

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 237—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS)

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Authorizes any county to create the office of registrar of voters. (BDR 20-363)

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 counties; authorizing any county in this State to create the office of registrar of voters; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes a board of county commissioners in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) to create the office of registrar of voters and make appointments to the office. Upon appointment, a registrar of voters assumes, with certain exceptions, all powers and duties vested in and imposed upon the county clerk with respect to elections. (NRS 244.164)

Section 1 of this bill removes the requirement that a county have a population of 100,000 or more to be authorized to create the office of registrar of voters. Removal of the population requirement authorizes any county to create the office of registrar of voters.

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

Section 1. NRS 244.164 is hereby amended to read as follows:
244.164 1. ~~[In each county having a population of 100,000 or more, the]~~ *The* board of county commissioners *of each county* may create the office of registrar of voters, prescribe the qualifications,



1 duties and compensation of that office and make appointments to
2 that office.

3 2. The registrar of voters, upon appointment as provided in
4 subsection 1, shall assume all of the powers and duties vested in and
5 imposed upon the county clerk of the county with respect to
6 elections, except the duties imposed by virtue of NRS 293.393 to
7 make out and deliver certificates of election.

8 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

