

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 235—ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY

MARCH 21, 2005

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing changes to boundaries of wards established in certain cities. (BDR 21-1394)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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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 cities; revising the provisions governing the changing of the boundaries of wards established in cities incorporated by general law; 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.** NRS 266.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 266.095 1. In a city incorporated pursuant to this chapter, the
- 3 city may be divided into wards by ordinance as follows:
- 4 (a) A city of population category one, into four or six wards.
- 5 (b) A city of population category two or three, into three or five
- 6 wards.
- 7 2. The division of cities into wards must, during the
- 8 incorporation thereof, be made by the board of county
- 9 commissioners. The wards must as nearly as practicable be of equal
- 10 population and in compact form.
- 11 3. Once established, the boundaries of wards must be changed
- 12 by ordinance of the city council .
- 13 4. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.209, the*
- 14 *boundaries of the wards:*
- 15 (a) *Must be changed* whenever ~~[]~~ *the population,* as
- 16 determined ~~[at the close of registration before each general election,~~
- 17 ~~the number of registered voters in any ward exceeds the number of~~



1 ~~registered voters]~~ *by the last preceding national decennial census*
2 *conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States*
3 *Department of Commerce, in any ward exceeds the population* in
4 any other ward by more than 5 percent.

5 *(b) May be changed to include territory which has been*
6 *annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the*
7 *population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by any*
8 *measure that is found to be reliable by the city council.*

9 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

