

State of Nevada - Initiative Petition – Constitutional Amendment
(C-01-2019)

The People of the State of Nevada do enact as follows:

Office of the
Secretary of State

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9/16/2019 C-01-2019

Amendments to Article IV, Sections 4 and 5 of the Nevada Constitution

Amendment to Article IV, Section 4 of the Nevada Constitution.

1. Senators shall be chosen at the same time and places as members of the Assembly by the qualified electors of their respective districts, and their term of Office shall be two years from the day next after their election.

2. No person may be elected or appointed as a Senator who has served in that Office, or at the expiration of his current term if he is so serving will have served, 12 years or more, from any district of this State.

3. For the purpose of returning members to serve in the Senate, the State shall be divided into as many districts as the State is allotted seats in the United States House of Representatives, and such districts shall be coterminous with the districts used to elect members of the United States House of Representatives. Each such district shall elect five Senators to serve in the Senate.

4. In all cases, each vote in the poll at an election for Senator shall be a single transferable vote. A single transferable vote is a vote that is capable of being given so as to rank the voter's order of preference of the candidates for election as members for the district; and is capable of being transferred to the next choice when the vote is not needed to give a prior choice the necessary quota of votes, or when a prior choice is eliminated from the list of candidates because of a deficiency in the number of votes given for him.

5. A candidate for Senator shall be a resident of the state for at least one year next preceding the general election.

6. No political party that is qualified to nominate electors for President of the United States according to the laws of this State shall limit its nominations to less than three candidates for Senator in any district.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 5 of the Nevada Constitution

Senators and members of the Assembly shall be duly qualified electors in the respective counties and districts which they represent, and the number of members of the Assembly shall be at least one more than twice the number of Senators.

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DESCRIPTION OF EFFECT

If passed, this amendment will change the election and composition of the Nevada Senate. The end goal is to increase the number of effective political parties in the Nevada Senate, increase the viability of candidates that are not affiliated with any political party, and decrease the amount of money that a candidate needs to spend on advertising in order to have a viable campaign. This will also end the unnecessary duplicate structure in the Nevada Legislature, as having two legislative chambers that are identical in manner of selection will result in two identical bodies. This will also lower the cost in time of redistricting, as multi-member districts are easier to realign following population changes. The additional change to Article IV, Section 5 in addition to Article IV, Section 4 is necessary because the number of members that are elected to both chambers are interlocked to one another.

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THE FOLLOWING AFFIDAVIT MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED:

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

(TO BE SIGNED BY CIRCULATOR)

STATE OF NEVADA)

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COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, (print name), being first duly sworn under penalty of perjury, depose and say: (1) I reside at _____ (print street, city and state); (2) I am 18 years of age or older; (3) I personally circulated this document; (4) all signatures were affixed in my presence; (5) the number of signatures affixed thereon is _____; and (6) each person who signed had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the act or resolution on which the initiative or referendum is demanded.

Signature of Circulator

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this

_____ day of _____, by _____

Notary Public or person authorized to administer oath

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