be sent,] prepaid by United States mail, to the
mailing address of each unit within the common-interest community



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or to any other mailing address designated in writing by the unit's
 owner [-]; or

3 (2) If an electronic ballot is provided, shall provide the 4 ballot or make the ballot available by electronic means to each 5 unit's owner.

6 (b) Each unit's owner must be provided with at least 15 days
7 after the date the secret [written] ballot is mailed , *provided or made*8 *available* to the unit's owner to return the secret [written] ballot to
9 the association [.] by physical or electronic means.

10 (c) Only the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the 11 association [in the manner prescribed on the ballot] receives by 12 physical or electronic means may be counted to determine the 13 outcome of the election.

(d) [The secret written ballots must be opened and counted at] 14 At a meeting called for the purpose of electing delegates or 15 representatives [.], the secret ballots physically received by the 16 17 association must be opened and counted and the results of the 18 secret ballots received by the association by electronic means must 19 be reviewed, announced and entered into the record. A quorum is not required to be present when the secret [written] ballots 20 21 *physically received by the association* are opened and counted or 22 the results of the secret ballots received by the association by 23 electronic means are reviewed, announced and entered into the 24 *record* at the meeting.

25 (e) A candidate for delegate or representative may not possess, 26 be given access to or participate in the opening or counting of the 27 secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the association [in the 28 manner prescribed on the ballot physically receives, or the 29 collection of data regarding the secret ballots that the association 30 *receives by electronic means*, before those secret [written] ballots 31 have been opened and counted or reviewed, announced and entered 32 *into the record, as applicable, at a meeting called for that purpose.*

8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, the voting rights of the units' owners in the association for a common-interest community may be exercised by delegates or representatives only during the period that the declarant is in control of the association and during the 2-year period after the declarant's control of the association is terminated pursuant to NRS 116.31032.

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9. The provisions of subsection 8 do not apply to:

40 (a) A time-share plan created pursuant to chapter 119A of NRS41 which is governed by a master association; or

42 (b) A condominium or cooperative containing both units that are 43 restricted exclusively to nonresidential use and other units that are 44 not so restricted.

45 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)





1 Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

2 Sec. 7. NRS 116.31153 is hereby amended to read as follows:

116.31153 1. Money in the reserve account of an association required by paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 116.3115 may not be withdrawn without the signatures of at least two members of the executive board or the signatures of at least one member of the executive board and one officer of the association who is not a member of the executive board.

9 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, money in the 10 operating account of an association may not be withdrawn without 11 the signatures of at least one member of the executive board or one 12 officer of the association and a member of the executive board, an 13 officer of the association or the community manager.

14 3. Money in the operating account of an association may be 15 withdrawn without the signatures required pursuant to subsection 2 16 to:

17 (a) Transfer money to the reserve account of the association at 18 regular intervals;

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(b) Make automatic payments for utilities;

20 (c) Make automatic payments for the cost of any insurance
21 policies maintained pursuant to NRS 116.3113;

(d) Make automatic payments for telecommunications services
 maintained by the association, including, without limitation,
 telephone, cable, satellite and Internet services;

25 (e) Make automatic payments for any services to the 26 association that are billed on a monthly basis;

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(f) Make annual payments to the Office of the Ombudsman;

(g) Make an electronic transfer of money to a state agency
 pursuant to NRS 353.1467; or

30 [(d)] (h) Make an electronic transfer of money to the United 31 States Government, or any agency thereof, pursuant to any federal 32 law requiring transfers of money to be made by an electronic means 33 authorized by the United States Government or the agency thereof.

4. An association may use electronic signatures to withdrawmoney in the operating account of the association if:

(a) The electronic transfer of money is made pursuant to a
written agreement entered into between the association and the
financial institution where the operating account of the association is
maintained;

40 (b) The executive board has expressly authorized the electronic41 transfer of money; and

42 (c) The association has established internal accounting controls 43 which comply with generally accepted accounting principles to 44 safeguard the assets of the association.





As used in this section, "electronic transfer of money" has 1 5. 2 the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 353.1467.

Sec. 8. NRS 116A.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 116A.620 1. Any management agreement must: 5

(a) Be in writing and signed by all parties;

(b) Be entered into between the client and the community 6 7 manager or the employer of the community manager if the 8 community manager is acting on behalf of a corporation, 9 partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability partnership. limited-liability company or other entity; 10

(c) State the term of the management agreement;

12 (d) State the basic consideration for the services to be provided 13 and the payment schedule;

14 (e) Include a complete schedule of all fees, costs, expenses and charges to be imposed by the community manager, whether direct or 15 16 indirect, including, without limitation:

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(1) The costs for any new client or start-up costs;

18 (2) The fees for special or nonroutine services, such as the 19 mailing of collection letters, the recording of liens and foreclosing 20 of property;

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(3) Reimbursable expenses;

22 (4) The fees for the sale or resale of a unit or for setting up 23 the account of a new member: and

24 (5) The portion of fees that are to be retained by the client 25 and the portion to be retained by the community manager;

26 (f) State the identity and the legal status of the contracting 27 parties;

28 (g) State any limitations on the liability of each contracting 29 party;

(h) Include a statement of the scope of work of the community 30 31 manager;

32 (i) State the spending limits of the community manager;

33 (i) Include provisions relating to the grounds and procedures for termination of the community manager; 34

35 (k) Identify the types and amounts of insurance coverage to be 36 carried by each contracting party, including, without limitation:

37 (1) A requirement that the community manager or his or her 38 employer shall maintain insurance covering liability for errors or omissions, professional liability or a surety bond to compensate for 39 40 losses actionable pursuant to this chapter in an amount of 41 \$1,000,000 or more;

42 (2) An indication of which contracting party will maintain 43 fidelity bond coverage; and

44 (3) A statement as to whether the client will maintain 45 directors and officers liability coverage for the executive board;





1 (1) Include provisions for dispute resolution;

2 (m) Acknowledge that all records and books of the client are the 3 property of the client, except any proprietary information and 4 software belonging to the community manager;

5 (n) State the physical location, including the street address, of 6 the records of the client, which must be within 60 miles from the 7 physical location of the common-interest community;

8 (o) State the frequency and extent of regular inspections of the 9 common-interest community; and

10 (p) State the extent, if any, of the authority of the community 11 manager to sign checks on behalf of the client in an operating 12 account.

13 2. In addition to any other requirements under this section, a14 management agreement may:

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(a) Provide for mandatory binding arbitration; or

16 (b) Allow the provisions of the management agreement to apply 17 month to month following the end of the term of the management 18 agreement, but the management agreement may not contain an 19 automatic renewal provision.

3. Not later than 10 days after the effective date of a management agreement, the community manager shall provide each member of the executive board evidence of the existence of the required insurance, including, without limitation:

(a) The names and addresses of all insurance companies;

25 (b) The total amount of coverage; and

(c) The amount of any deductible.

4. After signing a management agreement, the community manager shall provide a copy of the management agreement to each member of the executive board. Within 30 days after an election or appointment of a new member to the executive board, the community manager shall provide the new member with a copy of the management agreement.

5. Any changes to a management agreement must be initialed by the contracting parties. If there are any changes after the execution of a management agreement, those changes must be in writing and signed by the contracting parties.

[Except] Until the regulations adopted by the Commission 37 6. 38 *pursuant to subsection 8 become effective, and except* as otherwise 39 provided in the management agreement, upon the termination or 40 assignment of a management agreement, the community manager shall, within 30 days after the termination or assignment, transfer 41 42 possession of all books, records and other papers of the client to the 43 succeeding community manager, or to the client if there is no 44 succeeding community manager, regardless of any unpaid fees or 45 charges to the community manager or management company.





7. Notwithstanding any provision in a management agreement to the contrary, a management agreement may be terminated by the client without penalty upon 30 days' notice following a violation by the community manager of any provision of this chapter or chapter 116 of NRS.

6 8. The Commission shall adopt regulations establishing the 7 requirements relating to the transfer of all books, records and 8 other papers of the client upon the termination or assignment of a 9 management agreement.

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Sec. 9. NRS 116A.620 is hereby amended to read as follows: 116A.620 1. Any management agreement must:

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(a) Be in writing and signed by all parties;

13 (b) Be entered into between the client and the community 14 manager or the employer of the community manager if the 15 community manager is acting on behalf of a corporation, 16 partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability partnership, 17 limited-liability company or other entity;

(c) State the term of the management agreement;

19 (d) State the basic consideration for the services to be provided 20 and the payment schedule;

(e) Include a complete schedule of all fees, costs, expenses and
 charges to be imposed by the community manager, whether direct or
 indirect, including, without limitation:

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(1) The costs for any new client or start-up costs;

25 (2) The fees for special or nonroutine services, such as the 26 mailing of collection letters, the recording of liens and foreclosing 27 of property;

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(3) Reimbursable expenses;

(4) The fees for the sale or resale of a unit or for setting upthe account of a new member; and

(5) The portion of fees that are to be retained by the clientand the portion to be retained by the community manager;

(f) State the identity and the legal status of the contractingparties;

35 (g) State any limitations on the liability of each contracting 36 party;

(h) Include a statement of the scope of work of the community
 manager;

39 (i) State the spending limits of the community manager;

40 (j) Include provisions relating to the grounds and procedures for 41 termination of the community manager;

42 (k) Identify the types and amounts of insurance coverage to be 43 carried by each contracting party, including, without limitation:

44 (1) A requirement that the community manager or his or her 45 employer shall maintain insurance covering liability for errors or





1 omissions, professional liability or a surety bond to compensate for 2 losses actionable pursuant to this chapter in an amount of 3 \$1,000,000 or more;

(2) An indication of which contracting party will maintain 4 5 fidelity bond coverage; and

6 (3) A statement as to whether the client will maintain 7 directors and officers liability coverage for the executive board;

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(1) Include provisions for dispute resolution; 9 (m) Acknowledge that all records and books of the client are the property of the client, except any proprietary information and 10 software belonging to the community manager; 11

12 (n) State the physical location, including the street address, of 13 the records of the client, which must be within 60 miles from the 14 physical location of the common-interest community;

15 (o) State the frequency and extent of regular inspections of the 16 common-interest community; and

17 (p) State the extent, if any, of the authority of the community manager to sign checks on behalf of the client in an operating 18 19 account.

20 2. In addition to any other requirements under this section, a 21 management agreement may:

22 (a) Provide for mandatory binding arbitration; or

23 (b) Allow the provisions of the management agreement to apply 24 month to month following the end of the term of the management 25 agreement, but the management agreement may not contain an 26 automatic renewal provision.

27 3. Not later than 10 days after the effective date of a 28 management agreement, the community manager shall provide each 29 member of the executive board evidence of the existence of the 30 required insurance, including, without limitation:

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(a) The names and addresses of all insurance companies; (b) The total amount of coverage; and

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(c) The amount of any deductible.

34 After signing a management agreement, the community 4. 35 manager shall provide a copy of the management agreement to each 36 member of the executive board. Within 30 days after an election or 37 appointment of a new member to the executive board, the 38 community manager shall provide the new member with a copy of 39 the management agreement.

40 Any changes to a management agreement must be initialed 5. by the contracting parties. If there are any changes after the 41 42 execution of a management agreement, those changes must be in 43 writing and signed by the contracting parties.

6. [Until the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant 44 45 to subsection 8 become effective, and except as otherwise provided





1 in the management agreement, upon the termination or assignment 2 of a management agreement, the community manager shall, within 3 30 days after the termination or assignment, transfer possession of 4 all books, records and other papers of the client to the succeeding 5 community manager, or to the client if there is no succeeding 6 community manager, regardless of any unpaid fees or charges to 7 the community manager or management company. -7.] Notwithstanding any provision in a management agreement 8

9 to the contrary, a management agreement may be terminated by the
10 client without penalty upon 30 days' notice following a violation by
11 the community manager of any provision of this chapter or chapter
12 116 of NRS.

13 [8.] 7. The Commission shall adopt regulations establishing 14 the requirements relating to the transfer of all books, records and 15 other papers of the client upon the termination or assignment of a 16 management agreement.

17 Sec. 9.2. NRS 116B.445 is hereby amended to read as follows: 18 116B.445 1. Not later than the termination of any period of 19 declarant's control, the units' owners shall elect an executive board 20 of at least three members. At least a majority of the members of the 21 executive board must be residential unit owners and at least one 22 member of the executive board must be a duly authorized 23 representative of the hotel unit owner. The executive board shall 24 elect the officers of the association. The members of the executive 25 board and the officers of the association shall take office upon 26 election.

27 2. The term of office of a member of the executive board may 28 not exceed 3 years, except for members who are appointed by the 29 declarant or the hotel unit owner. Unless the governing documents 30 provide otherwise, there is no limitation on the number of terms that 31 a person may serve as a member of the executive board.

32 3. The governing documents of the association must provide 33 for terms of office that are staggered in such a manner that, to the 34 extent possible, an equal number of members of the executive board 35 are elected at each election. The provisions of this subsection do not 36 apply to:

37 (a) Members of the executive board who are appointed by the 38 declarant;

(b) Members of the executive board who are appointed by thehotel unit owner; and

41 (c) Members of the executive board who serve a term of 1 year 42 or less.

43 4. Not less than 30 days before the preparation of a ballot for 44 the election of members of the executive board, the secretary or 45 other officer specified in the bylaws of the association shall cause





notice to be given to each unit's owner of his or her eligibility to
 serve as a member of the executive board. Each unit's owner who is
 qualified to serve as a member of the executive board may have his
 or her name placed on the ballot along with the names of the
 nominees selected by the members of the executive board or a
 nominating committee established by the association.

7 5. Each person whose name is placed on the ballot as a candidate for a member of the executive board must:

9 (a) Make a good faith effort to disclose any financial, business, 10 professional or personal relationship or interest that would result or 11 would appear to a reasonable person to result in a potential conflict 12 of interest for the candidate if the candidate were to be elected to 13 serve as a member of the executive board; and

14 (b) Disclose whether the candidate is a member in good 15 standing. For the purposes of this paragraph, a candidate shall not be 16 deemed to be in "good standing" if the candidate has any unpaid and 17 past due assessments or charges that are required to be paid to the 18 association.

19 \rightarrow The candidate must make all disclosures required pursuant to this 20 subsection in writing to the association with his or her candidacy 21 information. The association shall distribute the disclosures to each 22 member of the association with the ballot in the manner established 23 in the bylaws of the association.

6. Unless a person is appointed by the declarant, a person may not be a member of the executive board or an officer of the association if the person, the person's spouse or the person's parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, performs the duties of a community manager for that association.

29 7. An officer, employee, agent or director of a corporate owner of a unit, a trustee or designated beneficiary of a trust that owns a 30 31 unit, a partner of a partnership that owns a unit, a member or 32 manager of a limited-liability company that owns a unit, and a 33 fiduciary of an estate that owns a unit may be an officer of the association or a member of the executive board. In all events where 34 35 the person serving or offering to serve as an officer of the 36 association or a member of the executive board is not the record 37 owner, the person shall file proof in the records of the association 38 that:

(a) The person is associated with the corporate owner, trust,
 partnership, limited-liability company or estate as required by this
 subsection; and

42 (b) Identifies the unit or units owned by the corporate owner,43 trust, partnership, limited-liability company or estate.





1 8. [The] *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 116B.550, the* 2 election of any member of the executive board must be conducted 3 by secret [written] ballot as follows:

4 (a) The secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws of the 5 association shall cause a secret *paper or electronic* ballot *to be* 6 *provided to each unit's owner* and :

7 (1) If a paper ballot is provided, shall send the ballot and a 8 return envelope, [to be sent,] prepaid by United States mail, to the 9 mailing address of each unit within the condominium hotel or to any 10 other mailing address designated in writing by the unit's owner [..]; 11 or

12 (2) If an electronic ballot is provided, shall provide the 13 ballot or make the ballot available by electronic means to each 14 unit's owner.

(b) Each unit's owner must be provided with at least 15 days
after the date the secret [written] ballot is mailed , *provided or made available* to the unit's owner to return the secret [written] ballot to
the association [.] by physical or electronic means.

19 (c) A quorum is not required for the election of any member of 20 the executive board.

(d) Only the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the
association receives by physical or electronic means may be
counted to determine the outcome of the election.

24 (e) [The secret written ballots must be opened and counted at] At 25 a meeting of the association \square , the secret ballots physically 26 received by the association must be opened and counted and the 27 results of the secret ballots received by the association by 28 electronic means must be reviewed, announced and entered into 29 *the record.* A quorum is not required to be present when the secret 30 written] ballots are opened and counted or the results of the secret 31 ballots received by the association by electronic means are 32 *reviewed, announced and entered into the record* at the meeting.

33 (f) The incumbent members of the executive board and each 34 person whose name is placed on the ballot as a candidate for a 35 member of the executive board may not possess, be given access to 36 or participate in the opening or counting of the secret [written] 37 ballots that <u>[are returned to]</u> the association *physically receives*, or 38 the collection of data regarding the secret ballots that the association receives by electronic means, before those secret 39 40 written] ballots have been opened and counted or reviewed, 41 *announced and entered into the record, as applicable, at a meeting* 42 of the association.

43 9. Each member of the executive board shall, within 90 days44 after his or her appointment or election, certify in writing to the45 association, on a form prescribed by the Administrator, that the





1 member has read and understands the governing documents of the 2 association and the provisions of this chapter to the best of the 3 member's ability. The Administrator may require the association to 4 submit a copy of the certification of each member of the executive 5 board of that association at the time the association registers with 6 the Ombudsman pursuant to NRS 116B.625.

7 **Sec. 9.4.** NRS 116B.450 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8 116B.450 Notwithstanding 1. any provision of the declaration or bylaws to the contrary, any member of the executive 9 board, other than a member appointed by the declarant or elected by 10 the hotel unit owner, may be removed from the executive board, 11 12 with or without cause, if at a removal election held pursuant to this 13 section, the number of votes cast in favor of removal constitutes:

(a) At least 35 percent of the total number of voting members ofthe association; and

(b) At least a majority of all votes cast in that removal election.

17 2. A removal election may be called by units' owners 18 constituting at least 10 percent, or any lower percentage specified in 19 the bylaws, of the total number of voting members of the 20 association. To call a removal election, the units' owners must 21 submit a written petition which is signed by the required percentage 22 of the total number of voting members of the association pursuant to 23 this subsection and which is mailed, return receipt requested, or 24 served by a process server to the executive board or the community 25 manager for the association. If a removal election is called pursuant 26 to this subsection and the voting rights of the units' owners will be 27 exercised through the use of secret [written] ballots pursuant to this 28 section:

(a) The secret [written] ballots for the removal election must be
[sent] mailed, provided or made available in the manner required by
this section not less than 15 days or more than 60 days after the date
on which the petition is received . [; and]

33 (b) The executive board shall set the date for the meeting to 34 open and count the secret [written] ballots physically received by 35 the association and to review, announce and enter into the record 36 the results of the secret ballots received by the association by 37 *electronic means* so that the meeting is held not more than 15 days 38 after the deadline for returning the secret **written** ballots by 39 *physical or electronic means* and not later than 90 days after the 40 date on which the petition was received.

(c) Upon written request submitted to the community manager,
president or secretary of the association by a member of the
executive board who is the subject of the removal election, the
secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws of the association
shall cause notice of a meeting of the executive board to be given



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to the units' owners not later than 5 days after receipt of the 1 2 written request. The notice must include the date, time and 3 location of the meeting, as requested by the member of the executive board who is the subject of the removal election, and 4 5 identify the removal of the member from the executive board as an 6 agenda item listed for discussion. A meeting requested pursuant to this paragraph must occur before the date for the meeting set by 7 8 the executive board pursuant to paragraph (b).

9 3. [The] *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 116B.550, the* 10 removal of any member of the executive board must be conducted 11 by secret [written] ballot as follows:

(a) The secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws of the
association shall cause a secret *paper or electronic* ballot *to be provided to each unit's owner* and :

(1) If a paper ballot is provided, shall send the ballot and a
return envelope, [to be sent,] prepaid by United States mail, to the
mailing address of each unit within the condominium hotel or to any
other mailing address designated in writing by the unit's owner [.];
or

20 (2) If an electronic ballot is provided, shall provide the 21 ballot or make the ballot available by electronic means to each 22 unit's owner.

(b) Each unit's owner must be provided with at least 15 days
after the date the secret [written] ballot is mailed , *provided or made available* to the unit's owner to return the secret [written] ballot to
the association [.] by physical or electronic means.

27 (c) Only the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the 28 association *receives by physical or electronic means* may be 29 counted to determine the outcome.

30 (d) [The secret written ballots must be opened and counted at] At a meeting of the association [], the secret ballots physically 31 32 received by the association must be opened and counted and the 33 results of the secret ballots received by the association by electronic means must be reviewed, announced and entered into 34 35 *the record.* A quorum is not required to be present when the secret [written] ballots *physically received by the association* are opened 36 37 and counted or the results of the secret ballots received by the 38 association by electronic means are reviewed, announced and 39 *entered into the record* at the meeting.

(e) The incumbent members of the executive board, including,
without limitation, the member who is subject to the removal, may
not possess, be given access to or participate in the opening or
counting of the secret [written] ballots that [are returned to] the
association physically receives, or the collection of data regarding
the secret ballots that the association receives by electronic means,





1 before those secret [written] ballots have been opened and counted

*or reviewed, announced and entered into the record, as applicable,*at a meeting of the association.

4 Sec. 9.6. NRS 116B.550 is hereby amended to read as follows: 5 116B.550 Unless prohibited or limited by the declaration 1. or bylaws and except as otherwise provided in this section, the 6 7 units' owners may vote at a meeting in person, by absentee ballot pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 2, by a proxy pursuant to 8 9 subsections 3 to 8, inclusive, or, when a vote is conducted without a 10 meeting, by paper or electronic ballot pursuant to subsection 9.

11 2. At a meeting of the units' owners, the following 12 requirements apply:

(a) Units' owners who are present in person may vote by voice
vote, show of hands, standing or any other method for determining
the votes of the units' owners, as designated by the person presiding
at the meeting.

(b) If only one of several owners of a unit is present, that owner 17 18 is entitled to cast all the votes allocated to that unit. If more than one 19 of the owners are present, the votes allocated to that unit may be 20 cast only in accordance with the agreement of a majority in interest 21 of the owners, unless the declaration expressly provides otherwise. 22 There is majority agreement if any one of the owners cast the votes 23 allocated to the unit without protest being made promptly to the 24 person presiding over the meeting by any of the other owners of the 25 unit.

(c) Unless a greater number or fraction of the votes in the
association is required by this chapter or the declaration, a majority
of the votes cast determines the outcome of any action of the
association.

(d) Subject to the provisions of subsection 1, a unit's owner may
vote by absentee ballot without being present at the meeting. The
association promptly shall deliver an absentee ballot to a unit's
owner who requests it if the request is made at least 3 days before
the scheduled meeting. Votes cast by absentee ballot must be
included in the tally of a vote taken at that meeting.

(e) When a unit's owner votes by absentee ballot, the
association must be able to verify that the ballot is cast by the unit's
owner having the right to do so.

39 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, votes allocated 40 to a unit may be cast pursuant to a proxy executed by a unit's owner. 41 A unit's owner may give a proxy only to a member of his or her 42 immediate family, a tenant of the unit's owner who resides in the 43 condominium hotel, the hotel unit owner or another unit's owner 44 who resides in the condominium hotel. If a unit is owned by more 45 than one person, each owner of the unit may vote or register protest





to the casting of votes by the other owners of the unit through an
executed proxy. A unit's owner may revoke a proxy given pursuant
to this section only by actual notice of revocation to the person
presiding over a meeting of the association.

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4. Before a vote may be cast pursuant to a proxy:

- 6 (a) The proxy must be dated.7 (b) The proxy must not purpo
 - (b) The proxy must not purport to be revocable without notice.

8 (c) The proxy must designate the meeting for which it is 9 executed, and such a designation includes any recessed session of 10 the meeting.

(d) The proxy must designate each specific item on the agenda 11 12 of the meeting for which the unit's owner has executed the proxy, 13 except that the unit's owner may execute the proxy without 14 designating any specific items on the agenda of the meeting if the 15 proxy is to be used solely for determining whether a quorum is 16 present for the meeting. If the proxy designates one or more specific 17 items on the agenda of the meeting for which the unit's owner has executed the proxy, the proxy must indicate, for each specific item 18 19 designated in the proxy, whether the holder of the proxy must cast a 20 vote in the affirmative or the negative on behalf of the unit's owner. 21 If the proxy does not indicate whether the holder of the proxy must 22 cast a vote in the affirmative or the negative for a particular item on 23 the agenda of the meeting, the proxy must be treated, with regard to 24 that particular item, as if the unit's owner were present but not 25 voting on that particular item.

(e) The holder of the proxy must disclose at the beginning of the
meeting for which the proxy is executed and any recessed session of
that meeting the number of proxies pursuant to which the holder will
be casting votes.

5. A proxy terminates immediately after the conclusion of the meeting, and any recessed sessions of the meeting, for which it is executed.

6. A vote may not be cast pursuant to a proxy for the election or removal of a member of the executive board of an association.

7. The holder of a proxy may not cast a vote on behalf of the
unit's owner who executed the proxy in a manner that is contrary to
the proxy.

38 8. A proxy is void if the proxy or the holder of the proxy
39 violates any provision of subsections 3 to 7, inclusive.

40 9. [Unless prohibited or limited by the declaration or bylaws,

41 an] An association may conduct a vote without a meeting [. Except

42 as otherwise provided in NRS 116B.445 and 116B.450, if], 43 including, without limitation, a vote for the election or removal of

44 *a member of the executive board. If* an association conducts a vote

45 without a meeting, the following requirements apply:





1 (a) The association shall notify the units' owners that the vote 2 will be taken by ballot.

(b) The association shall deliver a paper or electronic ballot to 3 every unit's owner entitled to vote on the matter *H* and may allow 4 5 the units' owners to vote by using a voting machine. Any such voting machine must be a mechanical voting system that has been 6 approved by the Secretary of State in accordance with chapter 7 8 293B of NRS and, once voting begins, must be available for use 9 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day for a period of 15 consecutive days. 10

11 (c) The ballot must set forth each proposed action and provide 12 an opportunity to vote for or against the action.

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(d) When the association delivers the ballots, it shall also:

14 (1) Indicate the number of responses needed to meet the 15 quorum requirements;

16 (2) State the percentage of votes necessary to approve each
 17 matter other than election of directors;

18 (3) Specify the time and date by which a ballot must be 19 delivered to the association to be counted, which time and date may 20 not be fewer than 3 days after the date the association delivers the 21 ballot; and

(4) Describe the time, date and manner by which units'
owners wishing to deliver information to all units' owners regarding
the subject of the vote may do so.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in the declaration or bylaws, a
ballot is not revoked after delivery to the association by death or
disability of or attempted revocation by the person who cast that
vote.

(f) Approval by ballot pursuant to this subsection is valid only if
the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum
required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action.

(g) If the vote is for the election or removal of a member of the
 executive board and the association allows the use of electronic
 voting:

(1) Upon the request of a unit's owner, an association shall
 provide a form to the unit's owner that allows the unit's owner to
 opt out of receiving electronic ballots.

38 (2) If a unit's owner has not given the association an 39 electronic mail address or has opted out of using electronic ballots 40 by returning to the association the form provided pursuant to subparagraph (1) at any time not less than 5 days before the date 41 42 of the meeting when the votes will be counted, the association 43 shall send a paper ballot and a return envelope, prepaid by United 44 States mail, to the mailing address of the unit's owner or to any 45 other mailing address designated in writing by the unit's owner.





(3) If the association allows units' owners to vote by using a 1 2 voting machine, the association must provide to each unit's owner, 3 not less than 15 days before the date on which voting begins, a notice of the opportunity to vote by using a voting machine that 4 provides the location at which the voting machine will be available 5 6 for use and the days and times during which the voting machine 7 will be available for use. The association shall also provide with the notice a form that allows a unit's owner to opt out of voting by 8 9 using a voting machine and instead receive a paper ballot. If a unit's owner returns the form to the association within 15 days 10 11 after receiving the notice, the association shall send a paper ballot 12 and a return envelope, prepaid by United States mail, to the 13 mailing address of the unit's owner or to any other mailing 14 address designated in writing by the unit's owner.

(4) A meeting of the units' owners must be held in the 15 16 manner set forth in NRS 116B.445 or 116B.450 to open and count 17 the paper ballots and review and announce the results obtained 18 from the electronic ballots or voting machine, as applicable, and enter the results into the meeting record. Any paper ballots must 19 20 be opened and counted in a manner that may be readily observed 21 by the units' owners in attendance at the meeting and must not 22 occur privately behind closed doors or in an area that is not open 23 to observation by the units' owners in attendance.

24 (5) Any electronic voting must be conducted by an 25 independent third-party through the use of an online voting 26 system, a voting machine, or both an online voting system and a 27 voting machine. The independent third-party shall be deemed to be a data collector pursuant to NRS 603A.030 and is subject to the 28 29 obligations and liabilities of chapter 603A of NRS with regard to the security and privacy of any personal information, as that term 30 31 is defined in NRS 603A.040, that is provided or maintained 32 through the use of an online voting system or voting machine. The independent third-party conducting the electronic voting may not 33 be any of the following persons and may not share voting results 34 35 or information with any of the following persons before the 36 meeting held pursuant to subparagraph (4):

37 (I) A candidate for or member of the executive board or 38 an officer of the association;

39 (II) A person who resides in a unit with, is married to, is 40 domestic partners with, or is related by blood, adoption or 41 marriage within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to 42 another person who is a member of the executive board or an 43 officer of the association or performs the duties of a community 44 manager for the association;





(III) An officer, employee, agent or director of a 1 2 corporate owner of a unit, a trustee or designated beneficiary of a 3 trust that owns a unit, a partner of a partnership that owns a unit, a member or manager of a limited-liability company that owns a 4 5 unit or a fiduciary of an estate that owns a unit if the unit is also 6 owned by another person who is a member of the executive board 7 or an officer of the association or serves as the community 8 *manager for the association;*

9 (IV) A person who performs the duties of a community 10 manager for the association, an affiliate of the community 11 manager, an employee of the company by whom the 12 community manager is employed or an affiliate of the company, 13 the spouse of any such person or the parent or child of any such 14 person by blood, adoption or marriage;

15 (V) The declarant of the association or an affiliate of the 16 declarant;

(VI) A unit's owner or resident of the association; or

18 (VII) Any person who stands to gain any personal profit 19 or compensation of any kind from a matter before the executive 20 board of the association other than payment only for conducting 21 voting services for the association.

10. If the declaration requires that votes on specified matters affecting the condominium hotel must be cast by the lessees of leased units rather than the units' owners who have leased the units:

(a) This section applies to the lessees as if they were the units'owners;

(b) The units' owners who have leased their units to the lesseesmay not cast votes on those specified matters;

29 (c) The lessees are entitled to notice of meetings, access to 30 records and other rights respecting those matters as if they were the 31 units' owners; and

32 (d) The units' owners must be given notice, in the manner 33 provided in this chapter, of all meetings at which the lessees are 34 entitled to vote.

35 11. If any votes are allocated to a unit that is owned by the 36 association, those votes may not be cast, by proxy or otherwise, for 37 any purpose.

12. As used in this section, "online voting system" means an *Internet-based voting system with a process that has the ability:*(a) To authenticate:

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(1) The identity of a unit's owner; and

42 (2) The validity of each electronic vote to ensure that the 43 vote is not altered in transit;





1 (b) To enable a unit's owner to transmit an electronic ballot to 2 the online voting system in a way that ensures the secrecy and 3 integrity of the ballot;

4 (c) To transmit an electronic receipt to each unit's owner who 5 casts an electronic vote;

6 (d) To separate any authenticating or identifying information 7 from an electronic ballot, thereby rendering it impossible to match 8 an electronic ballot to a specific unit's owner;

9 (e) To store electronic votes and keep them accessible to units' 10 owners and the Office of the Ombudsman for the purposes of 11 recounts, inspections and reviews;

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(f) To count all lawful votes; and

13 (g) To identify, reject and record the basis for rejection of all 14 unlawful votes, including, without limitation, a vote by a unit's 15 owner whose voting rights have been suspended, a vote by a 16 person who is not a unit's owner and duplicate votes.

Sec. 9.8. NRS 116B.615 is hereby amended to read as follows: 116B.615 *I*. Money in the reserve account of an association required by NRS 116B.590 may not be withdrawn without the signatures of at least two members of the executive board or the signatures of at least one member of the executive board and one officer of the association who is not a member of the executive board.

24 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, money in the 25 operating account of an association may not be withdrawn without 26 the signatures of at least one member of the executive board or 27 one officer of the association and a member of the executive 28 board, an officer of the association or the community manager.

3. Money in the operating account of an association may be
withdrawn without the signatures required pursuant to subsection
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(a) Transfer money to the reserve account of the association at
 regular intervals;

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(b) Make automatic payments for utilities;

(c) Make automatic payments for the cost of any insurance
 policies maintained pursuant to NRS 116.3113;

37 (d) Make automatic payments for telecommunications services
38 maintained by the association, including, without limitation,
39 telephone, cable, satellite and Internet services;

40 (e) Make automatic payments for any services to the 41 association that are billed on a monthly basis;

42 (f) Make annual payments to the Office of the Ombudsman;

43 (g) Make an electronic transfer of money to a state agency 44 pursuant to NRS 353.1467; or





(h) Make an electronic transfer of money to the United States
Government, or any agency thereof, pursuant to any federal law
requiring transfers of money to be made by an electronic means
authorized by the United States Government or the agency thereof.
An association may use electronic signatures to withdraw

6 money in the operating account of the association if:

7 (a) The electronic transfer of money is made pursuant to a 8 written agreement entered into between the association and the 9 financial institution where the operating account of the 10 association is maintained;

11 (b) The executive board has expressly authorized the electronic 12 transfer of money; and

13 (c) The association has established internal accounting 14 controls which comply with generally accepted accounting 15 principles to safeguard the assets of the association.

16 5. As used in this section, "electronic transfer of money" has 17 the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 353.1467.

18 Sec. 10. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and 19 approval.

20 2. Section 8 of this act becomes effective:

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

25 (b) On October 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

3. Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, and 9.2 to 9.8, inclusive, of this act become effective on October 1, 2021.

28 4. Section 9 of this act becomes effective on the effective date 29 of the regulations adopted by the Commission for Common-Interest 30 Communities and Condominium Hotels establishing the requirements relating to the transfer of all books, records and other 31 32 papers of a client upon the termination or assignment of a 33 management agreement pursuant to that section.

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