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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO EXTEND
THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES**

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas City Charter provides that the term of office of the judges of the Las Vegas Municipal Court is four years; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 22, which has been prepared for introduction during the 71st Session of the Nevada Legislature, would enable the Las Vegas City Council to extend the term of office of the municipal judges to a maximum of six years; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 22, if adopted, will enable the City Council to provide for more consistent adjudication in the Las Vegas Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to support Assembly Bill 22 by means of this Resolution.

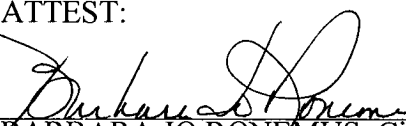
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS to support Assembly Bill 22, authorizing the Council to extend the term of office of the judges of the Las Vegas Municipal Court to a maximum of six years.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 7th day of February, 2001.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

By 
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:


BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 1-24-01
Date

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 22—ASSEMBLYMAN LEE

PREFILED JANUARY 17, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Amends charter of City of Las Vegas to authorize city council to extend terms of municipal judges. (BDR S-858)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION — Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to judges; amending the charter of the City of Las Vegas to authorize the city council to extend the terms of municipal judges; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Section 1.140 of the charter of the City of Las Vegas, being
2 chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as amended by chapter 526, Statutes
3 of Nevada 1997, at page 2515, is hereby amended to read as follows:
4 Sec. 1.140 Elective offices.
5 1. The elective officers of the city consist of:
6 (a) A mayor.
7 (b) One councilman from each ward.
8 (c) Municipal judges.
9 2. The terms of office of the mayor ~~and councilmen and, except as~~
10 ~~is otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 4.010 of this charter,~~
11 ~~municipal judges and councilmen~~ are 4 years.
12 3. ***The term of office of a municipal judge is not more than 6***
13 ***years as determined by the city council pursuant to subsection 3 of***
14 ***section 4.010 of this charter.***
15 **Sec. 2.** Section 4.010 of the charter of the City of Las Vegas, being
16 chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 454,
17 Statutes of Nevada 1989, at page 967, is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:
19 Sec. 4.010 Municipal court.

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1 1. There is a municipal court of the city which consists of at least
2 two departments, each of which must be presided over by a municipal
3 judge and has such power and jurisdiction as is prescribed in, and is,
4 in all respects which are not inconsistent with this charter, governed
5 by chapters 5 and 266 of NRS which relate to municipal courts.

6 2. The city council may from time to time establish additional
7 departments of the municipal court and shall appoint an additional
8 municipal judge for each.

9 3. At the first general election which follows the appointment of
10 an additional municipal judge to a newly created department of the
11 municipal court, the successor to that municipal judge must be elected
12 for a term of ~~{2 or 4}~~ **not more than 6** years, as determined by the city
13 council, in order to effectuate the intent of this provision that, as
14 nearly as practicable, ~~{one-half}~~ **at least one-third** of the number of
15 municipal judges be elected every 2 years.

16 4. The respective departments of the municipal court must be
17 numbered 1 through the appropriate arabic number, as additional
18 departments are approved by the city council. A municipal judge must
19 be elected for each department by number.

20 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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