

Minutes of the Meeting  
STATE, COUNTY AND CITY AFFAIRS  
FEBRUARY 22, 1968  
4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: HILBRECHT, GARFINCKLE, HAFEN, TYSON, SIMITH, DINI, YOUNG, PETRINI

MEMBERS ABSENT: McKISSICK

GUESTS PRESENT: ASSEMBLYMAN TIM HAFEN AND MR FRANK DYKIN

Chairman Hilbrecht called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was SB 16 - Provides for establishment of town board form of government by initiative petition.

Chairman Hilbrecht stated that he had discussed this measure with Dave Henry, Clark County Manager, who was opposed to it, and suggested that a population clause be included so that Clark County would not be affected.

Mr. Daykin stated that the section of the general law reads "on which a tax has been imposed", so that any one having personal property, such as an apartment renter, would be eligible, even if he was not paying personal property taxes. He also pointed out that it requires 15% of the total county population, which would be a good sized requirement in a county as large as Clark.

Assemblyman Petrini asked that Assemblyman Tim Hafen explain again the problem in Tonopah.

Assemblyman Hafen explained that Tonopah would like closed control over the town's administration, as Nye is such a large county in area, and the three county commissioners live in other parts of the county. Tonopah has 60% of the voting population of Nye County, and the commissioners are not able to devote the time to matters of town government that is required.

Assemblyman Dini stated that he agreed with this bill, and the idea of initiative petition, but could not go along with the voter qualifications contained in this bill, as it would also affect Lyon County, which presently has three town boards.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht suggested that Sec. 4 be completely taken out.

Mr. Daykin stated that Sec. 4 established who could vote in initiative petition elections for town boards, which is a new concept, and it was needed.

Mr. Daykin asked Assemblyman Hafen just what the town of Tonopah wanted with regard to voter regulation.

Assemblyman Hafen explained that the feeling was that the people who vote should be property owners, and that this point should be tied down. He explained that the present Chairman of the advisory town board was a man who was greatly respected, however, due to his employment, he did not own any real property, and was forced to buy an acre of land to qualify.

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Assemblyman Hilbrecht moved that SB 16 be amended to read that any county having a population of 50,000 or more as determined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce be excluded.

Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.  
The motion carried.

Assemblyman Dini moved that Sec. 4 be amended to read that in addition to the qualifications prescribed in NRS 293.485 for electors in all elections, a person may vote in an election held pursuant to Section 3 of this act only if he has been a resident of the area for which it is proposed to establish a town board form of government for at least 30 days prior to such election.

Assemblyman Young seconded the motion.  
The motion carried.

Assemblyman Dini moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation for SB 16.  
Assemblyman Tyson seconded the motion.  
The motion carried.

The next order of business was ACR 9 - requesting public service commission to investigate Southwest Gas Corporation.

Assemblyman Young moved ACR 9 be INDEFINATELY POSTPONED  
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion  
The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.