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WORK SESSION

Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

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ASSEMBLY BILL 84

Revises provisions concerning certain town advisory boards. (BDR 21-119)

Sponsored by: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs
On Behalf of Assemblywoman Giunchigliani

Date Heard: March 28, 2003

Assembly Bill 84, in its original form, set limits on the terms of members of town advisory boards.

Amendments: Assemblywoman Giunchigliani proposed amendments to the bill and, after the hearing, other members of the Committee proposed further amendments.

A mock-up of the proposed amendments is attached.

Opposition: Several persons testifying in Las Vegas who were members of town advisory boards opposed the bill.

Fiscal Impact: Local Government: No
State Government: No

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL 84

REVISED: APRIL 10, 2003

NRS 269.576 County whose population is 400,000 or more: Appointment or election; terms and removal of members; duties; compensation.

1. Except as appointment may be deferred pursuant to NRS 269.563, the board of county commissioners of any county whose population is 400,000 or more shall, in each ordinance which establishes an unincorporated town pursuant to NRS 269.500 to 269.625, inclusive, provide for:

(a) Appointment by the board of county commissioners or the election by the registered voters of the unincorporated town of three or five qualified electors who are residents of the unincorporated town to serve as the town advisory board. If the ordinance provides for appointment by the board of county commissioners, in making such appointments, the board of county commissioners shall consider:

(1) The results of any poll conducted by the town advisory board; and

(2) Any application submitted to the board of county commissioners by persons who desire to be appointed to the town advisory board in response to an announcement made by the town advisory board.

(b) A term of 4 years for members of the town advisory board, which must be staggered and must expire on the first Monday in January of an odd-numbered year. [~~No person who has served for a term as a member of a town advisory board is eligible for reappointment until 2 years after the expiration of his term.~~]

(c) Removal of a member of the town advisory board if the board of county commissioners finds that his removal is in the best interest of the residents of the unincorporated town, and for appointment of a member to serve the unexpired term of the member so removed.

2. The board of county commissioners shall provide notice of any vacancy on a town advisory board to the residents of the unincorporated town by mail, newsletter or newspaper at least [90] 30 days before filling the vacancy.

3. The duties of the town advisory board are to:

(a) Assist the board of county commissioners in governing the unincorporated town by acting as liaison between the residents of the town and the board of county commissioners; and

(b) Advise the board of county commissioners on matters of importance to the unincorporated town and its residents.

4. The board of county commissioners may provide by ordinance for compensation for the members of the town advisory board.

Conceptual amendment: Add a provision that requires the term of the chair to be limited to 2 years so that the person is ineligible to be re-elected at the conclusion of their term. Require a new chair to be elected from among the other members of the town advisory board.

Conceptual amendment: Add clarifying language requiring notice of a vacancy upon the expiration of a member's four-year term.

Send letter of intent to Clark County Commission directing it to provide notice of vacancies to legislative representatives of town for purpose of proposing nominations.