

SENATE BILL NO. 304—SENATOR LESLIE

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Provides for redistricting of election districts in Carson City and the Cities of Henderson, Reno and Sparks, contingent upon voter approval. (BDR S-731)

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 redistricting; creating, contingent upon voter approval, a sixth ward for the City of Reno; requiring, contingent upon voter approval, that the candidates for Supervisor in Carson City and for Council Member in the City of Henderson, the City of Reno and the City of Sparks be voted upon in a primary or general election only by the registered voters of the ward that a candidate seeks to represent; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 The existing Charter of the City of Reno divides the City into five wards, each  
2 of which is represented on the City Council by a Council Member. A sixth Council  
3 Member represents the City at large. (Reno City Charter §§ 1.050, 2.010) **Section 7**  
4 of this bill increases the number of wards in Reno to six, and **sections 8-10** of this  
5 bill replace the office of Council Member at large with the office of Council  
6 Member to represent the newly created sixth ward.  
7 The existing Charters of the Cities of Reno and Sparks provide that the  
8 candidates for Council Member to represent a particular ward must be voted on in a  
9 primary election only by the registered voters of that ward but in a general election,  
10 must be elected by the registered voters of the City at large. (Reno City Charter §§  
11 5.010, 5.020; Sparks City Charter §§ 5.010, 5.020) **Sections 9 and 10** of this bill  
12 amend the Charter of the City of Reno, and **sections 11 and 12** of this bill amend  
13 the Charter of the City of Sparks, to provide that all candidates for Council Member  
14 must be elected in a general election by only the registered voters of the ward that a  
15 candidate seeks to represent. The existing Charters of Carson City and the City of  
16 Henderson provide that the candidates for Supervisor and Council Member,  
17 respectively, must be elected by the registered voters of the City at large in both a



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18 primary and a general election. (Carson City Charter §§ 2.010, 5.010, 5.020;  
19 Henderson City Charter §§ 2.010, 5.010, 5.020) **Sections 1-3** of this bill amend the  
20 Charter of Carson City, and **sections 4-6** of this bill amend the Charter of the City  
21 of Henderson, to provide that all candidates for Supervisor and Council Member,  
22 respectively, must be elected in a primary or general election only by the registered  
23 voters of the ward that a candidate seeks to represent.

24 **Sections 15-18** of this bill require Carson City and the Cities of Henderson,  
25 Reno and Sparks to place on the ballot for the 2012 general election the question of  
26 whether to amend their respective charters to provide that all candidates for  
27 Supervisor or Council Member, as appropriate, must be elected in a primary or  
28 general election by only the registered voters of the ward that a candidate seeks to  
29 represent.

30 **Section 19** of this bill provides that the sections of this bill relating to each City  
31 become effective only if the voters of that City approve the ballot question required  
32 by this bill.

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of Carson City, being  
2 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter  
3 118, Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 474, is hereby amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 2.010 Board of Supervisors: Qualifications;  
6 election; term of office.

7 1. The legislative power of Carson City is vested in a  
8 Board of Supervisors consisting of five Supervisors,  
9 including the Mayor.

10 2. The Mayor must be:

11 (a) An actual and bona fide resident of Carson City for at  
12 least 6 months immediately preceding his election.

13 (b) A qualified elector within Carson City.

14 3. Each Supervisor must be:

15 (a) An actual and bona fide resident of Carson City for at  
16 least 6 months immediately preceding his election.

17 (b) A qualified elector within the ward which he  
18 represents.

19 (c) A resident of the ward which he represents, except  
20 that changes effected in the boundaries of a ward pursuant to  
21 the provisions of section 1.060 do not affect the right of any  
22 elected Supervisor to continue in office for the term for which  
23 he was elected.

24 4. All Supervisors, including the Mayor, ~~[must be voted~~  
25 ~~upon by the registered voters of Carson City at large and]~~  
26 shall serve for terms of 4 years.



1       **Sec. 2.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of Carson City, being  
2 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter  
3 100, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 271, is hereby amended to  
4 read as follows:

5               Sec. 5.010 Primary election.

6               1. A primary election must be held on the date fixed by  
7 the election laws of this state for statewide elections, at which  
8 time there must be nominated candidates for offices to be  
9 voted for at the next general election.

10              2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any  
11 primary election must file a declaration of candidacy as  
12 provided by the election laws of this state.

13              3. *In an election that is held pursuant to this section:*

14              (a) All candidates for the office of Mayor , ~~and~~  
15 ~~Supervisor,]~~ and candidates for the office of Municipal Judge  
16 if a third department of the Municipal Court has been  
17 established, must be voted upon by the registered voters of  
18 Carson City at large.

19              (b) *A candidate for the office of Supervisor must be*  
20 *elected only by the registered voters of the ward that the*  
21 *candidate seeks to represent.*

22              4. If only two persons file for a particular office, their  
23 names must not appear on the primary ballot but their names  
24 must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

25              5. If in the primary election one candidate receives more  
26 than a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for  
27 which he is a candidate, his name alone must be placed on the  
28 ballot for the general election. If in the primary election no  
29 candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that election for  
30 the office for which he is a candidate, the names of the two  
31 candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes must be  
32 placed on the ballot for the general election.

33       **Sec. 3.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of Carson City, being  
34 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter  
35 96, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 183, is hereby amended to read  
36 as follows:

37               Sec. 5.020 General election.

38              1. A general election must be held in Carson City on the  
39 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1970, and  
40 on the same day every 2 years thereafter, at which time there  
41 must be elected such officers, the offices of which are  
42 required next to be filled by election.

43              2. *In an election that is held pursuant to this section:*

44              (a) All candidates for the office of Mayor , ~~and~~  
45 ~~Supervisor,]~~ and all candidates for the office of Municipal



1 Judge if a third department of the Municipal Court has been  
2 established, must be voted upon by the registered voters of  
3 Carson City at large.

4 *(b) A candidate for the office of Supervisor must be*  
5 *voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward that the*  
6 *candidate seeks to represent.*

7 **Sec. 4.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,  
8 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
9 chapter 596, Statutes of Nevada 1995, at page 2206, is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 2.010 City Council: Qualifications; election; term  
12 of office; salary.

13 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City  
14 Council consisting of four Councilmen and the Mayor.

15 2. The Mayor must be:

16 (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is  
17 established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months  
18 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of  
19 candidacy for the office.

20 (b) A qualified elector within the City.

21 3. Each Councilman must be:

22 (a) A bona fide resident of the territory which is  
23 established by the boundaries of the City for the 12 months  
24 immediately preceding the last day for filing a declaration of  
25 candidacy for the office.

26 (b) A qualified elector within the ward which he  
27 represents.

28 (c) A resident of the ward which he represents for at least  
29 30 days immediately preceding the last day for filing a  
30 declaration of candidacy for the office, except that changes in  
31 ward boundaries pursuant to the provisions of section 1.040  
32 do not affect the right of any elected Councilman to continue  
33 in office for the term for which he was elected.

34 4. All Councilmen, including the Mayor, ~~must be voted~~  
35 ~~upon by the registered voters of the City at large and~~ shall  
36 serve for terms of 4 years.

37 5. The Mayor and Councilmen are entitled to receive a  
38 salary in an amount fixed by the City Council. The City  
39 Council shall not adopt an ordinance which increases or  
40 decreases the salary of the Mayor or the Councilmen during  
41 the term for which they have been elected or appointed.



1     **Sec. 5.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,  
2 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
3 chapter 637, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 3565, is hereby  
4 amended to read as follows:

5             Sec. 5.010 Primary election.

6             1. A primary election must be held on the Tuesday after  
7 the first Monday in April of each odd-numbered year, at  
8 which time there must be nominated candidates for offices to  
9 be voted for at the next general municipal election.

10            2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any  
11 primary municipal election must file a declaration of  
12 candidacy as provided by the election laws of this State.

13            3. *In an election that is held pursuant to this section:*

14            (a) All candidates for ~~[elective office]~~ *the offices of*  
15 *Mayor and Municipal Judge* must be voted upon by the  
16 registered voters of the City at large.

17            (b) *A candidate for the office of City Council Member*  
18 *must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that*  
19 *the candidate seeks to represent.*

20            4. If in the primary election no candidate receives a  
21 majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which  
22 he is a candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving  
23 the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot  
24 for the general election. If in the primary election, regardless  
25 of the number of candidates for an office, one candidate  
26 receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office  
27 for which he is a candidate, he must be declared elected and  
28 no general election need be held for that office.

29     **Sec. 6.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,  
30 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
31 chapter 209, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 971, is hereby  
32 amended to read as follows:

33             Sec. 5.020 General municipal election.

34             1. A general election must be held in the City on the first  
35 Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each odd-numbered  
36 year and on the same day every 2 years thereafter, at which  
37 time the registered voters of the City shall elect city officers  
38 to fill the available elective positions.

39             2. *In an election that is held pursuant to this section:*

40             (a) All candidates for the office of Mayor ~~[Councilman]~~  
41 and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered  
42 voters of the City at large.

43             (b) *A candidate for the office of City Council Member*  
44 *must be voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward*  
45 *that the candidate seeks to represent.*



1           **3.** The term of office for members of the City Council  
2 and the Mayor is 4 years. Except as otherwise provided in  
3 subsection 3 of section 4.015 of this Charter, the term of  
4 office for a Municipal Judge is 6 years.

5           ~~[3.]~~ **4.** On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June  
6 2001 and every 6 years thereafter, there must be elected by  
7 the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal  
8 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for  
9 Department 1 who will hold office until his successor has  
10 been elected and qualified.

11           ~~[4.]~~ **5.** On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June  
12 2003 and every 6 years thereafter, there must be elected by  
13 the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal  
14 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for  
15 Department 2 who will hold office until his successor has  
16 been elected and qualified.

17           ~~[5.]~~ **6.** On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June  
18 2005 and every 6 years thereafter, there must be elected by  
19 the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal  
20 election to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge for  
21 Department 3 who will hold office until his successor has  
22 been elected and qualified.

23           **Sec. 7.** Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
24 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
25 327, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1365, is hereby amended to  
26 read as follows:

27           Sec. 1.050   Wards: Creation; boundaries.

28           1. The City must be divided into ~~[five]~~ **six** wards, which  
29 must be as nearly equal in population as can be conveniently  
30 provided. The territory comprising each ward must be  
31 contiguous, except that if any territory of the City which is  
32 not contiguous to the remainder of the City does not contain  
33 sufficient population to constitute a separate ward, it may be  
34 placed in any ward of the City.

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

38           (a) Must be changed whenever the population, as  
39 determined by the last preceding national census of the  
40 Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of  
41 Commerce, in any ward exceeds the population in any other  
42 ward by more than 5 percent.

43           (b) May be changed to include territory that has been  
44 annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the



1 population in another ward by more than 5 percent by any  
2 measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.

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

7 Sec. 2.010 Mayor and City Council: Qualifications;  
8 election; term of office; salary.

9 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City  
10 Council consisting of six Councilmen and a Mayor.

11 2. The Mayor and Councilmen must be qualified  
12 electors within the City. Each Councilman *must be a resident*  
13 *of the ward from which he or she is* elected ~~[from a ward]~~  
14 *and* must continue to live in that ward for as long as he  
15 represents the ward.

16 3. The Mayor ~~[and one Councilman represent]~~  
17 *represents* the City at large and one Councilman represents  
18 each ward. The Mayor and Councilmen serve for terms of 4  
19 years.

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

22 **Sec. 9.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being  
23 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter  
24 87, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 557, is hereby amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 Sec. 5.010 General elections.

27 1. ~~[On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November~~  
28 ~~1998, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be~~  
29 ~~elected by the qualified voters of the City, at the general~~  
30 ~~election, a Mayor, Councilmen from the second and fourth~~  
31 ~~wards, a Municipal Judge and a City Attorney, all of whom~~  
32 ~~hold office for a term of 4 years and until their successors~~  
33 ~~have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 3 or 4.~~

34 ~~—2.— On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November~~  
35 ~~2000, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be~~  
36 ~~elected by the qualified voters of the City, at the general~~  
37 ~~election, Councilmen from the first, third and fifth wards, one~~  
38 ~~Councilman at large and two Municipal Judges, all of whom~~  
39 ~~hold office for a term of 4 years and until their successors~~  
40 ~~have been elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 5 or 6.~~

41 ~~—3.]~~ On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
42 2002, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be  
43 elected , ~~[by the qualified voters of the City,]~~ at the general  
44 election, a Municipal Judge, who holds office for a term of 6  
45 years and until his successor has been elected and qualified.



1           ~~[4.]~~ 2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in  
2 November 2002, and at each successive interval of 4 years,  
3 there must be elected, ~~[by the qualified voters of the City,]~~ at  
4 the general election, a Mayor, Councilmen from the second  
5 and fourth wards, and a City Attorney, all of whom hold  
6 office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have  
7 been elected and qualified ~~[-~~

8           ~~—5.] pursuant to subsection 5.~~

9           3. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
10 2004, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be  
11 elected, ~~[by the qualified voters of the City,]~~ at the general  
12 election, three Municipal Judges, all of whom hold office for  
13 a term of 6 years and until their successors have been elected  
14 and qualified.

15           ~~[6.]~~ 4. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in  
16 November 2004, and at each successive interval of 4 years,  
17 there must be elected, ~~[by the qualified voters of the City,]~~ at  
18 the general election, Councilmen from the first, third and fifth  
19 wards, ~~[and one Councilman at large,]~~ all of whom hold  
20 office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have  
21 been elected and qualified.

22           5. *On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November*  
23 *2014, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must*  
24 *be elected, at the general election, a Mayor, Council*  
25 *Members from the second, fourth and sixth wards, and a*  
26 *City Attorney, all of whom hold office for a term of 4 years*  
27 *and until their successors have been elected and qualified.*

28           6. *In an election held pursuant to this section:*

29           (a) *A candidate for the office of City Council Member*  
30 *must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that*  
31 *the candidate seeks to represent.*

32           (b) *Candidates for Mayor, Municipal Judge and City*  
33 *Attorney must be elected by the registered voters of the city*  
34 *at large.*

35           **Sec. 10.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
36 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
37 chapter 376, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1438, is hereby  
38 amended to read as follows:

39           Sec. 5.020 Primary elections; declaration of candidacy.

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

44           2. If for any general election, there are three or more  
45 candidates for any office to be filled at that election, a





1 primary election for any such office must be held on the date  
2 fixed by the election laws of this State for statewide elections,  
3 at which time there must be nominated candidates for the  
4 office to be voted for at the next general election. If for any  
5 general election there are two or fewer candidates for any  
6 office to be filled at that election, their names must not be  
7 placed on the ballot for the primary election but must be  
8 placed on the ballot for the general election.

9 3. In the primary election:

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

14 (b) ~~[Candidates]~~ *A candidate for the office of City*  
15 ~~Councilman [who represent a specific ward]~~ must be voted  
16 upon only by the registered voters of ~~[that ward.]~~ *the ward*  
17 *that the candidate seeks to represent.*

18 (c) Candidates for Mayor ~~[and Councilman at large]~~ ,  
19 *Municipal Judge and City Attorney* must be voted upon by  
20 ~~[all]~~ *the* registered voters of the City ~~[-~~

21 ~~—4. The Mayor and all Councilmen must be voted upon~~  
22 ~~by all registered voters of the City at the general election.]~~ *at*  
23 *large.*

24 **Sec. 11.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,  
25 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by  
26 chapter 52, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 104, is hereby  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 Sec. 5.010 General elections.

29 1. ~~[On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2001,~~  
30 ~~there must be elected by the registered voters of the City, at a~~  
31 ~~general municipal election, Council members to represent the~~  
32 ~~first, third and fifth wards, a Municipal Judge for Department~~  
33 ~~1 and a City Attorney, all of whom hold office until their~~  
34 ~~successors have been elected and qualified, pursuant to~~  
35 ~~subsection 3 or 4.~~

36 ~~—2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in June 2003,~~  
37 ~~there must be elected by the registered voters of the City, at a~~  
38 ~~general municipal election, Council members to represent the~~  
39 ~~second and fourth wards, a Mayor and a Municipal Judge for~~  
40 ~~Department 2, all of whom hold office until their successors~~  
41 ~~have been elected and qualified, pursuant to subsection 5 or 6.~~

42 ~~—3.]~~ On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
43 2004, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be  
44 elected , ~~[by the registered voters of the City,]~~ at the general  
45 election, Council members to represent the first, third and



1 fifth wards and a City Attorney, all of whom hold office for a  
2 term of 4 years and until their successors have been elected  
3 and qualified.

4 ~~[4.—On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November~~  
5 ~~2004, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be~~  
6 ~~elected by the registered voters of the City, at the general~~  
7 ~~election, a Municipal Judge for Department 1, who holds~~  
8 ~~office for a term of 4 years and until his successor has been~~  
9 ~~elected and qualified, pursuant to subsection 7.~~

10 ~~—5.]~~ 2. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in  
11 November 2006, and at each successive interval of 4 years,  
12 there must be elected, ~~[by the registered voters of the City,]~~  
13 at the general election, Council members to represent the  
14 second and fourth wards and a Mayor, all of whom hold  
15 office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have  
16 been elected and qualified.

17 ~~[6.]~~ 3. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in  
18 November 2006, and at each successive interval of 6 years,  
19 there must be elected, ~~[by the registered voters of the City,]~~  
20 at the general election, a Municipal Judge for Department 2,  
21 who holds office for a term of 6 years and until his successor  
22 has been elected and qualified.

23 ~~[7.]~~ 4. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in  
24 November 2008, and at each successive interval of 6 years,  
25 there must be elected, ~~[by the registered voters of the City,]~~  
26 at the general election, a Municipal Judge for Department 1,  
27 who holds office for a term of 6 years and until his successor  
28 has been elected and qualified.

29 ~~[8.—All candidates at]~~

30 5. *In an election that is held pursuant to this section :*

31 *(a) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Attorney*  
32 *and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered*  
33 *voters of the City at large.*

34 *(b) A candidate for the office of City Council Member*  
35 *must be voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward*  
36 *that the candidate seeks to represent.*

37 **Sec. 12.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,  
38 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by  
39 chapter 41, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 398, is hereby  
40 amended to read as follows:

41 Sec. 5.020 Primary elections.

42 1. *At an election that is held pursuant to this section:*

43 *(a) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Attorney*  
44 *and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered*



1 voters of the City at large. [~~Candidates to represent a ward as~~  
2 ~~a member of the City Council~~]

3 *(b) A candidate for the office of City Council Member*  
4 *must be voted upon **only** by the registered voters of the ward*  
5 *[~~to be represented by them.~~] **that the candidate seeks to***  
6 *represent.*

7 2. The names of the two candidates for Mayor, City  
8 Attorney and Municipal Judge and the names of the two  
9 candidates to represent the ward as a member of the City  
10 Council from each ward who receive the highest number of  
11 votes at the primary election must be placed on the ballot for  
12 the general election.

13 **Sec. 13.** The City Council of the City of Reno shall, not later  
14 than July 1, 2013, establish the boundaries of the ward created by  
15 the amendatory provisions of section 7 of this act, which must be  
16 designated the sixth ward, and change the boundaries of the first  
17 through fifth wards to comply with the provisions of section 1.050  
18 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by section 7 of this  
19 act.

20 **Sec. 14.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of  
21 sections 8 and 9 of this act, a Council Member of the City of Reno  
22 who holds office on July 1, 2013, shall:

23 1. If elected or appointed to represent a ward, continue to  
24 represent that ward for the remainder of his or her term of office.

25 2. If elected or appointed to represent the City at large, be  
26 deemed to represent only the ward created by the amendatory  
27 provisions of section 7 of this act for the remainder of his or her  
28 term of office.

29 **Sec. 15.** The Board of Supervisors of Carson City shall place  
30 on the ballot for the general election to be held on  
31 November 6, 2012, a question in substantially the following form:

32 Shall the Charter of Carson City be amended to provide  
33 for a ward system for the election of Supervisors, providing  
34 that each Supervisor must be elected in a primary or general  
35 election by only the registered voters of the ward that he or  
36 she seeks to represent?

37 **Sec. 16.** The City Council of the City of Henderson shall place  
38 on the ballot for the general election to be held on  
39 November 6, 2012, a question in substantially the following form:

40 Shall the Charter of the City of Henderson be amended to  
41 provide for a ward system for the election of Council  
42 Members, providing that each Council Member must be  
43 elected in a primary or general election by only the registered  
44 voters of the ward that he or she seeks to represent?



1     **Sec. 17.** The City Council of the City of Reno shall place on  
2 the ballot for the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, a  
3 question in substantially the following form:

4             Shall the Charter of the City of Reno be amended to  
5 provide for a ward system for the election of Council  
6 Members, providing that each Council Member must be  
7 elected in a general election by only the registered voters of  
8 the ward that he or she seeks to represent?

9     **Sec. 18.** The City Council of the City of Sparks shall place on  
10 the ballot for the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, a  
11 question in substantially the following form:

12             Shall the Charter of the City of Sparks be amended to  
13 provide for a ward system for the election of Council  
14 Members, providing that each Council Member must be  
15 elected in a general election by only the registered voters of  
16 the ward that he or she seeks to represent?

17     **Sec. 19.** 1. This section and sections 15 to 18, inclusive, of  
18 this act become effective upon passage and approval.

19     2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective on  
20 July 1, 2013, only if a majority of the voters voting on the question  
21 placed on the ballot pursuant to section 15 of this act vote  
22 affirmatively on the question.

23     3. Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this act become effective on  
24 July 1, 2013, only if a majority of the voters voting on the question  
25 placed on the ballot pursuant to section 16 of this act vote  
26 affirmatively on the question.

27     4. Sections 7 to 10, inclusive, 13 and 14 of this act become  
28 effective on July 1, 2013, only if a majority of the voters voting on  
29 the question placed on the ballot pursuant to section 17 of this act  
30 vote affirmatively on the question.

31     5. Sections 11 and 12 of this act become effective on  
32 July 1, 2013, only if a majority of the voters voting on the question  
33 placed on the ballot pursuant to section 18 of this act vote  
34 affirmatively on the question.

