

Initiative Petition

State of Nevada

SECRETARY OF STATE

Explanation: Language in *bold italics* is new; language between brackets [omitted material] is language to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. Chapter 288 of the Nevada Revised Statutes is amended to read:

NRS 288.220 Certain proceedings not required to be open or public. ~~The following proceedings, required by or pursuant to this chapter, are not subject to any provision of NRS which requires a meeting to be open or public:~~

- ~~1. Any negotiation or informal discussion between a local government employer and an employee organization or employees as individuals, whether conducted by the governing body or through a representative or representatives.~~
- ~~2. Any meeting of a mediator with either party or both parties to a negotiation.~~
- ~~3. Any meeting or investigation conducted by a fact finder.~~
- ~~4. Any meeting of the governing body of a local government employer with its management representative or representatives.~~
- ~~5.] Deliberations of the Board toward a decision on a complaint, appeal or petition for declaratory relief~~ ***are not subject to any provision of NRS which requires a meeting to be open or public.***

Section 2. Section 1 of this initiative shall not apply to confidentiality provisions in any collective bargaining agreements in existence at the time of the enactment of this initiative.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

STATE OF NEVADA)

COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, (print name), being first duly sworn under penalty of perjury, depose and say: (1) That I reside at _____ (print street, city and state); (2) that I am 18 years of age or older; (3) that I personally circulated this document; (4) that there are _____ signatures affixed to this document and that all signatures were affixed in my presence; (5) that I believe them to be genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be; (6) that each individual who signed was at the time of signing a registered voter in the county of his or her residence; (7) and that each signer had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the proposed ordinance.

Signature of Circulator

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this

_____ day of _____, _____ by

_____.

Notary Public or person authorized to administer oath
Prescribed by Secretary of State, NRS 293.247(I) EL501 (rev.11.26.07)