

Voting in Local Government- SB 224

Revises provisions concerning voting by members of certain public bodies

SB 224

Sponsored by: Senator Terry Care

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Senate Bill 224 eliminates a loophole in the law that allows members of local government to abstain from votes that come before that body. This bill applies to counties whose population is 40,000 or more (currently Clark, Washoe, Elko and Douglas Counties and Carson City). Thus, in those larger counties, this bill removes the ability of a public body which is required to be composed entirely of elected officials to take action by a vote of less than a majority of all the members of the body.

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“First and foremost, elected representatives should, absent extraordinary circumstances, should vote on the measure that come before them,” said Senator Care. “The people of Clark County deserve to know the opinion of their elected officials on matters that affect them. Moreover, those representatives owe it to those who elected them to be certain their voices are heard on all matters.”

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