ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 416-COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the dates for certain city elections. (BDR 24-1081)

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

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; revising provisions governing the dates for certain city elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the governing body of a city incorporated pursuant to general law to choose by ordinance whether to: (1) hold city elections on the statewide election cycle; or (2) hold a primary city election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April and hold a general city election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of odd-numbered years. (NRS 293C.115, 293C.140, 293C.145, 293C.175) Sections 4-7 of this bill require that cities be on the statewide election cycle as of the year 2018. Sections 3 and 6-14 of this bill amend various other dates relating to city elections, such as the date for filing declarations of candidacy. Section 38 of this bill provides that officials of affected cities who are elected in 2015 will hold office until the city elections held in 2018, and that officials of such cities who are elected in 2017 will hold office until the city elections are held in 2020.

Certain cities that are created by charters hold general municipal elections in June of odd-numbered years (Boulder City, Caliente, Henderson, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Yerington). Sections 15-37 and 40 of this bill amend the charter of each of those cities to require that the cities hold primary and general city elections on the same dates as the statewide primary and general elections. The terms of office of officials of such cities who were elected in 2013 or who will be elected in 2015, and the terms of office of municipal judges who were elected to 6-year terms in 2011 or will be elected in 2015, will be extended by 1 year to allow for the transition to the statewide election cycle.





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

Section 1. NRS 293.059 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.059 "General city election" means an election held pursuant to NRS [293C.115,] 293C.140 or 293C.145. The term includes a general municipal election held pursuant to the provisions of a special charter of an incorporated city.

Sec. 2. NRS 293.079 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.079 "Primary city election" means an election held pursuant to NRS [293C.115 or] 293C.175. The term includes a primary municipal election held pursuant to the provisions of a special charter of an incorporated city.

Sec. 3. NRS 293B.354 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293B.354 1. The county clerk shall, not later than April 15 of each year in which a general election is held, submit to the Secretary of State for approval a written plan for the accommodation of members of the general public who observe the delivery, counting, handling and processing of ballots at a polling place, receiving center or central counting place.
- 2. The city clerk shall, not later than [January 1] April 15 of each year in which a general city election is held, submit to the Secretary of State for approval a written plan for the accommodation of members of the general public who observe the delivery, counting, handling and processing of the ballots at a polling place, receiving center or central counting place.
 - 3. Each plan must include:
- (a) The location of the central counting place and of each polling place and receiving center;
- (b) A procedure for the establishment of areas within each polling place and receiving center and the central counting place from which members of the general public may observe the activities set forth in subsections 1 and 2;
- (c) The requirements concerning the conduct of the members of the general public who observe the activities set forth in subsections 1 and 2; and
- (d) Any other provisions relating to the accommodation of members of the general public who observe the activities set forth in subsections 1 and 2 which the county or city clerk considers appropriate.
 - Sec. 4. NRS 293C.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.115 [1.] The governing body of a city incorporated pursuant to general law [may] shall by ordinance provide for a primary city election and a general city election on [:





(a) The dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS; or

(b) The dates set forth for primary city elections and general city elections pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

[2. If a governing body of a city adopts an ordinance pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165, and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for purposes of conducting the primary city elections and general city elections of the city.

— 3. If a governing body of a city adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 1:

— (a) The term of office of any elected city official may not be shortened as a result of the ordinance; and

— (b) Each elected city official holds office until the end of his or her term and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.]

Sec. 5. NRS 293C.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.140 1. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, a] A general city election must be held in each city of population categories one and two on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in [June] November of the first [odd-numbered] evennumbered year after incorporation, and [on the same day every] at each successive interval of 2 years, [thereafter as determined by law, ordinance or resolution,] at which time there must be elected the elective city officers, the offices of which are required next to be filled by election. All candidates, except as otherwise provided in NRS 266.220, at the general city election must be voted upon by the electors of the city at large.

2. [Unless the terms of office of city council members are extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115, the] The terms of office are 4 years, which terms must be staggered. The council members elected to office immediately after incorporation shall decide, by lot, among themselves which of their offices expire at the next general city election, and thereafter the terms of office must be 4 years. [unless the terms are extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115.]

Sec. 6. NRS 293C.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.145 1. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, a] A general city election must be held in each city of population category three on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in [June] November of the first [odd numbered] even-numbered year after incorporation, and [on the same day every] at each successive interval of 2 years. [thereafter, as determined by ordinance.]





- 2. There must be one mayor and three or five council members, as the city council shall provide by ordinance, for each city of population category three. [Unless the terms of office of the mayor and the council members are extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115, the] *The* terms of office of the mayor and the council members are 4 years, which terms must be staggered. The mayor and council members elected to office immediately after incorporation shall decide, by lot, among themselves which two of their offices expire at the next general city election, and thereafter the terms of office must be 4 years. [unless the terms are extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115.] If a city council thereafter increases the number of council members, it shall, by lot, stagger the initial terms of the additional members.
- 3. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, a] A candidate for any office to be voted for at the general city election must file a declaration of candidacy with the city clerk not [less than 60 days nor more than 70 days before the day of the general city election.] earlier than the first Monday in March of the year in which the general city election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March. The city clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate and the candidate must pay to the city clerk, at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy, a filing fee in an amount fixed by the city council by ordinance or resolution.
- 4. Candidates for mayor must be voted upon by the electors of the city at large. Candidates for the city council must be voted upon by the electors of their respective wards to represent the wards in which they reside or by the electors of the city at large in accordance with the provisions of chapter 266 of NRS.
- Sec. 7. NRS 293C.175 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.175 1. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, a] A primary city election must be held in each city of population category one, and in each city of population category two that has so provided by ordinance, on the [first] second Tuesday [after the first Monday] in [April] June of every year in which a general city election is to be held, at which time there must be nominated candidates for offices to be voted for at the next general
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, a] A candidate for any office to be voted for at the primary city election must file a declaration of candidacy with the city clerk not [less than 60 days or more than 70 days before the date of the primary city election.] earlier than the first Monday in March of the year in which the general city election is to be held and not later than 5



city election.



p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March. The city clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate and the candidate must pay to the city clerk, at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy, a filing fee in an amount fixed by the governing body of the city by ordinance or resolution. The filing fees collected by the city clerk must be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the city.

- 3. All candidates, except as otherwise provided in NRS 266.220, must be voted upon by the electors of the city at large.
- 4. If, in a primary city election held in a city of population category one or two, one candidate receives more than a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the candidate must be declared elected to the office and the candidate's name must not be placed on the ballot for the general city election. If, in the primary city election, no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general city election.

Sec. 8. NRS 293C.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS [293C.115 and] 293C.190, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary city election unless the person named has filed a declaration of candidacy or an acceptance of candidacy and has paid the fee established by the governing body of the city not earlier than [70 days before the primary city election and not later than 5 p.m. on the 60th day before the primary city election.] the first Monday in March of the year in which the general city election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March.

2. A declaration of candidacy required to be filed by this section must be in substantially the following form:

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| State of Nevada |
| City of |
| For the purpose of having my name placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of |





| (Designation of name) | | | | | |
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| (Signature of candidate for office) | | | | | |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of the month of of the year | | | | | |
| Notary Public or other person authorized to administer an oath | | | | | |

- 3. The address of a candidate that must be included in the declaration or acceptance of candidacy pursuant to subsection 2 must be the street address of the residence where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050, if one has been assigned. The declaration or acceptance of candidacy must not be accepted for filing if:
- (a) The candidate's address is listed as a post office box unless a street address has not been assigned to the residence; or
 - (b) The candidate does not present to the filing officer:





- (1) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate and the candidate's residential address; or
- (2) A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the candidate's name and residential address, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517.
- 4. The filing officer shall retain a copy of the proof of identity and residency provided by the candidate pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3. Such a copy:
 - (a) May not be withheld from the public; and
- (b) Must not contain the social security number or driver's license or identification card number of the candidate.
- 5. By filing the declaration or acceptance of candidacy, the candidate shall be deemed to have appointed the city clerk as his or her agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding pursuant to NRS 293C.186. Service of such process must first be attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in the declaration or acceptance of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and leaving with the city clerk duplicate copies of the process. The city clerk shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail, one of the copies to the candidate at the specified address, unless the candidate has designated in writing to the city clerk a different address for that purpose, in which case the city clerk shall mail the copy to the last address so designated.
- 6. If the city clerk receives credible evidence indicating that a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her civil rights restored by a court of competent jurisdiction, the city clerk
- (a) May conduct an investigation to determine whether the candidate has been convicted of a felony and, if so, whether the candidate has had his or her civil rights restored by a court of competent jurisdiction; and
- (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from such investigation to the city attorney.
- 7. The receipt of information by the city attorney pursuant to subsection 6 must be treated as a challenge of a candidate pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 293C.186. If the ballots are printed before a court of competent jurisdiction makes a determination that a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her civil rights restored by a court of competent jurisdiction, the city clerk must post a notice at each polling place where the candidate's name will appear on the ballot informing the voters that the candidate is disqualified from entering upon the duties of the office





for which the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy.

Sec. 9. NRS 293C.190 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.190 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, al A vacancy occurring in a nomination for a city office after the close of filing and on or before 5 p.m. [of] on the [first] second Tuesday fafter the first Monday in March in a year in which a general city election is held in April must be filled by filing a nominating petition that is signed by at least 1 percent of the persons who are registered to vote and who voted for that office at the last preceding general city election. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, the petition must be filed not earlier than the **[third]** first Tuesday in **February** March and not later than the [third] fourth Tuesday [after the third Monday] in [March.] April. A

candidate nominated pursuant to the provisions of this subsection

- may be elected only at a general city election, and the candidate's 17 name must not appear on the ballot for a primary city election. 18 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, al A 19 vacancy occurring in a nomination for a city office after 5 p.m. follows: on the [first] second Tuesday [after the first Monday in March] in 20 21 *April* and on or before 5 p.m. [of] on the [second] first Tuesday 22 after the [second Monday in April] primary city election must be filled by the person who received the next highest vote for the 23
 - nomination in the primary city election. Except to place a candidate nominated pursuant to subsection 1 on the ballot and except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, nol No change may be made on the ballot for the general city election after 5 p.m. fof on the second first Tuesday after the [second Monday in April of the year in which the general] primary city election. fis held. If a nominee dies after that time and date, the nominee's name must remain on the ballot for the general city election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.
 - Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, all All designations provided for in this section must be filed on or before 5 p.m. on the [second] first Tuesday after the [second Monday in April of the year in which the general primary city election. is held. The filing fee must be paid and an acceptance of the designation must be filed on or before 5 p.m. on that date.
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 293C.291 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.291 If a candidate whose name appears on the ballot at a primary city election or general city election dies after the applicable date set forth in \vdash

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2. NRS 293.368, if the governing body of the city has adopted an ordinance pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293C.115.

but before the time of the closing of the polls on the day of the election, the city clerk shall post a notice of the candidate's death at each polling place where the candidate's name will appear on the ballot for the primary city election or general city election.

Sec. 11. NRS 293C.345 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.345 [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115, the] The city clerk shall mail to each registered voter in each mailing precinct and in each absent ballot mailing precinct, before 5 p.m. on the [third Thursday in March and before 5 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in May of any year in which a general city election is held,] last business day preceding the first day of the period for early voting for a primary city election or general city election, an official mailing ballot to be voted by the voter at the election.

Sec. 12. NRS 293C.370 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.370 [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.115:]

- 1. Whenever a candidate whose name appears upon the ballot at a primary city election dies after 5 p.m. [of] on the [first] second Tuesday [after the first Monday] in [March,] April, the deceased candidate's name must remain on the ballot and the votes cast for the deceased candidate must be counted in determining the nomination for the office for which the decedent was a candidate.
- 2. If the deceased candidate on the ballot at the primary city election receives the number of votes required to receive the nomination to the office for which he or she was a candidate, the nomination is filled as provided in subsection 2 of NRS 293C.190.
- 3. Whenever a candidate whose name appears upon the ballot at a general city election dies after 5 p.m. [of] on the [second Tuesday after the second Monday in April,] fourth Friday in June of the year in which the primary city election was held, the votes cast for the deceased candidate must be counted in determining the results of the general city election for the office for which the decedent was a candidate.
- 4. If the deceased candidate on the ballot at the general *city* election receives the majority of the votes cast for the office, the deceased candidate shall be deemed elected and the office to which he or she was elected shall be deemed vacant at the beginning of the term for which he or she was elected. The vacancy created must be filled in the same manner as if the candidate had died after taking office for that term.
 - Sec. 13. NRS 266.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 266.405 1. In addition to the mayor and city council, there must be in each city of population category one or two a city clerk, a





city treasurer, or if those offices are combined pursuant to subsection 4, a city clerk and treasurer, a municipal judge and a city attorney. The offices of city clerk, city treasurer, municipal judge and city attorney may be either elective or appointive offices, as provided by city ordinance. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, [and unless the terms of those elected officers are extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115,] the elected officers shall hold their respective offices for 4 years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The cities of population category three may by ordinance provide that the mayor and city council members must be elected and shall hold office for 2 years. [unless the terms of office of the mayor and city council members are extended by an ordinance adopted pursuant to NRS 293C.115.]

- 2. In each city of population category one or two, in which the officers are appointed pursuant to ordinance, the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council, shall appoint all of the officers.
- 3. In cities of population category three, the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council, may appoint any officers as may be deemed expedient.
- 4. The city council may provide by ordinance for the office of city clerk and the office of city treasurer to be combined into the office of city clerk and treasurer.
 - **Sec. 14.** NRS 267.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 267.110 1. Any city having adopted a charter pursuant to the provisions of NRS 267.010 to 267.140, inclusive, has pursuant to the charter:
 - (a) All of the powers enumerated in the general laws of the State for the incorporation of cities.
- (b) Such other powers necessary and not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada to carry out the commission form of government.
 - 2. The charter, when submitted, must:
- (a) Fix the number of commissioners, their terms of office and their duties and compensation.
- (b) Provide for all necessary appointive and elective officers for the form of government therein provided, and fix their salaries and emoluments, duties and powers.
- (c) Fix, in accordance with the provisions of NRS 293C.140 and 293C.175 or with the provisions of NRS 293C.145, [or with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293C.115,] the time for the first and subsequent elections for all elective officers. After the first election and the qualification of the officers who were





elected, the old officers and all boards or offices and their emoluments must be abolished.

Sec. 15. Section 4 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Number; selection; [and term;] eligibility for office; recall.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 96, the City Council shall have four Council Members and a Mayor elected from the City at large in the manner provided in Article IX. [, for terms of four years and until their successors have been elected and have taken office as provided in section 16.] No Council Member shall represent any particular constituency or district of the City, and each Council Member shall represent the entire City. (Amd. 2; 6-4-1991; Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)
 - 2. (Repealed by Amd. 1; 6-4-1991)
- 3. No person may be elected to the office of Mayor who has served in that office for 12 years or more, unless the permissible number of terms or duration of service is otherwise specified in the Nevada Constitution. (Add. 26; Amd. 4; 11-2-2010)
- 4. No person may be elected to the office of Council Member who has served in that office for 12 years or more, unless the permissible number of terms or duration of service is otherwise specified in the Nevada Constitution. (Add. 26; Amd. 4; 11-2-2010)
- 5. The Council Members and the Mayor are subject to recall as provided in section 111.5.
- **Sec. 16.** Section 96 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 96. Conduct of municipal elections.

- 1. All municipal elections must be nonpartisan in character and must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws of the State of Nevada and any ordinance regulations as adopted by the City Council which are consistent with law and this Charter. (1959 Charter)
- 2. [All] The two Council Members elected at the general municipal election held in June 2013 shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors pursuant to subsection 4.
- 3. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2015, there must be elected by the qualified voters in the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members who shall hold





office until their successors have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 5.

- 4. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- 5. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, all full terms of office in the City Council are 4 years, and Council Members must be elected at large without regard to precinct residency. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, two full-term Council Members and the Mayor are to be elected in each year immediately preceding a federal presidential election, and two full-term Council Members are to be elected in each year immediately following a federal presidential election.] In each election, the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes must be declared elected to the vacant full-term positions. (Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)
- [3.] 7. In the event one or more 2-year term positions on the Council will be available at the time of a municipal election as provided in section 12, candidates must file specifically for such position(s). Candidates receiving the greatest respective number of votes must be declared elected to the respective available 2-year positions. (Add. 15; Amd. 2; 6-4-1991)
 - [4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a]
- 8. A primary municipal election must be held on the Ifirst Tuesday after the first Monday in April of each odd-numbered year and a general municipal election must be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each odd-numbered year.
- 5.] date fixed by the election laws of this State for statewide elections.





- 9. A primary municipal election must not be held if no more than double the number of Council Members to be elected file as candidates. A primary municipal election must not be held for the office of Mayor if no more than two candidates file for that position. The primary municipal election must be held for the purpose of eliminating candidates in excess of a figure double the number of Council Members to be elected. (Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)
- [6.] 10. If, in the primary municipal election, a candidate receives votes equal to a majority of voters casting ballots in that election, he or she shall be considered elected to one of the vacancies and his or her name shall not be placed on the ballot for the general municipal election. (Add. 10; Amd. 7; 6-2-1981)
- [7.] 11. In each primary and general municipal election, voters are entitled to cast ballots for candidates in a number equal to the number of seats to be filled in the municipal elections. (Add. 11; Amd. 5; 6-7-1983)
- [8. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a primary municipal election and general municipal election on the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.
- 9. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 8, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and general municipal elections.
- 10. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 8, the ordinance must not affect the term of office of any elected official of the City serving in office on the effective date of the ordinance. The next succeeding term for that office may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the ordinance.
- 11.] 12. The conduct of all municipal elections must be under the control of the City Council, which shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter. Nothing in this Charter shall be construed as to deny or abridge the power of the City Council to provide for supplemental regulations for the prevention of fraud in such elections and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud. (Add. 24; Amd. 1; 6-3-2003)





Sec. 17. The Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 55, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 5.120, immediately following section 5.110, to read as follows:

Sec. 5.120 Continuation of certain officers.

The Mayor and two Council Members elected at the general municipal election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2013 shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5.010.

- **Sec. 18.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 954, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term of office; salary.
 - 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City Council consisting of five Council Members, including the Mayor.
 - 2. The Mayor and each Council Member must be:
 - (a) Bona fide residents of the City for at least 2 years immediately prior to their election.
 - (b) Qualified electors within the City.
 - 3. All Council Members, including the Mayor, must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large and shall serve for terms of 4 years except as otherwise provided in **[section]** sections 5.010 **[...]** and 5.120.
 - 4. The Mayor and Council Members shall receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council. Such salary must not be increased or diminished during the term of the recipient.
- **Sec. 19.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 263, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1182, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.010 [Municipal] General municipal elections.
 - 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:
 - (a) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 1973, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and one Council Member who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.



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(b) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June [1975, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,] 2015, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two Council Members who shall hold office [for a period of 4 years and] until their successors have been elected and qualified [-

(e) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 1975, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose one Council Member who shall hold office for a period of 2 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

(d) pursuant to subsection 3.

- 2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- 3. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in [June 1977,] November 2020, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, [a Mayor and] two Council Members, who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- [2. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a primary municipal election and general municipal election on the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.
- 3. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and general municipal elections.
- 4. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the term of office of any elected official may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the ordinance.]





Sec. 20. The Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 402, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 5.120, immediately following section 5.110, to read as follows:

Sec. 5.120 Continuation of certain officers.

- 1. The Municipal Judge for Department 3 elected at the general municipal election held in June 2011 shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of his or her successor pursuant to subsection 3 of section 5.020.
- 2. The Mayor and one Council Member elected at the general municipal election held in June 2013 shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5.020.
- 3. The Municipal Judge for Department 1 elected at the general municipal election held in June 2013 shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of his or her successor pursuant to subsection 5 of section 5.020.
- **Sec. 21.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 955, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term of office; salary.
 - 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City Council consisting of four Council Members and the Mayor.
 - 2. The Mayor must be:
 - (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for the office.
 - (b) A qualified elector within the City.
 - 3. Each Council Member must be:
 - (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for the office.
 - (b) A qualified elector within the ward which he or she represents.
 - (c) A resident of the ward which he or she represents for at least 30 days immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for the office, except that changes in ward boundaries pursuant to the provisions of section 1.040 do not affect the right of any elected Council Member





to continue in office for the term for which he or she was elected.

- 4. All Council Members, including the Mayor, must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large and, except as otherwise provided in [section] sections 5.020 [3] and 5.120, shall serve for terms of 4 years.
- 5. The Mayor and Council Members are entitled to receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council. The City Council shall not adopt an ordinance which increases or decreases the salary of the Mayor or the Council Members during the term for which they have been elected or appointed.
- **Sec. 22.** Section 4.015 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 231, Statutes of Nevada 1991, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.015 Municipal Court.

- 1. There is a Municipal Court of the City which consists of at least one department. Each department must be presided over by a Municipal Judge and has such power and jurisdiction as is prescribed in, and is, in all respects which are not inconsistent with this Charter, governed by, the provisions of chapters 5 and 266 of NRS which relate to municipal courts.
- 2. The City Council may from time to time establish additional departments of the Municipal Court and shall appoint an additional Municipal Judge for each.
- 3. At the first primary or general municipal election which follows the appointment of an additional Municipal Judge to a newly created department of the Municipal Court, the successor to that Municipal Judge must be elected for a term of not more than 5 years, as determined by the City Council, in order that, as nearly as practicable, one-third of the number of Municipal Judges be elected every 2 years.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large and, except as otherwise provided in [section] sections 5.020 [,] and 5.120, shall serve for a term of 6 years.
- 5. The respective departments of the Municipal Court must be numbered 1 through the appropriate Arabic number, as additional departments are approved by the City Council. A Municipal Judge must be elected for each department by number.





6. The Senior Municipal Judge is selected by a majority of the sitting judges for a term of 2 years. If no Municipal Judge receives a majority of the votes, the Senior Municipal Judge is the Municipal Judge who has continuously served as a Municipal Judge for the longest period.

Sec. 23. Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1214, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.010 Primary municipal election.

- 1. [Except as otherwise provided in section 5.020, a] A primary municipal election must be held on the [Tuesday after the first Monday in April of each odd numbered year,] date fixed by the election laws of this State for statewide elections, at which time there must be nominated candidates for offices to be voted for at the next general municipal election.
- 2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any primary municipal election must file a declaration of candidacy as provided by the election laws of this State.

3. All candidates for elective office must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large.

- 4. If in the primary municipal election no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general municipal election. If in the primary municipal election, regardless of the number of candidates for an office, one candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, he or she must be declared elected and no general municipal election need be held for that office. Such candidate shall enter upon his or her respective duties at the second regular meeting of the City Council held in June of the year of the general municipal election.
- **Sec. 24.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1215, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 General municipal election.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

(a) A general municipal election must be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each odd numbered year, at which time the registered voters of the





City shall elect city officers to fill the available elective positions.

- (b) All candidates for the office of Mayor, Council Member and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large. The term of office for members of the City Council and the Mayor is 4 years. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 4.015, the term of office for a Municipal Judge is 6 years.
- (e)] On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2015, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose:
- (a) Three Council Members who shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 4; and
- (b) A Municipal Judge for Department 2 who shall hold office until his or her successor has been elected pursuant to subsection 6.
- 2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election held for that purpose, a Mayor and one Council Member who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- 3. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in [June 2001,] November 2018, and [every] at each successive interval of 6 years, [thereafter,] there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for Department [1] 3 who will hold office for a period of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.
- [(d)] 4. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election held for that purpose, three Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- 5. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in [June 2003] November 2020 and [every] at each successive interval of 6 years, [thereafter,] there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for Department [2] 1 who





will hold office *for a period of 6 years and* until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

- [(e) On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2005, and every 6 years thereafter, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for Department 3 who will hold office until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.
- 2. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a primary municipal election and general municipal election on the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.
- 3. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and general municipal elections.
- 4. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the ordinance must not affect the term of office of any elected official of the City serving in office on the effective date of the ordinance. The next succeeding term for that office may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the ordinance.]
- 6. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2022, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for Department 2 who shall hold office for a period of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.
- **Sec. 25.** The Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1391, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 5.140, immediately following section 5.130, to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.140 Continuation of certain officers.
 - 1. The Municipal Judges for Departments 2, 3 and 5 elected at the general municipal election held in June 2011 shall continue in office until the general municipal election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors pursuant to subsection 3 of section 5.020.
 - 2. The Council Members from even-numbered wards elected at the general municipal election held in June 2013 shall continue in office until the general municipal election,





and qualification thereafter, of their successors pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5.020.

Sec. 26. Section 1.140 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 958, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.140 Elective offices.

- 1. The elective officers of the City consist of:
- (a) A Mayor.

- (b) One Council Member from each ward.
- (c) Municipal Judges.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in [section] sections 5.020 [and 5.140, the terms of office of the Mayor and Council Members are 4 years.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 4.010 and [section] sections 5.020 [3] and 5.140, the term of office of a Municipal Judge is 6 years.
- **Sec. 27.** Section 1.160 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 958, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 1.160 Elective offices: Vacancies. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 268.325:
 - 1. A vacancy in the office of Mayor, Council Member or Municipal Judge must be filled by the majority vote of the entire City Council within 30 days after the occurrence of that vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a prospective vacancy before the vacancy occurs. In such a case, each member of the Council, except any member whose term of office expires before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any action taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The appointee must have the same qualifications as are required of the elective official, including, without limitation, any applicable residency requirement.
 - 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 5.010, no appointment extends beyond the first regular meeting of the City Council that follows the next general municipal election, at that election the office must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, or beyond the first regular meeting of the City Council after the Tuesday after the first Monday in the next succeeding [June] November in an [odd-numbered] even-numbered] year, if no general municipal election is held in that year.





- **Sec. 28.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 959, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.010 Primary municipal elections. [Except as otherwise provided in section 5.020:
 - 1. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in April 2001, and at each successive interval of 4 years, al
 - 1. A primary municipal election must be held in the City [at which time candidates for half of the offices of Council Member and for Municipal Judge, Department 2, must be nominated.
 - 2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in April 2003, and at each successive interval of 4 years, a primary municipal election must be held in the City at which time candidates for Mayor, for the other half of the offices of Council Member and for Municipal Judge, Department 1, must be nominated.
 - 3.] on the date fixed by the election laws of this State for statewide elections.
 - 2. In the primary municipal elections:
 - (a) The candidates for Council Member who are to be nominated [as provided in subsections 1 and 2] must be nominated and voted for separately according to the respective wards. [The candidates from each even numbered ward must be nominated as provided in subsection 1, and the candidates from each odd numbered ward must be nominated as provided in subsection 2.
 - 4.] (b) If the City Council has established an additional department or departments of the Municipal Court pursuant to section 4.010 and, as a result, more than one office of Municipal Judge is to be filled at any election, the candidates for those offices must be nominated and voted upon separately according to the respective departments.
 - [5.] 3. Each candidate for [the municipal offices which are provided for in subsections 1, 2 and 4] municipal office must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk. All filing fees collected by the City Clerk must be paid into the City Treasury.
 - [6.] 4. If, in the primary municipal election, regardless of the number of candidates for an office, one candidate receives a majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, he or she must be declared elected for the term which commences on the day of the first regular meeting of the City Council next





succeeding the meeting at which the canvass of the returns is made, and no general municipal election need be held for that office. If, in the primary municipal election, no candidate receives a majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general municipal election.

Sec. 29. Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 263, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1183, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 General municipal election.

- 1. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,] On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2015, there must be elected at a general municipal election [must be] held [in the City on the Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each odd numbered year and on the same day every 2 years thereafter, at which time there must be elected those officers whose offices are required to be filled by election in that year.
- 2. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a primary municipal election and general municipal election on the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.
- 3. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and general municipal elections.
- 4. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the ordinance must not affect the term of office of any elected official of the City serving in office on the effective date of the ordinance. The next succeeding term for that office may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the ordinance.
- 5. for that purpose:
- (a) The Mayor and Council Members from oddnumbered wards who shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 4.
- (b) The Municipal Judges for Departments 1, 4 and 6 who shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 5.





2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected, at a general municipal election held for that purpose, the Council Members from even-numbered wards who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

3. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected, at a general municipal election held for that purpose, the Municipal Judges for Departments 2, 3 and 5 who shall hold office for a period of 6 years and until

their successors have been elected and qualified.

4. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected, at a general municipal election held for that purpose, the Mayor and Council Members from odd-numbered wards who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

5. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2022, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected, at a general municipal election held for that purpose, the Municipal Judges for Departments 1, 4 and 6 who shall hold office for a period of 6 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

6. All candidates for elective office, except the office of Council Member, must be voted upon by the registered voters

of the City at large.

Sec. 30. The Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1210, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 5.100, immediately following section 5.090, to read as follows:

Sec. 5.100 Continuation of certain officers.

- 1. The Municipal Judge for Department 1 elected at the general municipal election held in June 2011 shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of his or her successor pursuant to subsection 3 of section 5.010.
- 2. The Mayor and two Council Members elected at the general municipal election held in June 2013 shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5.010.





- **Sec. 31.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 961, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term of office; salary.
 - 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City Council consisting of four Council Members and a Mayor.
 - 2. The Mayor must be:

- (a) A bona fide resident of the City for at least 6 months immediately preceding his or her election.
 - (b) A qualified elector within the City.
 - 3. Each Council Member:
- (a) Must be a qualified elector who has resided in the ward which he or she represents for at least 30 days immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for his or her office.
- (b) Must continue to live in the ward he or she represents, except that changes in ward boundaries made pursuant to section 1.045 will not affect the right of any elected Council Member to continue in office for the term for which he or she was elected.
- 4. At the time of filing, if so required by an ordinance duly enacted, candidates for the office of Mayor and Council Member shall produce evidence in satisfaction of any or all of the qualifications provided in subsection 2 or 3, whichever is applicable.
- 5. Each Council Member must be voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward that he or she seeks to represent, and except as otherwise provided in sections 5.010 and [5.025,] 5.100, his or her term of office is 4 years.
- 6. The Mayor must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large, and except as otherwise provided in sections 5.010 and [5.025,] 5.100, his or her term of office is 4 years.
- 7. The Mayor and Council Members are entitled to receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.
- **Sec. 32.** Section 4.005 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 215, Statutes of Nevada 1997, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 962, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.005 Municipal Court.

1. There is a Municipal Court of the City which consists of at least one department. Each department must be presided over by a Municipal Judge and has such power and





jurisdiction as is prescribed in, and is, in all respects which are not inconsistent with this Charter, governed by the provisions of chapters 5 and 266 of NRS which relate to municipal courts.

- 2. The City Council may, from time to time, by ordinance, establish additional departments of the Municipal Court and shall appoint an additional Municipal Judge for each additional department.
- 3. At the first primary or general municipal election that follows the appointment of an additional Municipal Judge to a newly created department of the Municipal Court, the successor to that Municipal Judge must be elected for an initial term of not more than 6 years, as determined by the City Council, in order that, as nearly as practicable, one-third of the number of Municipal Judges be elected every 2 years.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided by the ordinance establishing an additional department, each Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large and, except as otherwise provided in sections 5.010 and [5.025,] 5.100, holds office for a period of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.
- 5. The respective departments of the Municipal Court must be numbered 1 through the appropriate Arabic numeral, as additional departments are approved by the City Council. A Municipal Judge must be elected for each department by number.
- **Sec. 33.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 962, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.010 General municipal elections.
 - 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 5.025:
 - (a) On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June [1977, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,] 2015, there must be elected, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose [, a Mayor and two]:
 - (a) Two Council Members, who shall hold office [for a period of 4 years and] until their successors have been elected and qualified [.
 - (b) On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 1975, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter, there must be elected, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two Council Members, who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.





2.] pursuant to subsection 4.

(b) A Municipal Judge for Department 2 who shall hold office until his or her successor has been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 5.

2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

3. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, there must be elected at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for Department 1 who shall hold office for a period of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

4. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020, and at each successive interval of 4 years, held for that purpose, two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

5. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2022, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for Department 2 who shall hold office for a period of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

6. In a general municipal election:

(a) A candidate for the office of City Council Member must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that he or she seeks to represent.

(b) Candidates for all other elective offices must be

elected by the registered voters of the City at large.

Sec. 34. Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 963, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 Primary municipal elections; declaration of candidacy.

1. The City Council shall provide by ordinance for candidates for elective office to declare their candidacy and file the necessary documents. The seats for City Council Members must be designated by the numbers one through four, which numbers must correspond with the wards the candidates for City Council Members will seek to represent.





A candidate for the office of City Council Member shall include in his or her declaration of candidacy the number of the ward which he or she seeks to represent. Each candidate for City Council must be designated as a candidate for the City Council seat that corresponds with the ward that he or she seeks to represent.

- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in section 5.025, a] A primary municipal election must be held on the [Tuesday following the first Monday in April preceding the general municipal election,] date fixed by the election laws of this State for statewide elections, at which time there must be nominated candidates for offices to be voted for at the next general municipal election. In the primary municipal election:
- (a) A candidate for the office of City Council Member must be voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward that he or she seeks to represent.
- (b) Candidates for all other elective offices must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, after the primary municipal election, the names of the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general municipal election.
- 4. If, regardless of the number of candidates for an office, one candidate receives a majority of the total votes cast for that office in the primary municipal election, he or she must be declared elected to that office and no general municipal election need be held for that office.
- **Sec. 35.** The Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 901, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 5.110, immediately following section 5.100, to read as follows:

Sec. 5.110 Continuation of certain officers.

The two Council Members elected at the general municipal election held in June 2013 shall continue in office until the next election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5.010.

- **Sec. 36.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 963, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term of office; salary.
 - 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City Council consisting of four Council Members.
 - 2. The Council Members must be:





- (a) Bona fide residents of the City for at least 6 months immediately preceding their election.
 - (b) Qualified electors in the City.
- 3. All Council Members must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at large and, except as otherwise provided in **[section]** sections 5.010 **[,]** and 5.110, shall serve for terms of 4 years.
- 4. The Council Members shall receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.
- **Sec. 37.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 263, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1184, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.010 [Municipal] General municipal elections.
 - 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:
 - (a) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June [1975, and at each successive interval of 4 years,] 2015, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members, who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified [-
 - $\frac{-(\bar{b})}{}$ pursuant to subsection 3.
 - 2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in [June 1977,] November 2018, and at each successive interval of 4 years, [thereafter,] there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two Council Members, who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
 - [2. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a primary municipal election and general municipal election on the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.
 - 3. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and general municipal elections.
 - 4. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 2, the term of office of any elected official may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the ordinance.





- 3. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- **Sec. 38.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a city incorporated pursuant to general law holds a general city election in:
- 1. June 2015, the elective city officers who are elected at such general city election shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors in the general city election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018.
- 2. June 2017, the elective city officers who are elected at such general city election shall continue in office until the election, and qualification thereafter, of their successors in the general city election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020.
- **Sec. 39.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the term of any elective city officer whose term of office expires in 2017, 2019 or 2021 is not otherwise extended or shortened pursuant to sections 1 to 38, inclusive, of this act, the person or entity designated by law to fill vacancies that occur on the city council of the city shall appoint the incumbent elective city officer to serve as city council member, mayor, municipal judge or other elective city officer, as applicable, in that office until his or her successor is elected and qualified at the general election in 2018, 2020 or 2022, as applicable, if that person is willing to serve in that capacity. If that person is not willing to serve in that capacity, the position must be filled in the same manner as if a vacancy occurred in the position.
- **Sec. 40.** Section 5.025 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 961, as amended by chapter 263, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1184, is hereby repealed.
- **Sec. 41.** 1. This section and sections 15 to 40, inclusive, of this act become effective upon passage and approval.
- 2. Sections 1 to 14, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2015.





TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

Sec. 5.025 City Council authorized to provide for primary and general municipal elections in even-numbered years.

- 1. The City Council may by ordinance provide for a primary municipal election and general municipal election on the dates set forth for primary elections and general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS.
- 2. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 1, the dates set forth in NRS 293.12755, in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive, of NRS 293.165 and in NRS 293.175, 293.177, 293.345 and 293.368 apply for the purposes of conducting the primary municipal elections and general municipal elections.
- 3. If the City Council adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 1, the ordinance must not affect the term of office of any elected official of the City serving in office on the effective date of the ordinance. The next succeeding term for that office may be shortened but may not be lengthened as a result of the ordinance





