

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RENO)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises the Charter of the City of Reno.  
(BDR S-448)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to the City of Reno; revising provisions relating to appointive officers and employees; creating a sixth ward for the City; requiring that a candidate for Council Member be voted upon in a special or general election only by the registered voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent; removing the Mayor from the City Council; authorizing the Mayor to veto, under certain circumstances, matters passed by the City Council; revising provisions relating to interactions between the City Council and employees; eliminating the office of the Council Member who represents the City at large; requiring the City Council to adopt an ordinance requiring the Mayor and Council Members to submit reports of campaign contributions in certain years; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 The existing Charter of the City of Reno specifies the persons within the City  
2 government who are considered appointive officers and also describes appointive  
3 employees of the City who: (1) are not appointive officers but regularly assist an  
4 appointive officer; (2) have duties that consist of administrative work directly  
5 related to management policies; and (3) have positions that require them  
6 customarily to exercise discretion and independent judgment. (Reno City Charter  
7 §§ 1.012, 1.090) The existing Charter of the City of Reno also authorizes the City  
8 Manager to appoint such staff as necessary for the functioning of the office,



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9 including specified appointive employees. (Reno City Charter § 3.020) **Section 1** of  
10 this bill clarifies the definition of “appointive employee.” **Section 6** of this bill  
11 authorizes the City Manager to appoint such staff as necessary for the functioning  
12 of the City, subject to certain limitations on the number of appointive offices and  
13 positions.

14 The existing Charter of the City of Reno prohibits the Mayor or any Council  
15 Member from dictating the appointment, suspension or removal of any appointive  
16 employee. The existing Charter also prohibits the City Council or its members from  
17 dealing directly with an appointive employee, instead of the City Manager, on  
18 matters pertaining to City business, except for the purpose of inquiry. (Reno City  
19 Charter § 3.140) **Section 7** of this bill prohibits the Mayor or a Council Member  
20 from dictating the appointment, suspension or removal of any employee unless  
21 specifically authorized in the Charter. **Section 7** also removes the exception  
22 authorizing the City Council or its members to deal directly with an employee for  
23 the purpose of inquiry and instead: (1) requires the City Council to deal directly  
24 with the City Manager; and (2) prohibits the City Council from giving any order to  
25 any subordinate to the City Manager.

26 Existing law requires candidates for public office to report campaign  
27 contributions. Five reports are required during the calendar year in which the office  
28 is up for election, and one report is required during each year in which the office is  
29 not up for election. (NRS 294A.120) **Section 8** of this bill requires the City Council  
30 of the City of Reno to adopt an ordinance requiring the Mayor and each Council  
31 Member to report the campaign contributions received during every year other than  
32 the year in which the general election for that office is held. These reports are in  
33 addition to the existing reports required of candidates for public office.

34 The existing Charter of the City of Reno divides the City into five wards, each  
35 of which is represented on the City Council by a Council Member. A sixth Council  
36 Member represents the City at large. (Reno City Charter §§ 1.050, 2.010) The  
37 existing Charter of the City of Reno also provides that the candidates for Council  
38 Member to represent a particular ward must be voted on in a primary election only  
39 by the registered voters of that ward and, in a general election, must be elected by  
40 the registered voters of the City at large. (Reno City Charter §§ 5.010, 5.020)

41 **Sections 9 and 11** of this bill amend the Charter of the City of Reno to provide  
42 that all candidates for Council Member to represent a particular ward must be  
43 elected in a general election only by the registered voters of that ward. **Section 2** of  
44 this bill increases the number of wards in the City of Reno to six. **Section 10** of this  
45 bill replaces the office of Council Member at large with the office of Council  
46 Member to represent the newly created sixth ward, and **sections 4, 5 and 12** of this  
47 bill provide conforming changes to account for that replacement. **Section 13** of this  
48 bill requires the City Council to establish the boundaries of the sixth ward, and alter  
49 the boundaries of the first through fifth wards accordingly, after the completion of  
50 the 2020 federal decennial census and before January 1, 2024. Under **sections 14**  
51 **and 15** of this bill, the Council Member who represents the sixth ward will first be  
52 elected at the 2024 general election. **Section 14** also provides that Council  
53 Members representing wards one through five who are in office on January 1, 2024,  
54 will continue to represent those wards notwithstanding the altered boundaries for  
55 the remainders of their terms and that the Council Member who represents the City  
56 at large, who was last elected at the 2020 general election, will continue to  
57 represent the City at large for the remainder of his or her term.

58 Existing law requires that a vacancy in the office of a Council Member be filled  
59 by appointment by a majority vote of the City Council unless the City Council calls  
60 a special election to fill the vacancy. **Section 3** of this bill provides that if a special  
61 election is held to fill the vacancy in the office of Council Member who represents  
62 a ward, only registered voters of that ward may vote at the special election.



63 Existing law provides that the legislative power of the City is vested in the City  
64 Council consisting of six Council Members and a Mayor. (Reno City Charter §  
65 2.010) Effective October 1, 2017: (1) **section 4.5** of this bill removes the Mayor  
66 from the City Council; and (2) **section 5.5** of this bill authorizes the Mayor, under  
67 certain circumstances, to veto matters passed by the City Council.

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 1.012 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
2 being chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, as amended by chapter  
3 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 766, is hereby amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 1.012 “Appointive employee” defined.  
6 “Appointive employee” means a person *described in*  
7 *subsection 5 of section 1.090* who is appointed to an  
8 appointive position established by ordinance pursuant to  
9 subsection 4 of section 1.090 . ~~for a position described in~~  
10 ~~subsection 5 of section 1.090.~~

11 **Sec. 2.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
12 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
13 327, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1365, is hereby amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 1.050 Wards: Creation; boundaries.

16 1. The City must be divided into ~~five~~ *six* wards, which  
17 must be as nearly equal in population as can be conveniently  
18 provided. The territory comprising each ward must be  
19 contiguous, except that if any territory of the City which is  
20 not contiguous to the remainder of the City does not contain  
21 sufficient population to constitute a separate ward, it may be  
22 placed in any ward of the City.

23 2. The boundaries of the wards must be established and  
24 changed by ordinance, passed by a vote of at least five-  
25 sevenths of the City Council. The boundaries of the wards:

26 (a) Must be changed whenever the population, as  
27 determined by the last preceding national census of the  
28 Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of  
29 Commerce, in any ward exceeds the population in any other  
30 ward by more than 5 percent.

31 (b) May be changed to include territory that has been  
32 annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the  
33 population in another ward by more than 5 percent by any  
34 measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.



1       **Sec. 3.** Section 1.070 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
2 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
3 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 767, is hereby amended to  
4 read as follows:

5               Sec. 1.070 Elective offices: Vacancies.

6               1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
7 vacancy in the City Council or in the office of City Attorney  
8 or Municipal Judge must be filled by a majority vote of the  
9 members of the City Council within 30 days after the  
10 occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a  
11 prospective vacancy in the City Council before the vacancy  
12 occurs. In filling a prospective vacancy, each member of the  
13 Council, except any member whose term of office expires  
14 before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any  
15 action taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The  
16 appointee must have the same qualifications as are required  
17 of the elective official. The appointee shall serve until the  
18 next general municipal election and until his or her successor  
19 is elected and qualified.

20              2. If a prospective vacancy or vacancy occurs in ~~an~~ *the*  
21 office of *a* City Council ~~H~~ *Member*, in lieu of appointment,  
22 the City Council may, by resolution, declare a special election  
23 to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.  
24 The resolution declaring a special election must be adopted  
25 within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy and must  
26 state the date set by the City Council for the special election.  
27 In the case of a prospective vacancy, the Council may adopt  
28 the resolution before the vacancy occurs, but the special  
29 election may not be held until after the vacancy occurs. The  
30 special election must be conducted in accordance with the  
31 provisions of the resolution declaring the special election and  
32 section 5.030 of this Charter. A person elected to fill a  
33 vacancy at a special election must have the same  
34 qualifications as are required of the elected official.

35              3. *A candidate at a special election to fill a vacancy in*  
36 *the office of a City Council Member who represents a ward*  
37 *must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that*  
38 *the candidate seeks to represent.*

39       **Sec. 4.** Section 1.070 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
40 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
41 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 767, is hereby amended to  
42 read as follows:

43               Sec. 1.070 Elective offices: Vacancies.

44              1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
45 vacancy in the City Council or in the office of City Attorney



1 or Municipal Judge must be filled by a majority vote of the  
2 members of the City Council within 30 days after the  
3 occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a  
4 prospective vacancy in the City Council before the vacancy  
5 occurs. In filling a prospective vacancy, each member of the  
6 Council, except any member whose term of office expires  
7 before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any  
8 action taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The  
9 appointee must have the same qualifications as are required  
10 of the elective official. The appointee shall serve until the  
11 next general municipal election and until his or her successor  
12 is elected and qualified.

13 2. If a prospective vacancy or vacancy occurs in the  
14 office of a City Council Member, in lieu of appointment, the  
15 City Council may, by resolution, declare a special election to  
16 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The  
17 resolution declaring a special election must be adopted within  
18 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy and must state  
19 the date set by the City Council for the special election. In the  
20 case of a prospective vacancy, the Council may adopt the  
21 resolution before the vacancy occurs, but the special election  
22 may not be held until after the vacancy occurs. The special  
23 election must be conducted in accordance with the provisions  
24 of the resolution declaring the special election and section  
25 5.030 of this Charter. A person elected to fill a vacancy at a  
26 special election must have the same qualifications as are  
27 required of the elected official.

28 3. A candidate at a special election to fill a vacancy in  
29 the office of a City Council Member ~~{who represents a ward}~~  
30 must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that  
31 the candidate seeks to represent.

32 **Sec. 4.5.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
33 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
34 chapter 327, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1366, is hereby  
35 amended to read as follows:

36 Sec. 2.010 ~~{Mayor and}~~ City Council: Qualifications;  
37 election; term of office; salary.

38 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City  
39 Council consisting of six Council Members. ~~{and a Mayor.}~~

40 2. The ~~{Mayor and}~~ Council Members must be qualified  
41 electors within the City. Each Council Member elected from a  
42 ward must continue to live in that ward for as long as he or  
43 she represents the ward.

44 3. ~~{The Mayor and one}~~ **One** Council Member  
45 ~~{represent}~~ **represents** the City at large and one Council



1 Member represents each ward. The ~~{Mayor and}~~ Council  
2 Members serve for terms of 4 years.

3 4. The ~~{Mayor and}~~ Council Members are entitled to  
4 receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.

5 **Sec. 5.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
6 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
7 327, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1366, is hereby amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term  
10 of office; salary.

11 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City  
12 Council consisting of six Council Members.

13 2. The Council Members must be qualified electors  
14 within the City. Each Council Member elected from a ward  
15 must continue to live in that ward for as long as he or she  
16 represents the ward.

17 3. ~~{One Council Member represents the City at large and~~  
18 ~~one}~~ **One** Council Member represents each ward. The  
19 Council Members serve for terms of 4 years.

20 4. The Council Members are entitled to receive a salary  
21 in an amount fixed by the City Council.

22 **Sec. 5.5.** Section 3.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
23 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
24 chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1824, is hereby  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 3.010 Mayor: ~~{Duties;}~~ *Qualifications; term of*  
27 *office; duties; salary;* Vice Mayor.

28 1. *The Mayor shall:*

29 (a) *Be a qualified elector within the City.*

30 (b) *Serve a term of 4 years.*

31 2. The Mayor:

32 (a) Shall ~~{serve as a member of the City Council and}~~  
33 ~~{preside over}~~ ~~{the}~~ meetings ~~{of the City Council, but he~~  
34 ~~or she is not entitled to vote on any matter before the~~  
35 ~~Council.~~

36 (b) *May veto any matter passed by the City Council if he*  
37 *or she gives notice in writing to the City Clerk within 10*  
38 *days after the action taken by the City Council. A veto may*  
39 *be overturned only by a vote of at least five-sixths of the City*  
40 *Council.*

41 (c) Shall not have any administrative duties.

42 ~~{(e)}~~ (d) Must be recognized as the head of the City  
43 Government for all ceremonial purposes.

44 ~~{(d)}~~ (e) Shall determine the order of business at  
45 meetings pursuant to the rules of the City Council.



~~(e) Is entitled to vote and shall vote last on all roll call votes.~~

(f) Shall take all proper measures for the preservation of the public peace and order and for the suppression of riots and all forms of public disturbance, for which he or she is authorized to appoint extra police officers temporarily and without regard to Civil Service rules and regulations, and to call upon the County Sheriff or, if that force is inadequate, to call upon the Governor for assistance.

(g) Shall perform such other duties, except administrative duties, as are prescribed by ordinance or by the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes which apply to a mayor of a city organized pursuant to the provisions of a special charter.

~~2-~~ *(h) Is entitled to receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.*

3. At the first regular City Council meeting in November of each year or whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice Mayor, the City Council shall elect one of the Council Members to be Vice Mayor. That person:

(a) Holds that office and title, without additional compensation, for a term of 1 year or until removed after a hearing for cause by a vote of six-sevenths of the City Council or the office otherwise becomes vacant.

(b) Shall perform the duties of Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor.

(c) Shall act as Mayor if the office of Mayor becomes vacant until the vacancy is filled pursuant to section 1.070 of this Charter.

**Sec. 6.** Section 3.020 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 771, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.020 City Manager: Duties; compensation; residency; vacancy.

1. The City Manager is the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the City Government. He or she is responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City. The duties and salary of the City Manager must be fixed by the City Council and he or she is entitled to be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the City Manager must actually, as opposed to constructively, reside in the State. A person who is appointed as City Manager by the City Council must become an actual resident



1 of the State not later than 6 months after the date of his or her  
2 appointment.

3 3. Any vacancy in the City Manager position must be  
4 filled by the City Council not later than 6 months after the  
5 vacancy occurs.

6 4. ~~The~~ *Subject to the provisions of section 1.090, the*  
7 City Manager may appoint such staff as he or she deems  
8 necessary for the proper functioning of ~~this or her office,~~  
9 ~~including, without limitation:~~

10 ~~—(a) A Chief of Staff, who is an appointive officer and not~~  
11 ~~subject to the provisions of article IX of this Charter.~~

12 ~~—(b) One or more Assistant City Managers, who are~~  
13 ~~appointive officers and not subject to the provisions of article~~  
14 ~~IX of this Charter.~~

15 ~~—(c) An Executive Assistant, who is an appointive officer~~  
16 ~~and not subject to the provisions of article IX of this Charter.~~

17 ~~—(d) Clerical and office support staff, who are subject to~~  
18 ~~the provisions of article IX of this Charter.] the City.~~

19 5. The City Manager may designate an acting City  
20 Manager to serve in his or her absence or, if he or she fails to  
21 do so, the City Council may appoint an acting City Manager.

22 6. No member of the City Council may be appointed as  
23 City Manager during the term for which he or she was  
24 elected, or for 1 year thereafter.

25 7. The City Manager shall appoint all officers and  
26 employees of the City and may remove any officer or  
27 employee of the City except as otherwise provided in this  
28 Charter. The City Manager may authorize the head of a  
29 department or office to appoint or remove his or her  
30 subordinates.

31 **Sec. 7.** Section 3.140 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
32 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
33 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 773, is hereby amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 Sec. 3.140 Interference and direction by City Council.

36 1. ~~The~~ *Except as specifically authorized in this*  
37 *Charter, the* Mayor or Council Members shall not dictate the  
38 appointment, suspension or removal of any ~~appointive~~  
39 employee. No person covered by the rules and regulations of  
40 the Commission may be appointed, suspended or removed  
41 except as provided in those rules and regulations.

42 2. Any action directed by the City Council in a public  
43 meeting shall be deemed to be direction to the City Manager  
44 and not to any subordinate of the City Manager. The City  
45 Council ~~or~~ *and* its members shall ~~not~~:





1 ~~—(a) Deal~~ *deal* directly with ~~[an appointive employee on a~~  
2 ~~matter pertaining to City business, except for the purpose of~~  
3 ~~inquiry, but shall deal through]~~ the City Manager ~~† or~~

4 ~~—(b) Give~~ *and shall not give* any order, publicly or  
5 privately, to any subordinate of the City Manager.

6 **Sec. 8.** The Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662,  
7 Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1962, is hereby amended by  
8 adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 5.120  
9 immediately following section 5.110, to read as follows:

10 *Sec. 5.120 Reports of Campaign Contributions.*

11 *1. The City Council shall adopt an ordinance requiring*  
12 *the Mayor and each member of the City Council to report*  
13 *contributions received during every year other than the year*  
14 *in which the general election for that office is held.*

15 *2. The reports required by an ordinance adopted*  
16 *pursuant to subsection 1 must be in addition to the reports*  
17 *required by chapter 294A of NRS.*

18 *3. As used in this section, “contribution” has the*  
19 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 294A.007.*

20 **Sec. 9.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
21 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
22 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1828, is hereby amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 **Sec. 5.010** General elections.

25 1. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
26 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each  
27 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected ~~[by the~~  
28 ~~qualified voters of the City,]~~ at the general election, a  
29 Municipal Judge, who holds office for a term of 6 years and  
30 until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

31 2. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
32 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each  
33 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected ~~[by the~~  
34 ~~qualified voters of the City,]~~ at the general election, a Mayor,  
35 Council Members from the second and fourth wards, and a  
36 City Attorney, all of whom hold office for a term of 4 years  
37 and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

38 3. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
39 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each  
40 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected ~~[by the~~  
41 ~~qualified voters of the City,]~~ at the general election, one or  
42 more Municipal Judges, other than the Municipal Judge  
43 referred to in subsection 1, all of whom hold office for a term  
44 of 6 years and until their successors have been elected and  
45 qualified.



1           4. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
2 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each  
3 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected ~~by the~~  
4 ~~qualified voters of the City,~~ at the general election, Council  
5 Members from the first, third and fifth wards and one Council  
6 Member at large, all of whom hold office for a term of 4  
7 years and until their successors have been elected and  
8 qualified.

9           **5. In the general election:**

10           **(a) A candidate for the office of Council Member who**  
11 **represents a ward must be elected only by the registered**  
12 **voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent.**

13           **(b) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, Municipal**  
14 **Judge, City Attorney and Council Member at large must be**  
15 **elected by the registered voters of the city at large.**

16       **Sec. 10.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
17 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
18 chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1828, is hereby  
19 amended to read as follows:

20           Sec. 5.010 General elections.

21           1. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
22 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each  
23 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the  
24 general election, a Municipal Judge, who holds office for a  
25 term of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected  
26 and qualified.

27           2. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
28 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each  
29 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the  
30 general election, a Mayor, Council Members from the second  
31 and fourth wards, and a City Attorney, all of whom hold  
32 office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have  
33 been elected and qualified.

34           3. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
35 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each  
36 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the  
37 general election, one or more Municipal Judges, other than  
38 the Municipal Judge referred to in subsection 1, all of whom  
39 hold office for a term of 6 years and until their successors  
40 have been elected and qualified.

41           4. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for  
42 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each  
43 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the  
44 general election, Council Members from the first, third and  
45 fifth wards ~~and one Council Member at large,~~ all of whom



1 hold office for a term of 4 years and until their successors  
2 have been elected and qualified.

3 5. *On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for*  
4 *the statewide general election in November 2024, and at*  
5 *each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at*  
6 *the general election a Council Member from the sixth ward,*  
7 *who holds office for a term of 4 years and until his or her*  
8 *successor has been elected and qualified.*

9 6. In the general election:

10 (a) A candidate for the office of Council Member ~~{who~~  
11 ~~represents a ward}~~ must be elected only by the registered  
12 voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent.

13 (b) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, Municipal Judge  
14 ~~{,}~~ and City Attorney ~~{and Council Member at large}~~ must be  
15 elected by the registered voters of the city at large.

16 **Sec. 11.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
17 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
18 chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1829, is hereby  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 5.020 Primary elections; declaration of candidacy.

21 1. A candidate for any office to be voted for at an  
22 election must file a declaration of candidacy with the City  
23 Clerk. All filing fees collected by the City Clerk must be  
24 deposited to the credit of the General Fund of the City.

25 2. If for any general election, there are three or more  
26 candidates for any office to be filled at that election, a  
27 primary election for any such office must be held on the date  
28 fixed by the election laws of the State for statewide elections,  
29 at which time there must be nominated candidates for the  
30 office to be voted for at the next general election. If for any  
31 general election there are two or fewer candidates for any  
32 office to be filled at that election, their names must not be  
33 placed on the ballot for the primary election but must be  
34 placed on the ballot for the general election. The general  
35 election must be held on the date fixed by the election laws of  
36 the State for the statewide general election.

37 3. In the primary election:

38 (a) The names of the two candidates for Municipal Judge,  
39 City Attorney or a particular City Council seat, as the case  
40 may be, who receive the highest number of votes must be  
41 placed on the ballot for the general election.

42 (b) Candidates for Council Member who represent a  
43 specific ward must be voted upon only by the registered  
44 voters of that ward.



1 (c) Candidates for Mayor , *Municipal Judge, City*  
2 *Attorney* and Council Member at large must be voted upon by  
3 all registered voters of the City.

4 ~~{4. The Mayor and all Council Members must be voted~~  
5 ~~upon by all registered voters of the City at the general~~  
6 ~~election.}~~

7 **Sec. 12.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
8 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
9 chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1829, is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 5.020 Primary elections; declaration of candidacy.

12 1. A candidate for any office to be voted for at an  
13 election must file a declaration of candidacy with the City  
14 Clerk. All filing fees collected by the City Clerk must be  
15 deposited to the credit of the General Fund of the City.

16 2. If for any general election, there are three or more  
17 candidates for any office to be filled at that election, a  
18 primary election for any such office must be held on the date  
19 fixed by the election laws of the State for statewide elections,  
20 at which time there must be nominated candidates for the  
21 office to be voted for at the next general election. If for any  
22 general election there are two or fewer candidates for any  
23 office to be filled at that election, their names must not be  
24 placed on the ballot for the primary election but must be  
25 placed on the ballot for the general election. The general  
26 election must be held on the date fixed by the election laws of  
27 the State for the statewide general election.

28 3. In the primary election:

29 (a) The names of the two candidates for Municipal Judge,  
30 City Attorney or a particular City Council seat, as the case  
31 may be, who receive the highest number of votes must be  
32 placed on the ballot for the general election.

33 (b) Candidates for Council Member who represent a  
34 specific ward must be voted upon only by the registered  
35 voters of ~~{that}~~ *the* ward ~~{}~~ *that the candidate seeks to*  
36 *represent.*

37 (c) Candidates for Mayor, Municipal Judge ~~{}~~ *and* City  
38 Attorney ~~{and Council Member at large}~~ must be voted upon  
39 by all registered voters of the City.

40 **Sec. 13.** After the completion of the 2020 decennial census of  
41 the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of  
42 Commerce, and before January 1, 2024, the City Council of the City  
43 of Reno shall establish the boundaries of the additional ward created  
44 by the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of  
45 Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act, which must be designated



1 the sixth ward, and change the boundaries of the first through fifth  
2 wards to comply with the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter  
3 of the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act.

4 **Sec. 14.** Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2.010 and  
5 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by sections 5  
6 and 10 of this act:

7 1. A Council Member of the City or Reno who holds office on  
8 January 1, 2024:

9 (a) If elected or appointed to represent a ward, shall continue to  
10 represent that ward for the remainder of his or her term of office.

11 (b) If elected or appointed to represent the City at large, shall  
12 continue to represent the City at large for the remainder of his or her  
13 term of office.

14 2. The sixth ward created by the provisions of section 1.050 of  
15 the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act,  
16 must be filled initially at the general election held on the date fixed  
17 by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election in  
18 November 2024 and shall not be deemed to be vacant before that  
19 time.

20 **Sec. 15.** 1. This section and sections 1, 3, 6 to 9, inclusive,  
21 11 and 13 of this act become effective on July 1, 2017.

22 2. Sections 2, 4, 5, 10, 12 and 14 of this act become effective:

23 (a) On July 1, 2017, for the purpose of passing ordinances,  
24 establishing the boundaries of the additional ward created by the  
25 provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as  
26 amended by section 2 of this act, changing the boundaries of the  
27 first through fifth wards to comply with the provisions of section  
28 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of  
29 this act, and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks  
30 that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

31 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

32 3. Sections 4.5 and 5.5 of this act become effective on  
33 October 1, 2017.







