

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 226—ASSEMBLYMEN GOICOECHEA  
AND GRADY (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 3, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS AMODEI, MCGINNESS AND RHOADS

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning the financial organization of irrigation districts. (BDR 48-991)

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

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

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts; revising limits on indebtedness and assessments of irrigation districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 This bill increases the maximum allowable debt for irrigation districts from  
2 \$350,000 to \$500,000 and increases the maximum annual assessment of irrigation  
3 districts from \$1.50 per acre of land to \$5.00 per acre of land. (NRS 539.480)

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 539.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 539.480 1. For the purpose of organization or any of the  
3 purposes of this chapter, the board of directors may incur an  
4 indebtedness not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of ~~[\$350,000,]~~  
5 *\$500,000* and may cause warrants or negotiable notes of the district  
6 to issue therefor, bearing interest which must not exceed by more  
7 than 5 percent the Index of Revenue Bonds which was most recently  
8 published before the bids are received or a negotiated offer is  
9 accepted. The board may levy an assessment on all lands in the  
10 district for the payment of those expenses.



1        2. Thereafter the board may levy an annual assessment, in the  
2 absence of assessments therefor pursuant to any of the other  
3 provisions of this chapter, of not more than ~~[\$1.50]~~ \$5.00 per acre  
4 on all lands in the district for the payment of the ordinary and  
5 current expenses of the district, including the salaries of officers and  
6 other incidental expenses. The assessment must be collected as  
7 provided in this chapter for the collection of other assessments.

8        **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

