



How a Bill becomes a Law (The Paper Chase)

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Terminology

- Bill draft requests (BDRs) are received and very short summaries are posted on the Legislative Website (starting in July before session).
- BDRs are numbered sequentially in the order received.
- Later the NRS title that is primarily affected or the type of act (R- or S-) is added in front of the sequence number.

BDR List

Number	Requestor	Description
I	Senator Rhoads	Revises provisions governing initiative petition districts
17- - 2	Assemblyman McArthur	Revises provisions governing initiative petition districts
38 - - 3	Senator Cegavske	Makes various changes concerning the protection of children.
S - - 4 S.B. 2	Senator Schneider	Makes an appropriation to the State Distributive School Account to ensure that the amount of money expended per pupil meets or exceeds the national average.
54 - - 5 S.B. 3	Senator Schneider	Enacts provisions relating to energy efficiency.

BDRs Turn Into Bill Drafts That Get Introduced and Turned Into Bills

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.

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:

This bill increases the maximum allowable debt for irrigation districts from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and increases the maximum annual assessment of irrigation 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:

Section 1. NRS 539.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

539.480 1. For the purpose of organization or any of the purposes of this chapter, the board of directors may incur an indebtedness not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of



A.B. 37

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 37—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
(ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR)
PREFILED DECEMBER 14, 2010

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the hours of operation of state offices. (BDR 23-422)

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

EXPLANATION—Matter in bold italic is new; matter between brackets [bracketed-matter] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to State Government; deleting the provisions that require the offices of all state officers, departments, boards, commissions and agencies to remain open during a certain period; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the offices of all state officers, departments, boards, commissions and agencies are required to be open for business at least from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, unless otherwise required for the efficient transaction of business and the convenience of the persons with whom business is transacted. Any of those offices that are staffed by more than one person are also required to remain open during the noon hour of each working day. (NRS 281.110) Sections 1-6 of this bill delete the requirement that those offices remain open during those hours.

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

Section 1. NRS 281.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
281.110 1. ~~(Unless required for the efficient transaction of business and the convenience of the persons with whom business is transacted, the)~~ The offices of all state officers, departments, boards, commissions and agencies must be



Statutes of Nevada v. Nevada Revised Statutes

- Statutes of Nevada:
All the bills and resolutions passed during a session (“session laws”) and published in 2-3 volumes of red and yellow bound books.
- Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS):
The “codified” laws in the multi-volume set (44+ indices) of blue notebooks that is updated (revised) after each session.

Statutes of Nevada

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Official record of the State's laws.

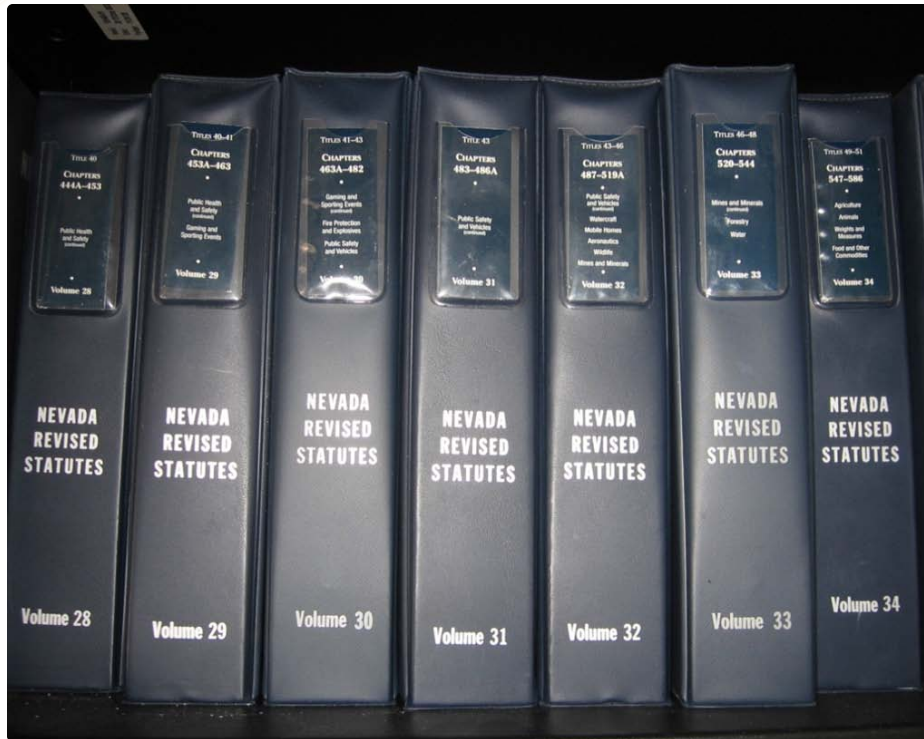


Bound compilation of all legislation passed or adopted – bills and resolutions – during a specific time period (regular and special sessions).

Nevada Revised Statutes

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Codified laws but not complete record.



Codified version of the laws used on a day-to-day basis – consists of those laws determined by the Legal Division to be of general and continuing application.

Reading a bill – Page One

- **Heading:** Contains information on who requested bill, to which committee the bill was referred, a summary and the BDR reference, Fiscal Note status and, as needed, certain other information.
- **Legislative Digest:** Summarizes how the bill changes current law (very helpful) but note that the Digest is not part of the bill and does not become part of the law.

BILL # AND SPONSOR →

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4 holidays, unless otherwise required for the efficient transaction of business and the
5 convenience of the persons with whom business is transacted. Any of those offices
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7 noon hour of each working day. (NRS 281.110) Sections 1-6 of this bill delete the
8 requirement that those offices remain open during those hours.

ENACTING CLAUSE →

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SECTIONS →

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4 ~~transacted, the~~ The offices of all state officers, departments, boards,
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The Rainbow Colors

- **Section headings** identify a new NRS provision being added or an existing NRS provision being amended.
- ***Italicized and bolded language*** is new wording to be added to the NRS.
- ~~Bracketed and crossed out language~~ is proposed for deletion.

Advanced Bill Reading

- Sections may enact a provision that will not be added (codified) in the NRS – so-called “transitory” sections.
- Transitory sections are printed in black type (with no bolding, italicizing or color).
- Examples are sections on appropriations, “grandfathering,” and effective dates.

AMENDMENTS TO BILLS

- Amendments can be requested by a committee or be a personal amendment.
- Amendments show the changes in green, purple, red, and orange type – see the key.
- When a bill is amended, the next version is the first reprint and, if amended again, the next version is the second reprint and so on.

First Reprint

REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE (§§ 11, 13)
(Reprinted with amendments adopted on April 16, 2009)
FIRST REPRINT A.B. 229

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 229—ASSEMBLYMEN OCIGUERA, CONKLIN,
AIZLEY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, DONDERO LOOP, HOGAN,
KHUEN, MANINDO, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, PIERCE,
SEGERBLOM AND SPIEGEL

MARCH 3, 2009

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR PARKS

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions governing fire-safe cigarettes.
(BDR 42-568)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION—Matter is divided matter in new matter between brackets [] and is not to be printed.

AN ACT relating to cigarettes; setting forth the testing requirements and performance standard for fire safety for cigarettes sold or offered for sale in this State; requiring a manufacturer of cigarettes to submit a written certification to the State Fire Marshal concerning the cigarettes that the manufacturer intends to sell in this State; imposing a fee for each cigarette listed in a certification; requiring packages of cigarettes to be marked to indicate compliance of the cigarettes with the testing requirements and performance standard; imposing civil penalties for various violations; creating the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Fund in the State Treasury; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill, which is modeled on requirements first adopted in New York in 2004, sets forth the testing requirements and performance standard for fire safety for cigarettes sold or offered for sale in Nevada. Section 10 of this bill prohibits the sale of any cigarettes in Nevada which do not meet the testing requirements or



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Third Reprint

(Reprinted with amendments adopted on May 22, 2009)
THIRD REPRINT A.B. 463

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 463—ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH

MARCH 16, 2009

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Restricts a department, division or other agency of this State from employing a person as a consultant.
(BDR 23-1057)

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

EXPLANATION—Matter is divided matter in new matter between brackets [] and is not to be printed.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; restricting a department, division or other agency of this State from employing a person as a consultant; providing certain exceptions; requiring certain entities to submit to the Interim Finance Committee a report concerning each consultant employed by the entity; requiring that contracts with temporary employment services be awarded by open competitive bidding; requiring that information concerning the use of consultants and temporary employment services be included and explained in the budget process by a state agency; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit concerning the use of contracts with consultants by state agencies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill restricts a department, division or other agency of this State from employing a person as a consultant for the agency. Section 1 requires the Interim Finance Committee to approve the employment of a consultant under certain circumstances and limits the approval of the employment of the person as a consultant if the person is a former employee of a department, division or other agency of this State and at least 1 year has not expired before the person is employed as a consultant. Section 1 also requires each board, commission, school district and institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education to submit to the Interim Finance Committee, at least once every 6 months, a report concerning each consultant employed by the entity. Section 1 also requires that contracts with temporary employment services be awarded by open competitive bidding. Section 1 further provides that certain exceptions apply for the employment of persons for a



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No Limit on Reprints

EFFECTIVE DATES

- Bills without a specific effective date become law on October 1 after the session.
- Bills effective on “passage and approval” become law when signed by the Governor.
- Bills often are made effective on July 1 of a certain year (to coincide with the start of a fiscal year) but any date can be used.

Statutes of Nevada – Chapter Numbers

- After a bill is passed by both houses, it is enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature.
- After gubernatorial approval (by action or inaction), it goes to the Secretary of State and is assigned a chapter number.
- When the session laws are compiled into the Statutes of Nevada – the bills are put in order according to the chapter number of the bill – not the bill number.

The NRS has 59 “Titles” which are general subject headings.

- Title 1 =
State Judicial Department
- Title 17 =
State Legislative Department
- Title 18 =
State Executive Department
- Title 32 =
Revenue and Taxation
- Title 34 =
Education

Each Title has chapters - which are different than Statutes of Nevada.

- Preliminary Chapter 0 – contains definition of “population,” “may” and “shall” etc.
- Title 15: Crimes and Punishments
– Chapters 193 through 207
- Title 59: Electronic Records & Transactions
– Chapters 719 and 720

NRS – Titles and Chapters

Resolutions – The Finer Points

- Simple resolution (A.R. or S.R.):
States opinion, purposes, intent of one house.
- Concurrent Resolution (A.C.R. or S.C.R.):
May state opinion/intent of both houses.
- Joint resolution (A.J.R. or S.J.R.):
Usually requests federal action, ratifies amendments to U.S. *Constitution*, or proposes amendments to the *Nevada Constitution*.

More on Resolutions

- All resolutions are included in the Statutes of Nevada but not in the NRS.
- Resolutions are adopted (not passed).
- Resolutions are assigned file numbers by the Secretary of State (not chapter numbers).

Review – Handout of Examples

- Bill Drafts
- Bill Fronts
- Bill Texts
- Transitory Sections
- Amendments