

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mouryne Landing, Chief Clerk
Julius Conigliaro, City of Las Vegas
Al Levy, City Commissioner
Mike Cool, City of Las Vegas

Chairman Glover called an emergency meeting in the Assembly Lounge to discuss AB 549⁵. (EXHIBIT A)

AB 549⁵: Amends charter of City of Las Vegas to provide that unopposed candidates be declared elected under certain circumstances.

Mr. Glover reminded the committee of the discussion the previous day of declaring this an emergency measure and asked Mr. Julius Canigliaro to explain this to the committee.

Mr. Julius Canigliaro, representing the City of Las Vegas, explained that this will amend the Charter of the City of Las Vegas by providing that if there is only one candidate who has filed an affidavit of candidacy at the close of filing, that candidate can be declared elected and no election will be held. He indicated that the passage of this bill as an emergency measure would save the City of Las Vegas approximately \$26,000.

Mr. Mike Cool, representing the City of Las Vegas, said that there was no purpose in holding an election as there were only three uncontested candidates and a five percent turnout was expected.

Mr. Al Levy, City Commissioner for the City of Las Vegas, said that he had discussed this with the Registrar of Voters who indicated that an additional savings will be realized because 204 people who were scheduled to work at the polls will not have to be trained or paid for their services.

The committee discussed if this applied to any other city or could be applied to a bond election in any way. They were assured by representatives that this will only apply to the

City of Las Vegas and only to elections where there is absolutely no contest.

When Mr. Prengaman asked if the general public had been consulted at all in this matter, Mr. Levy said no but he had spoken with the registrar of voters.

When Mr. Glover asked if it was possible to have this bill ready for the Governor's signature by Friday morning, Mrs. Landing explained that it can be declared an emergency measure and placed on General File immediately; then printed and engrossed and sent to the Senate by tomorrow morning. She indicated that if the Senate will declare it an emergency measure then it can be delivered to the Governor by Friday morning.

Mr. Hickey moved DO PASS with the recommendation that it be declared an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Chaney. The motion carried with Mr. Prengaman voting no.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hatch

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Secretary

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] must be voted for and nominated separately. The candidates from wards 1 and 3 [shall] must 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.