

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 235—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

MARCH 4, 2003

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Provides Voters' Bill of Rights. (BDR 24-270)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE § 4
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; providing a Voters' Bill of Rights;
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.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.
3 **Sec. 2.** *Section 3 of this act may be cited as the Voters' Bill of*
4 *Rights.*
5 **Sec. 3.** *The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has*
6 *the right:*
7 **1.** *To receive and cast a ballot that:*
8 **(a)** *Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of*
9 *candidates; and*
10 **(b)** *Accurately records the voter's preference in the selection of*
11 *candidates.*
12 **2.** *To have his questions concerning voting procedures*
13 *answered and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting*
14 *posted in a conspicuous place at the polling place.*
15 **3.** *To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.*
16 **4.** *To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line at his*
17 *polling place to vote before 7 p.m. and he has not already cast his*
18 *vote in that election.*



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- 1 **5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another**
- 2 **ballot in its place.**
- 3 **6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.**
- 4 **7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and**
- 5 **delivered in a timely manner.**
- 6 **8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for**
- 7 **voting during early voting or on election day.**
- 8 **9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections**
- 9 **system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly,**
- 10 **disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military**
- 11 **or a citizen who is overseas.**
- 12 **10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and**
- 13 **recounting all votes accurately.**
- 14 **11. To have complaints about elections and election contests**
- 15 **resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.**
- 16 **Sec. 4. 1. The Secretary of State, each county clerk and**
- 17 **each city clerk shall:**
- 18 **(a) Make the Voters' Bill of Rights readily available to the**
- 19 **public;**
- 20 **(b) Maintain a copy of the Voters' Bill of Rights in his office**
- 21 **for reproduction and distribution to the public; and**
- 22 **(c) Ensure that the Voters' Bill of Rights is posted in a**
- 23 **conspicuous place, in at least 12-point type, at each polling place.**
- 24 **2. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the Voters' Bill of**
- 25 **Rights is posted on his Internet website.**
- 26 **Sec. 5.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
- 27 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
- 28 provisions of this act.

