

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- February 15, 1973

The eleventh meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on February 15, 1973, at 1:45 P.M.

Committee members present: Chairman Gibson
John Foley
Lee Walker
Stan Drakulich

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order. This meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the following bill:

AB-253 Provides for referendum in certain cities upon election of members of governing body by voters of individual wards.

Chairman Gibson explained that there was a pressing time element connected with this bill. They agreed to try and pass this through the Senate as soon as possible. They took the issue out of SB-61, which had been added by amendment, and made it a separate bill (AB-253), which now calls for a referendum in each of these five cities. Sparks is now excluded from this provision. This, in effect, would put the issue to the people as to whether or not in the city charter a ward should be created and then a councilman elected from within the ward. This would go on the election this year, and in the case of Carson City in 1974, and if passed by the people then the charter would be amended to so reflect.

Senator Walker moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Foley. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Fondi,
Committee Secretary

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 253—MESSRS. WITTENBERG, DINI, BAR-
ENGO, ULLOM, VERGIELS, SMITH AND DREYER

FEBRUARY 9, 1973

Referred to Committee on Elections

SUMMARY—Provides for referendum in certain cities upon election of members
of governing body by voters of individual wards. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR
S-1022)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to municipal government; providing for the submission to the reg-
istered voters of certain cities of the question whether to elect members of their
respective governing bodies by voters of individual wards; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. 1. At the municipal general elections to be held in June
2 1973, in each of the cities specified in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this
3 act, there shall be submitted to the registered voters of each such city the
4 question specified in the section pertaining to that city. Except as other-
5 wise provided in subsection 2, the question shall be submitted in the same
6 manner as other questions are submitted to the voters at municipal elec-
7 tions.

8 2. Any requirement for the publication of a question to be submitted,
9 whether contained in a general law, special charter or local ordinance,
10 which cannot reasonably be complied with between the effective date
11 of this act and the date of such election is hereby suspended. In such
12 case, publication three times at the longest feasible intervals shall be
13 deemed a substantial compliance with such requirement.

14 SEC. 2. 1. The question to be submitted to the registered voters of
15 the city of Henderson is:

16 Shall section 14 of Article VI and sections 237 and 238 of Article
17 XXI of the charter of the city of Henderson be amended to read
18 respectively as follows:

19 Section 14. Councilmen: Qualifications; election; term of office; sal-
20 ary.

21 1. The legislative power of the city is vested in a city council consist-
22 ing of the mayor and four councilmen.

Original bill is 19 pages long.
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a copy of the complete bill.

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