Minutes of the Nevada State Legislature
Assembly Committee on ELECTIONS

Date: April 21, 1981

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Glover

Vice Chairman Chaney

Mr. Beyer
Mrs. Ham
Mrs. Hayes
Mr. Hickey
Mr. Malone
Mr. Nicholas

Mr. Prengaman Mr. Robinson

Mr. Sader

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Chairman Glover held a meeting at his desk on the floor of the Assembly.

He asked for a committee introduction of BDR S-2037 which amends the charter of the City of Las Vegas to provide that unopposed candidates may be declared elected under certain circumstances. (EXHIBIT A)

He explained to the committee that this must be declared an emergency measure in order that this legislation can be signed by the Governor by the end of this week to allow this law to be applied by the City of Las Vegas to the upcoming primary election. He added that this will save the City of Las Vegas approximately \$26,000.

Mr. Glover also noted that the rules must be suspended in order to process this bill as an emergency measure.

The motion was made for a committee introduction of BDR S-2037 with the request that it be declared an emergency measure and that all rules be suspended. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Trice Letel

Patricia Hatch

Secretary

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SUMMARY--Amends charter of City of Las Vegas to provide that unopposed candidates be declared elected under certain circumstances. (BDR S-2037)

Fiscal Note: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial
Insurance: No.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An Act incorporating the City of Las Vegas, in Clark County, Nevada, and defining the boundaries thereof, under a new charter; and providing other matters properly relating thereto," approved April 24, 1971, as amended.

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

Section 1. Section 5.010 of the above—entitled act, being chapter 515, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 44, Statutes of Nevada 1979, at page 63, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.010 Primary municipal elections.

- 1. On the Tuesday after the 1st Monday in May [1975,] 1979, and at each successive interval of 4 years, [there shall be held] a primary municipal election [,] must be held, at which time [there shall be nominated] candidates for mayor , [and] two offices of commissioner [.] and municipal judge, department 1 must be nominated.
- 2. On the Tuesday after the 1st Monday in May [1977,]

 1981, and at each successive interval of 4 years, [there shall be held] a primary municipal election [,] must be held, at which time [there shall be nominated] candidates for two offices of commissioner and municipal judge, department 2 [. On the same date, there shall be nominated candidates for municipal judge, department 1, who shall be elected for two years.
- 3. On the Tuesday after the 1st Monday in May 1979, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there shall be held a primary municipal election, at which time there shall be nominated candidates for mayor, two offices of commissioner and municipal judge, department 1.

- 4.] must be nominated.
- 3. The candidates for commissioner to be nominated as provided in subsections 1 and 2 [shall] <u>must</u> be voted for and nominated separately. The candidates from wards 1 and 3 [shall] <u>must</u> be nominated as provided in subsection 1 and candidates from wards 2 and 4 nominated as provided in subsection 2.
- [5.] 4. All candidates for municipal offices as provided in subsections 1, 2 [, 3 and 4 shall] and 3 must file an affidavit of candidacy with the city clerk not less than 30 days nor more than 40 days before the primary election. If the last day [limited] for filing an affidavit of candidacy falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or any holiday proclaimed by the governor, or the President of the United States, [then] the period [so limited shall expire] for filing expires on the preceding business day at 5 p.m. The filing fee for each office [shall] must be as established by ordinance by the board of commissioners.
- 5. If at 5 p.m. on the last day for filing an affidavit of candidacy, there is only one candidate for nomination for any office, that candidate must be declared elected and no primary or general election need be held for that office.
- 6. If in the primary election no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which he is a candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes [shall] must be placed on the ballot for the general election. If in the primary election, regardless of the number of candidates for an office, one candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which he is a candidate, he [shall] must be declared elected and no general election need be held for that office.
- Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.