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I, JOHN KOONTZ, the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the following Constitutional Amendments are to appear on the 1968 General Election Ballot:

QUESTION NO. 1

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall—Assembly Joint Resolution proposing to amend Section 15 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada be amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That Section 15 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 15. The Justices of the Supreme Court and District Judges shall each receive for their services a compensation to be fixed by law and *paid in the manner provided by law*, which shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which they shall have been elected, unless a vacancy occurs, in which case the successor of the former incumbent shall receive only such salary as may be provided by law at the time of his election or appointment; and provision shall be made by law for setting apart from each year's revenue a sufficient amount of money, to pay such compensation.—be approved?

Yes 78572 ☒
No 43007 ☐

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to repeal the provision relating to Judges' compensation which provides that such compensation should be paid quarterly, thus allowing Judges' compensation to be paid as is the compensation of other public employees, and to repeal the provision relating to the compensation of Judges which provides such compensation shall be paid from County Treasuries, and substituting that such compensation be paid in the manner provided by law.

This Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 passed the Assembly in 1965 by a vote of 33 to 0 and the Senate by a vote of 16 to 0; then at the 1967 session it passed the Assembly by a vote of 40 to 0 and the Senate by a vote of 18 to 0.

Statements for the Printed Ballots and Voting Machines

The following language should appear on the printed ballots and voting machines:

Question No. 1.

Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall—Assembly Joint Resolution proposing to amend section 15 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, relating to compensation of judges, by repealing provisions for quarterly payment and for payment of district judges from county treasuries and by providing that judges be paid in the manner provided by law be approved?

(Explanation of Question No. 1)

A majority vote "yes" would amend the Constitution of the State of Nevada so as to allow the Legislature to make provision by law for paying Judges' compensation at periods other than quarterly, and to pay them from funds designated by the Legislature.

QUESTION NO. 2

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall—Assembly Joint Resolution proposing to amend Section 3 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 3. The state may contract public debts; but such debts shall never, in the aggregate, exclusive of interest, exceed the sum of *three* percent of the assessed valuation of the state, *as determined by the state controller in the manner provided by law*, except for the purpose of defraying extraordinary expenses, as hereinafter mentioned. Every such debt shall be authorized by law for some purpose or purposes, to be distinctly specified therein; and every such law shall provide for levying an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest semiannually, and the principal within twenty years from the passage of such law, and shall specially appropriate the proceeds of said taxes to the payment of said principal and interest; and such appropriation shall not be repealed nor the taxes postponed or diminished until the principal and interest of said debts shall have been wholly paid. Every contract of indebtedness entered into or assumed by or on behalf of the state, when all its debts and liabilities amount to said sum before mentioned, shall be void and of no effect, except in cases of money borrowed to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the state in time of war, or, if hostilities be threatened, provide for the public defense.

The state, notwithstanding the foregoing limitations, may, pursuant to authority of the legislature, make and enter into any and all contracts necessary, expedient or advisable for the protection and preservation of any of its property, or for the purposes of obtaining the benefits thereof, however arising and whether arising by or through any undertaking or project of the United States or by or through any treaty or compact between the states, or otherwise. The legislature may from time to time make such appropriations as may be necessary to carry out the obligations of the state under such contracts, and shall levy such tax as may be necessary

to pay the same or carry them into effect. *All contracts made under former provisions of this section shall remain valid and enforceable.*
—be approved?

Yes 56392 ☐
No 67071 ☒

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to raise the State debt limit from 1% of the assessed valuation of the State to 3%, exclusive of interest, and to place the determination of such assessed valuation with the State Controller, rather than having such determination made by the reports of County Assessors to the State Controller.

The contracts entered into by the State for the preservation and protection of its property is not subject to the limitation of 3% of the assessed valuation of the State, and the protection and preservation of the State's natural resources are removed from the exception to the limitation imposed.

All contracts made under the former provisions of Section 3 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada remain, under the amendment, valid and enforceable.

This Assembly Joint Resolution No. 21 passed the Assembly in 1965 by a vote of 33 to 2; and the Senate by a vote of 11 to 3; then at the 1967 Session of the Legislature it passed the Assembly by a vote of 31 to 6, and the Senate by a vote of 17 to 1.

Statements for the Printed Ballots and Voting Machines

The following language should appear on the printed ballots and voting machines:

Question No. 2.

Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall—Assembly Joint Resolution proposing to amend section 3 of article 9 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, relating to state indebtedness, by increasing the maximum allowance for the state public debt to 3 percent of the state's assessed valuation, by providing a flexible method of determining such valuation, and by restricting the contracts permissible outside the debt limit be approved?

Yes 56,392 ☐
No 67,071 ☐

(Explanation of Question No. 2)

A majority vote "Yes" would amend the Constitution of the State of Nevada so as to raise the State's debt limitation from 1% of the State's assessed valuation to 3%, exclusive of interest, and allow the State Controller to make a determination as to such valuation.

QUESTION NO. 3

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall—Assembly Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution by the addition of a new section to be designated Section 37, reading as follows:

SECTION 37. Notwithstanding the general provisions of sections 20, 25, 26, and 36 of this article, the legislature may by law consolidate into one municipal government, with one set of officers, the city designated as the seat of government of this state and the county in which such city is situated. Such consolidated municipality shall be considered as a county for the purpose of representation in the legislature, shall have all the powers conferred upon counties by this constitution or by general law, and shall have such other powers as may be conferred by its charter. Notwithstanding the general provisions of section 1 of article 10 the legislature may create two or more separate taxing districts within such consolidated municipality.—be approved?

Yes 73913 ☒
No 42541 ☐

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow the Legislature to consolidate the City of Carson City and the County of Ormsby into one municipal government, with one set of officers, and to permit the creation of two or more separate taxing districts within such consolidated municipality.

This Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28 passed the Assembly at the 1965 Session of the Legislature by a vote of 35 to 0, and the Senate by a vote of 15 to 0; then in 1967 it passed the Assembly by a vote of 38 to 0, and the Senate by a vote of 20 to 0.

Statements for the Printed Ballots and Voting Machines

The following language should appear on the printed ballots and voting machines:

Question No. 3.

Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall—Assembly Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to article 4 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, relating to the legislative department, by adding a new section allowing the legislature to consolidate the city designated as the seat of government and the county containing it be approved?

Yes 73,913 ☐
No 40,541 ☐

(Explanation of Question No. 3)

A majority vote "Yes" would result in authority for the Legislature to establish Carson City and the County of Ormsby as one municipal government with one set of officers, and to permit the creation of two or more separate taxing districts therein.

Section 293.253 of Nevada Revised Statutes places a duty upon the Secretary of State as well as upon the county clerks. NRS 293.253 provides:

1. *The secretary of state shall provide each county clerk with copies of any proposed constitution, constitutional amendment or question on or before the 1st Monday in August of the year in*

which such constitution, amendment or question will appear on the general election ballot.

2. *On or before the 4th Friday in October, each county clerk shall post one such copy at each polling place in the county outside the limits of incorporated cities.*

3. Each county clerk shall cause a copy of any such constitution, amendment or question to be *published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county three times at 10-day intervals, the first publication to be on or before the 1st Monday in October.* If no such newspaper is published in the county, then such publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest Nevada county.

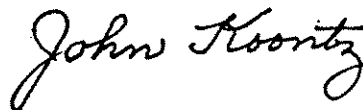
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Pursuant to NRS 293.247, the Secretary of State has promulgated rules and regulations for the conduct of elections. Rule 62a and b read as follows:

62. a. Whenever any question is to be submitted to the vote of the people, it shall be printed upon the ballot in such manner as to enable the electors to vote "Yes" or "No" upon the question submitted in the manner provided by law. The words "Yes" and "No" separated by a lightface rule, with a square after each of the size prescribed by law, shall be printed upon the ballot after each question, with a brief statement of the purport of such question, in plain, ordinary language which may be readily understood by the ordinary lay person.

b. Before every question or constitutional amendment to be voted upon there shall be placed a number, to be designated by the Secretary of State, in boldface type not smaller than 24-point.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at my office in Carson City, Nevada, this 1st day of July, 1968.



Secretary of State

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I, JOHN KOONTZ, the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the following Constitutional Amendment, in addition to those heretofore certified by me, is to appear on the 1968 General Election Ballot. An initiative petition proposing this Constitutional Amendment was filed with me after the 1st Monday in August 1968, to-wit on September 5, 1968, and such Constitutional Amendment shall therefore be published in each county of the state pursuant to subsection 4 or subsection 5 of NRS 293.253 as the circumstances in each county require.

QUESTION NO. 4

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall—Initiative Petition proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Nevada by adding a new article, designated Article XX, which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XX

STATE LOTTERY

Section 1. The costs of state government have increased to the point that existing sources of state revenue are inadequate, and the imposition of new and more burdensome taxation will be the inevitable result unless a new source of revenue is authorized. The purpose of this article is to provide a new source of revenue for the state by the creation of a state lottery, the operation of which will result in the reduction of the amount of state taxes and the promotion of the public good and the security and benefit of the people of this state.

Section 2. No individual, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity shall conduct a lottery or lotteries in the State of Nevada without first having received a license therefor from the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor pursuant to the provisions of this article. Subject to the provisions of this article, the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall grant but one exclusive license at a time to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state. In consideration of the time and money expended by NEVADA SWEEPSTAKES CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation, in informing the people of this state concerning the advantages of a state lottery, the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall issue an exclusive original license to NEVADA SWEEPSTAKES CORPORATION, to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state for a term of ten (10) years commencing sixty (60) days after this article becomes effective. Upon the

expiration of the term of the exclusive original license issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall issue one exclusive license at a time thereafter to an individual, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity for such term and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by law or by regulation of the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor.

Section 3. Within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the exclusive original license to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state, the licensee shall pay to the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor a license fee of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, and thereafter during the remaining term of the exclusive original license the licensee shall pay an annual license fee of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS to the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor. After the expiration of the term of the exclusive original license issued pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of this article, the annual license fee to be paid by a licensee, to conduct a lottery or lotteries in this state shall be TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS. All license fees received by the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The payment of the required annual license fee by a licensee shall be considered as an in lieu tax and no other license fee, excise tax or personal property tax shall be assessed against or collected from such licensee by the State of Nevada or a county, city, unincorporated town, special district or other political subdivision thereof by reason of such licensee's possession, distribution or sale of lottery tickets.

Section 4. The Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall:

(a) Supervise the printing of lottery tickets, the draw of lottery tickets and the distribution of funds derived from the sale of lottery tickets.

(b) Establish and maintain a place within this state where the draw of winning lottery tickets shall be held. The place of the draw so established shall be open to the public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend the draw.

(c) Cause to be announced in this state a list of winning lottery tickets derived from any draw conducted under the terms of this article.

(d) Keep a full and true record of all its proceedings relating to the state lottery and shall preserve all of its books, documents and papers relating to such lottery. All such records relating to the state lottery shall be open to inspection by the public during regular office hours.

(e) Within the limits of legislative appropriations, employ such number of persons as may be necessary to carry out its duties under the provisions of this article.

Section 5. The Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor shall supervise the sale of lottery tickets and the operation of the state lottery by the licensee. The licensee shall be responsible for

the payment of all costs incurred in the operation of the state lottery. Lottery tickets shall be printed at the direction of the licensee in booklets of twenty four (24) tickets. The individual ticket denomination shall be THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS. Booklets of twenty four (24) tickets may be sold by the licensee for FIFTY SIX (\$56.00) DOLLARS per booklet, but tickets numbering less than twenty four (24) shall be sold by the licensee for THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS per ticket. Ticket booklets shall contain a front and back cover, twenty four (24) individual tickets and twenty four (24) individual counterfoils or ticket stubs which must provide space for the name and address of the purchaser and may provide space for the name and address of the seller, if other than the licensee. The prize structure shall be based upon each unit of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS gross receipts to the licensee. If the prize fund is less than ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS it will be disbursed as a unit, the amounts of the prizes being proportionately reduced, but within the percentage structure established by section 6. Prize winners shall be the persons named in the counterfoils drawn, and they shall be notified. The numbers on the lottery tickets shall be for reference purposes only. Tickets on following lotteries shall be issued to subscribers whose ticket counterfoils are received after the official closing date. A seller's bonus may be included within the prize structure at the option of the licensee if the seller is other than the licensee. The number of lotteries conducted during any calendar year, the prize structure within the limits established by section 6 and the method of distribution of tickets within the state shall be determined by the licensee.

Section 6. From the funds received by the licensee from the sale of lottery tickets:

Forty percent (40%) thereof shall be paid by the licensee into a special trust fund created by the licensee, under the supervision of the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor, from which special trust fund the licensee shall pay the required prizes;

Thirty percent (30%) thereof shall be paid by the licensee to the Nevada gaming commission or its statutory successor for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund; and

Thirty percent (30%) thereof shall be retained by the licensee to defray costs of operation as provided in section 5 of this article, for the payment of federal taxes, and as profit, if any.

Section 7. Section 24 of Article 4 of this constitution is hereby repealed. If any portion, section or clause of this article is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remainder of this article.

Section 8. The provisions of this article are self-executing but the legislature may provide by law for procedures to facilitate the operation thereof.

-be approved?

Yes 31296 ☐
No 100235 ☒

(Explanation of Question No. 4)

A majority vote "Yes," if again approved at the 1970 general election, would establish a lottery, to be conducted by an exclusive licensee under state supervision, with gross proceeds divided as follows:

40% distributed as prizes

30% paid into state general fund

30% retained by licensee for expenses and profit

Statement for the Printed Ballot

The following language should appear on the printed ballots:

Question No. 4

Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall—Initiative Petition proposing to amend the constitution of the State of Nevada by providing for a lottery to be conducted by an exclusive licensee under state supervision, paying 30 percent of its proceeds to the state, be approved?

Yes 31,296 ☐
No 100,235 ☐

(Explanation of Question No. 4)

A majority vote "Yes," if again approved at the 1970 general election, would establish a lottery, to be conducted by an exclusive licensee under state supervision, with gross proceeds divided as follows:

40% distributed as prizes;

30% paid into state general fund; and

30% retained by licensee for expenses and profit.

Statement for Voting Machines

The following language should appear on the ballot labels of voting machines:

Question No. 4. Shall the state constitution be amended to establish a lottery under state supervision paying 30 percent of its proceeds to the state?

Yes 31,296 ☐
No 100,235 ☐

(Explanation of Question No. 4)

A majority vote "Yes," if again approved at the 1970 general election, would establish a lottery, to be conducted by an exclusive licensee under state supervision, with gross proceeds divided as follows:

40% distributed as prizes;

30% paid into state general fund; and

30% retained by licensee for expenses and profit.

Publication Requirements

NRS 293.253, as amended effective July 1, 1967 provides:

1. The secretary of state shall provide each county clerk with

copies of any proposed constitution, constitutional amendment or question which will appear on the general election ballot.

2. Whenever feasible, he shall provide such copies on or before the 1st Monday in August of the year in which such proposals will appear on the ballot. Copies of any additional proposals shall be provided as soon after their filing as feasible.

3. On or before the 4th Friday in October, each county clerk shall post one such copy at each polling place in the county outside the limits of incorporated cities.

4. Each county clerk shall cause a copy of any such constitution, amendment or question to be published, in conspicuous display advertising format of not less than 10 column inches, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county three times at intervals of not less than 7 days, the first publication to be on or before the 1st Monday in October. If no such newspaper is published in the county, then such publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest Nevada county.

5. When a copy is furnished by the secretary of state too late to be published at 7-day intervals, it shall be published three times at the longest intervals feasible in each county.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at my office in Carson City, Nevada, this 16th day of September, 1968.

John Koontz

Secretary of State

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