

Exh. 10

Assembly

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: 56TH ASSEMBLY SESSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 1971; ROOM 222

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: Mary Frazzini, Vice Chairman: absent
Nick Lauri, Ross Prince, Darrel Dreyer,
Juanita White.

ABSENT: Frank Young, Marge Foote

GUEST: Jack McCloskey, Mineral County News; Hawthorne, Nevada

Chairman Frazzini called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:10a.m

Mr. McCloskey spoke to the committee on the price a newspaper receives for publishing the list of registered voters. The law presently requires that the county pay 10 cents per name for the list of registered voters, and by getting the 10 cents per name Mr. McCloskey receives 289.00 verses \$420.00 to \$480.00 on a contract from grocery stores, etc. Mr. McCloskey pointed out that if the price was changed from 10 cents per name to 15 cents per name, the price he would receive for an 8 point list of registered voters would be \$423.00.

Committee had discussion on this:

Committee decision: Mr. Lauri moved to amend 293.557 to read on the size of type set; 10 cents per name, 6 points or larger increasing to 15 cents per name for 8 point or larger, and include this bill in the omnibus as amended, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, motion carried.

Mr. McCloskey spoke on 293.443: SUMMARY: ELECTION EXPENSES; LIMITATION ON COST OF PRINTING BALLOTS.

Committee discussion:

Committee decision: Mr. Lauri moved to increase \$80 for the first 2,000 ballots to \$100, and supplemental ballots from \$40.00 to \$50.00, for pay on ballot printing, seconded by Mr. Prince, motion carried.

The next order of business before the committee at this time was the report from Alex Coon pertaining to application for absent ballot;

Committee discussion on the presentation.

Committee decision: Mrs. White moved to present Mr. Coon's report as an amendment, seconded, motion carried. (THE REPORT IS ATTACHED.)

Chairman Frazzini asked if the committee would study AB 322:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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To Mary Frazzini:

The reason why I submit these suggested amendments in this manner is not that I'm presuming to be a bill drafter, or a writer of legislation; it's simply because this is much clearer and shorter (and easier than going into a long-winded narrative presentation on it.

The idea is to give the absent ballot voter a chance to state whether or not he should have his registration cancelled; to provide an application form for that purpose but making the form consistent with practical application for mechanics in the making of records; also to cover weak spots in the method, in the area of absent voting.

Here are the three SUGGESTED amendments:

293.313: 1. any registered voter who executes the application form provided in subsection 3 of this section, may vote an absent ballot as provided in this chapter if, on the day of voting at any general or primary election, he is or expects to be:

(a) Absent from the precinct or district in the county of his residence because of the nature of his vocation, business or any other unavoidable cause [.] ;

(b) Unable, because of illness or physical disability, to go to the polling place; or

(c) In the service of the United States.

2. The spouses and dependents of any voter referred to in subsection 1 may vote in the same manner as such voter if, by reason of the services of such voter, they are required to reside beyond the boundaries of the state.

3. The county clerk or registrar of voters shall furnish, upon request, an application for absent ballot substantially in the following form:

for the.....Election, held on
(Date)

Name.....Residence address at which registered to vote.....
.....(Street).....(City or Town).....
in.....Precinct. Political party affiliation.....

(Check one of the blocks below consistent with your intention.)

I intend to establish my residence outside ofCounty,
Nevada, and hereby request that my presnet affidavit of registration
to vote in this County be cancelled after I use this ballot.

I do not intend to abandon my residence inCounty, Nevada
and I intend to vote in the next election in this County.

I will not be present at my regular precinct polling place on the
above election day and hereby request, in compliance with the Absent
Ballot Voting Law of Nevada, that an absent ballot be sent to me at

.....
(Complete address to which ballot is to be sent including zip code)

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(Applicant's signature)

4. The prescribed form in subsection 3 may be of such size and include
additional spaces properly designated as are necessary for the applicat
to be used as a part or a page of the absent ballot record book in com-
plying with NRS 293.325; but this subsection shall not be construed to
preclude the use of a separate record book.

293.316: 1. Any registered voter unable to go to the polls because of
illness or disability resulting in his confinement in a hospital, sana-
torium, dwelling or nursing home may [request in a written statement,
signed by him, that the county clerk send him an] execute an application
for absent ballot in accord with NRS 293.313. The [county clerk shall

deliver the] ballot [, at the office of the clerk,] shall be issued to any authorized representative of the voter possessing a written statement from the voters's physician or practitioner or a written statement signed by an official of the hospital, sanatorium or nursing home stating that the voter [is] was admitted as a patient in a hospital sanatorium or nursing home since 5 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the election , and stating that the voter will be confined therein on election day.

2. After marking his ballot the voter shall place it in the identification envelope. He shall then affix his signature on the back of the envelope and return it to the office of the county clerk or registrar of voters.

3. A request for a ballot under this section shall be made, and the ballot delivered to the voter and returned to the county clerk or registrar of voters, not later than the time the polls close on election day.

4. The procedure authorized by this section shall be subject to all other provisions of this chapter relating to absent ballot voting insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

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293.545 1. Immediately after the county commissioners of a county canvass the general election vote, the county clerk or registrar of voters shall compare his register for each precinct or district in the county with the list of registered voters who voted at such election in each precinct or district as shown by the pollbook or roster returned by the precinct or district election board to the county clerk, and he shall remove from the county clerk's or registrar of voters' official register and from the election board register the affidavits of registration of all electors who have failed to vote at such election.

[2. Except as provided in subsection 3, the county clerk shall remove from the county clerk's register and election board register the affidavits of registration of voters who voted by absent ballot at the last preceding general election.

3. If a county clerk determines that a voter who voted by absent ballot was, at the time of casting such ballot, a state or federal officer or a member of such person's immediate family, a person in the service of the United States, a member of a religious group or welfare group officially attached to and serving with the Armed Forces of the United States, a person engaged in transportation by rail, motor or airplane whose occupation necessitated his being absent on election day, an elector residing in an absent ballot mailing precinct, or who was unable to vote at the polling place because of illness or physical disability, such clerk shall not remove the affidavits of registration of such voters either from the county clerk's register or from the election board register.]

2. Notwithstanding the fact that an absent voter's ballot which had been voted or mailed on or before the day of the general election as a returned voted ballot but arrived too late to be cast and counted, such voter shall not be considered as one who failed to vote under the provision of subsection 1.

 If these amendments are acceptable, please let them become effective as of July 1, 1971. THANK YOU!!!

---alex coon