

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 392—ASSEMBLYMEN OSCARSON;
ELLISON AND WHEELER

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning certain communications relating to elections. (BDR 24-85)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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; requiring a disclosure on certain elections-related communications; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires that certain elections-related communications contain
2 disclosures to provide the public with information relating to the source or purpose
3 of the elections-related communications. (NRS 294A.347-294A.349)
4 **Section 2** of this bill provides that if an elections-related communication is
5 published in support of or in opposition to a candidate and the communication
6 includes the official name and address or other official contact information of a
7 governmental entity of the State of Nevada or any political subdivision, the
8 communication must disclose in a clear and conspicuous manner that the
9 communication is not endorsed by and is not an official publication of the State of
10 Nevada or the political subdivision, as appropriate.

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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 294A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto a new section to read as follows:

4 *1. If a communication is published in support of or in*
5 *opposition to a candidate and the communication includes the*
6 *official name and address or other official contact information of*
7 *a governmental entity, the communication must disclose in a clear*
8 *and conspicuous manner the following information:*



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1 (a) *If the communication includes the official name and*
2 *address or other official contact information of a governmental*
3 *entity of the State of Nevada, the communication must disclose:*

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5 *This communication is not endorsed by and is not an*
6 *official publication of the State of Nevada.*

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8 (b) *If the communication includes the official name and*
9 *address or other official contact information of a governmental*
10 *entity of any political subdivision of the State of Nevada, the*
11 *communication must disclose:*

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13 *This communication is not endorsed by and is not an*
14 *official publication of (insert the official name of the*
15 *political subdivision).*

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17 2. *As used in this section:*

18 (a) *“Governmental entity” means the State of Nevada, any*
19 *political subdivision of the State of Nevada or any agency,*
20 *institution, board, commission, bureau, council, department,*
21 *division, office, authority or other unit of government of the State*
22 *of Nevada or any political subdivision of the State of Nevada.*

23 (b) *“Official name and address or other official contact*
24 *information of a governmental entity” means the legal or*
25 *commonly recognized name of a governmental entity and:*

26 (1) *The street address of any building, office or other place*
27 *where the governmental entity is open for the transaction of*
28 *official business; or*

29 (2) *Any other official contact information for contacting*
30 *the governmental entity for the transaction of official business,*
31 *including, without limitation, a telephone number, facsimile*
32 *number, electronic mail address or address of the Internet website*
33 *of the governmental entity.*

34 (c) *“Publish” means the act of:*

35 (1) *Printing, posting, broadcasting, mailing or otherwise*
36 *disseminating; or*

37 (2) *Causing to be printed, posted, broadcasted, mailed or*
38 *otherwise disseminated.*

