

NEVADA LEGISLATURE  
ASSEMBLY

57TH SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS  
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 1973

ATTENDEES: Foote, Chairman  
Gojack, Vice Chairman  
Crawford  
Ford  
Huff  
Smith  
Vergiels

ABSENCES: None

GUESTS: Carol Brenenberger - League of Women Voters  
Rebecca Vineland - Guest of Assemblyman Gojack  
Mrs. Vergiels - Wife of Assemblyman Vergiels  
Assemblyman Ashworth - Speaker

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by Chairman Foote.

1. AB 189/BDR 24-1229\*

AB 189 as amended was approved by the Committee the last meeting. However, it was decided they needed a new bill for these amendments so BDR 24-1229, which increases certain penalties for violation of election laws from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor was prepared. Assemblyman Ford moved to Committee introduction. It was seconded by Assemblyman Smith. Action taken is as follows:

Bill No. BDR 24-1229

Sponsor: Elections Committee Introduction

Subject: Increases certain penalties for violation of election laws from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor.

Committee Action: Motion made by Assemblyman Ford for

Date: 2/22/73 Committee Introduction.

Seconded by: Assemblyman Smith

Committee Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Foote	X	-	-	-
Gojack	X	-	-	-
Crawford	X	-	-	-
Ford	X	-	-	-
Huff	X	-	-	-
Smith	X	-	-	-
Vergiels	X	-	-	-

Disposition: Do pass.

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2. AB 212

Assemblyman Ford moved to "Do Pass." It was seconded by Assemblyman Gojack. Assemblyman Huff stated he was in favor as long as the full name of the person voting is shown. Action taken is as follows:

Bill No. AB 212 Date: February 5, 1973  
Sponsor: Messrs. Vergiels, Demers and Ullom  
Subject: Prohibits the requirement of a sex or marital status prefix to the names of voter-registrants.  
Committee Action: Assemblyman Ford moved to "Do Pass." 2/22/73  
Seconded by: Assemblyman Gojack

Committee Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Foote	X	-	-	-
Gojack	X	-	-	-
Crawford	X	-	-	-
Ford	X	-	-	-
Huff	X	-	-	-
Smith	X	-	-	-
Vergiels		-	-	-

Disposition: Do Pass. Date: 2/22/73

3. AB 211

Assemblyman Vergiels stated he was concerned, after listening to Mr. Colton at last Thursday's meeting, about being able to catch anyone who tried to vote twice, but Assemblyman Huff believed it might serve as a deterrent. Chairman Foote stated she didn't believe <sup>people</sup> would look at NRS 293 so Assemblyman Smith suggested posting it. Assemblyman Ford commented that it didn't designate applying only to the State of Nevada and wondered about the possibility of someone voting in Los Angeles and then coming up to Nevada. Assemblyman Huff advised it could only apply to Nevada. Assemblyman Vergiels asked if they would like to have it amended to indicate it be posted in every polling place or some conspicuous place and Chairman Foote stated she believed it would be a good idea. Assemblymen Ford and Gojack stated it must be big enough and conspicuous so it can be noticed so Assemblyman Vergiels asked if the size of the print should be specified? It was determined it should be the same size as the notice that no person should be on the same side of the street of any entrance to the polling place to solicit a vote or ask for whom voting, and it was determined it should be posted in the county clerk's office, the registrar's office, and listed on the sample ballot so the voters will know about it before the election starts.

Chairman Foote asked if anyone in the audience wanted to discuss AB 211, No one did, so Chairman Foote stated they will wait and take action on this bill at the time they see the amendment.

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4. SB-42

Assemblyman Smith: Move "Do Pass."

Assemblyman Vergiels: Seconded.

Action taken as follows:

Bill No.: SB-42 Date: January 16, 1973  
Sponsor: Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments  
Subject: Resolves technical inconsistency within definitions  
used for General Improvement District Law.  
Committee Action: Motion made by Assemblyman Smith to "Do Pass."  
2/22/73  
Seconded by: Assemblyman Vergiels

Committee Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Foote	X	-	-	-
Gojack	X	-	-	-
Crawford	X	-	-	-
Ford	X	-	-	-
Huff	X	-	-	-
Smith	X	-	-	-
Vergiels	X	-	-	-

Disposition: Do pass. Date: 2/22/73

5. AB-9

Assemblyman Smith asked if they could once again take up AB-9 because they have discussed it several times and have had some problems, particularly on page 2, line 45, stating there is even a more serious problem on page 3, line 31, and another problem is in the language we are omitting in the notice. He stated he believed if it were changed on page 3 as proposed it would permit a local faction to call a meeting and deny proxy and keep participation and, therefore, the votes down. He stated he believes he understands the reason the bill was introduced but believes it works a greater hardship on both parties than it is intended to carry. Therefore, if a motion is in order, he would like to move for an indefinite postponement on the bill. Assemblyman Gojack seconded the motion. Chairman Foote asked if we would, then, be leaving the law as it is and Assemblyman Smith stated yes, the law would return to as it is now. Action taken as follows:

AB-9 Date: January 16, 1973  
Sponsor: Mr. Dreyer  
Subject: Eliminates requirement that certain information  
accompany notice of political party precinct meetings.  
Committee Action: Motion made by Assemblyman Smith for an  
2/22/73 indefinite postponement on the bill.  
Seconded by: Assemblyman Gojack

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Committee Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Foote	X	-	-	-
Gojack	X	-	-	-
Crawford	X	-	-	-
Ford	X	-	-	-
Huff	X	-	-	-
Smith	X	-	-	-
Vergiels	X	-	-	-

Disposition: Indefinite postponement. Date: 2/22/73

6. Chairman Foote asked if anything else was to come before the Committee. Assemblyman Ford stated she would like to check on the following:

- a. Cranford (Crawford) has asked for a bill for Stan (Colton) to ask for an appointment of election board officials? Assemblyman Crawford stated he had.
- b. Chairman Foote had been furnished guidelines from Mr. Winters which would change the order of the candidates listed on the ballot to lot rather than alphabetical? Chairman Foote agreed she had. Assemblyman Ford asked if it had been determined by the Committee, after discussion, whether there was no point in getting a bill drawn up. The Committee concurred.
- c. Something was mentioned about changing the primary election date from the first day of school to either earlier or later. Assemblyman Vergiels advised he had a bill on his desk now which changed the date of the primary to the last Tuesday in August instead of the first Tuesday in September. He had it brought up so the Committee could review it (#BDR 24-889). Assemblyman Ford made motion for Committee introduction; seconded by Assemblyman Gojack. Action taken as follows:

Bill No. BDR 24-889

Sponsor: Elections Committee Introduction

Subject: Changes date of primary to last Tuesday in August instead of first Tuesday in September.

Committee Action: Motion made by Assemblyman Ford for 2/22/73 Committee introduction.

Seconded by: Assemblyman Gojack

Committee Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Foote	X	-	-	-
Gojack	X	-	-	-
Crawford	X	-	-	-
Ford	X	-	-	-
Huff	X	-	-	-
Smith	X	-	-	-
Vergiels	X	-	-	-

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- d. Assemblyman Ford has a letter she received from some people in Clark County requesting consideration of changing requirements for placing minorities candidates on ballot. Assemblyman Ford advised he has already drawn something up on this and requested a bill.
- e. Assemblyman Ford advised she has requested the cost of the ballot handbook bill and will give the Committee a report when it is received by her.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Assemblyman Smith for adjournment. Seconded by Assemblyman Gojack. Meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Marion Smith  
Assembly Attache

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ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING

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NAME	ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED
Carol Cronenberg	League of W. Voters
Rutha Vincent	Queen of May Street
Mrs. Vergies	
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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Date 2/22/73 Time 4 - 5 Room 328

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>AB 211</u>	<u>Makes voting twice at the same election a felony.</u>	<u></u>
<u>AB 212</u>	<u>Prohibits the requirement of a sex or marital status prefix to the names of voter-registrants.</u>	<u></u>
<u>SB 42</u>	<u>Resolves technical inconsistency within definitions used for General Improvement District Law.</u>	<u></u>
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\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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