

MINUTES OF MEETING --COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS --55TH SESSION -- ASSEMBLY  
MARCH 7, 1969

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Absent: Homer

Guests: William Goni, County Clerk of Ormsby County.

SJR-3 Amend Nevada Constitution concerning voting residence of military personnel.Reid suggested they call in Mr. Dakin to explain the meaning of the language in SJR-3 of the 54th Session.

Dakin: Back in 1966 the Supreme Court of the United States, in a case, held that a provision of the Texas Constitution, that was almost identical with a provision in our Constitution, forbid anyone to change their voting residence while in the service was invalid. The Supreme Court referred to the Nevada Constitution saying that "Only Nevada has a similiar provision in their constitution." The Attorney General says that a serviceman that has established a home can vote in that state. Therefore, this resolution was drafted to conform our Constitution with the Federal Constitution.

Hilbrecht said he did not like the words in italics. He felt the word "domicile" was an open invitation for abuse.

Reid ask if the words in italics in Section 3 could be taken out.

Dakin: We could not do this and achieve the purpose of being restrictive. In answer to the question, I would have to say "no."

Frazzini moved "do pass" SJR-3.

Foote seconded.

Motion defeated with Hilbrecht, Reid, and Schouweiler voting "nay."

Shouweiler made a motion to have a new resolution written by repealing section 3 and modernizing the language in section 2.

Reid seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

SB-180--Counting absentee ballots when polls open.

Goni ask what had happened to this bill and he was told that it had died in committee. The committee felt it was not in the best interest to discuss it again.

SB-68--Posting voting results.

Goni stated that with the coverage on radio and television, he felt that posting the results on the County Courthouse was sufficient.

Frazzini moved a "do pass on SB-68."

Hilbrecht seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

AB-532--Increases delegates from precincts to county conventions.Reid moved "do pass" AB-532.

Foote seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

AB-504 -- County Hospital trustees elected at large.  
AB-505 -- Election school district trustees.  
AB-512 -- District election of County Commissioners.

Committee felt that because these bills were so closely related they should take action on them together.

Frazzini moved a "do pass" on AB-504, 505, and 512.  
Reid seconded.  
Motion unanimously carried.

AB-342 -- Permits "incumbent" on ballot.

Reid said he felt they should strongly consider this for several reasons. One reason being that it would prevent incumbents from having to spend so much money for campaigning. He said it definitely has good points.

Foote moved to indefinitely postpone AB-342.  
Frazzini seconded.  
Motion carried with Reid and Hilbrecht voting "no."

AJR-35 -- Four year Assembly terms.

Schouweiler moved "do pass" AJR-35.  
Hilbrecht seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Hilbrecht moved to hold AJR-35 until a BDR relating to Senators came from the bill drafters and the two could be introduced together.  
Reid seconded.  
Motion carried with the chairman voting "no."

AB-498 -- Requires County Clerk to deliver ballots.

Hilbrecht moved to indefinitely postpone AB-498.  
Foote seconded  
Motion unanimously carried.

AB-370 -- Removal of affidavits of registration.

Reid moved "do pass" AB-370.  
Hilbrecht seconded.  
Motion unanimously carried.

AJR-38 -- Franking privileges.

Some members stated they were paying for franking privileges through taxes and there was alot of literature that was a waste of money. The County Clerks had been trying to get Congress to allow them to send out ballots when there was a federal office to fill.  
Foote moved "do pass" with an amendment in lieu of legislators in Washington.  
Schouweiler seconded.  
Motion carried with Reid and Swallow opposing.

HISTORY ON BILLS OF MARCH 7, 1969, ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 55TH SESSION

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Action</u>
AJR-3 of 54th	Amend Nevada Constitution concerning voting residence of military personnel.	Defeated
SB-68	Posting voting results.	Do Pass
AB-532	Increases delegates from precincts to county conventions.	Do Pass
AB-504	County Hospital trustees elected at large.	Do Pass
AB-505	Election school district trustees.	Do Pass
AB-512	District election of County Commissioners.	Do Pass
AB-342	Permits "incumbent" on ballot.	Indefinitely postponed.
AJR-35	Four year Assembly terms.	Do Pass
AB-498	Requires County Clerk to deliver ballots.	Indefinetely postponed.
AB-370	Removal of affidavits of registration.	Do Pass
AJR-38	Franking privileges.	Do Pass Amended