How a Bill becomes a Law
(The Paper Chase)

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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.
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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 $550,000 to $300,000 and increases the maximum annual assessment of irrigation districts from $1.35 per acre of land to $5.00 per acre of land. (NRS 339.480)

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

Section 1. NRS 339.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

339.480 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
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.
Bound compilation of all legislation passed or adopted – bills and resolutions – during a specific time period (regular and special sessions).

Statutes of Nevada – Official record of the State’s laws.
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.
• Heading: Contains information on who requested bill, to which committee the bill was referred, a summary and 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.
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 offices of all state officers, departments, boards, commissions and agencies must[
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.
No Limit on Reprints
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
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

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Bill Drafts
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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
$500,000 and may cause warrants or negotiable notes of the district to issue therefor, bearing interest which must not exceed by more than 5 percent the Index of Revenue Bonds which was most recently published before the bids are received or a negotiated offer is accepted. The board may levy an assessment on all lands in the district for the payment of those expenses.

2. Thereafter the board may levy an annual assessment, in the absence of assessments therefor pursuant to any of the other provisions of this chapter, of not more than $3.00 per acre on all lands in the district for the payment of the ordinary and current expenses of the district, including the salaries of officers and other incidental expenses. The assessment must be collected as provided in this chapter for the collection of other assessments.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.
SUMMARY—Commends the Nevada Women’s Lobby on their 20th anniversary.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending the Nevada Women’s Lobby on their 20th anniversary.

WHEREAS, The Nevada Women’s Lobby is a statewide, nonpartisan coalition of organizations and individual women and men who advocate on behalf of women, children and families; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1988 by a dedicated group of women to improve the status of women and children in this State, the Nevada Women’s Lobby held their first public meeting on January 17, 1989, to introduce the organization to the community; and

WHEREAS, The original Steering Committee consisted of Sarah Chvilicek, Beth Elliot, Elaine Enarson, former State Senator Diana Glomb-Rogan, Helen Jones, Diane Loper, Nancy Moore, Elizabeth Pope and Diane Williams, and the current Steering Committee reflects a diverse demographic from across the State to champion their causes; and

WHEREAS, The primary work of the Nevada Women’s Lobby focuses on lobbying public officials and lawmakers by working with other organizations for maximum effect; and

WHEREAS, The top legislative issues have included child support enforcement, domestic violence awareness and prevention, child care, education, child welfare, the treatment of incarcerated women, civil rights and women’s health, including reproductive health; and
WHEREAS, Since 1989, the Nevada Women's Lobby has joined with other organizations and individuals during each legislative session for Grassroots Lobby Days, which is 3 days of training, inspiration and lobbying to learn how to more effectively work with the Nevada Legislature to serve the women, children and families of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Women’s Lobby sponsors the Nevada Women’s Summit, a statewide conference held in Las Vegas, and other workshops to increase awareness and participation in the political process, and the Nevada Women’s Agenda, an affiliate of the Nevada Women’s Lobby, concentrates its efforts on educating members and the public on the issues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Nevada Legislature commend the Nevada Women’s Lobby on their 20th anniversary of service and dedication to the women, children and families of our State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Nevada Women’s Lobby.
Bill Fronts
REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE (§§ 11, 13)

A.B. 229

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 229—ASSEMBLYMEN OCEGUERA, CONKLIN; AIZLEY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, DONDERO LOOP, HOGAN, KIHUEN, MANENDO, 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 in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted-material] is material to be omitted.

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:

1 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
2 cigarettes sold or offered for sale in Nevada. Section 10 of this bill prohibits the
3 sale of any cigarettes in Nevada which do not meet the testing requirements or
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 444—ASSEMBLYWOMEN KIRKPATRICK AND SMITH

MARCH 16, 2009

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Government Affairs and Taxation

SUMMARY—Repeals certain tax abatements and credits granted to certain businesses. (BDR 32-48)


AN ACT relating to taxation; repealing certain tax abatements and credits granted to certain businesses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill repeals the partial abatement of the business tax that is allowed during the first 4 years of operation of certain employers. (NRS 360.750, 363B.120) This bill further repeals the premium tax credit provided to certain insurers that use any building in this State as their home office or as a regional home office, and the corresponding provision for determining whether the insurer is eligible for the credit. (NRS 680B.050, 680B.055)

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

Section 1. NRS 360.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. NRS 360.225 1. During the course of an investigation undertaken pursuant to NRS 360.130 of a person claiming:

(a) A partial abatement of property taxes pursuant to NRS 361.0687;
(b) An exemption from taxes pursuant to NRS 363B.120;
(e) A deferral of the payment of taxes on the sale of capital goods pursuant to NRS 372.397 or 374.402; or
AN ACT relating to the financing of local improvements; making various changes regarding certain types of financing using revenue pledged from sales and use taxes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:
Existing law authorizes the governing body of a municipality in a county whose population is less than 400,000 (currently counties other than Clark County) and which has created a local improvement district to pledge revenue from several sales and use taxes imposed in that district to finance certain projects of the municipality within the district. (NRS 271.650) Section 1 of this bill excludes local school support taxes from any further pledges of such revenue.
Existing law authorizes the governing body of any city or county to create a tourism improvement district (TID), and to pledge revenue from several sales and use taxes imposed in that district to finance certain projects within the district. The projects may be owned by the municipality, another governmental entity or any other person and may be financed through the issuance of bonds or the entry into agreements for the reimbursement of the costs of the projects. (Chapter 271A of NRS) Section 3 of this bill requires the independent auditing of claims made under agreements to provide such financing and prohibits the use of such financing to pay various fees and costs. Section 3 also prohibits the use of such financing for the relocation within a TID of a retailer from another location within the municipality and excludes the use for such financing of the tax revenue from such a retailer. Section 4 of this bill requires contractors who bid on funded projects to list their
AN ACT relating to state governmental procurement; establishing a bidder's preference for local businesses owned by service-disabled veterans with respect to state purchasing contracts and state public works contracts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:
Existing law, with respect only to contracts for public works for which the estimated cost exceeds $250,000, provides a mechanism by which a contractor who has paid certain taxes may earn a 5-percent preference in bidding on public works. (NRS 338.1389, 338.147, 338.1693, 338.1727) Sections 18-25 of this bill establish a limited preference in bidding on public works for local businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. This new preference in bidding on public works does not overlap with the existing preference in bidding on public works because the new preference is limited to public works for which the estimated cost is $100,000 or less.
Under existing law, the State of Nevada imposes an inverse preference against a person who submits a bid or proposal on a state purchasing contract if that person is a resident of a state that denies a preference to bidders or contractors who are residents of this State. (NRS 333.336) Section 31 of this bill repeals that inverse preference.
In place of the former inverse preference, sections 5-13 of this bill establish a 5-percent preference in bidding on state purchasing contracts for local businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. Section 14 of this bill requires advertisements for bids or proposals to include notices of this new preference.
AN ACT relating to public health; making an appropriation to the Legislative Committee on Health Care for a study of certain services available for persons in the criminal justice system; making appropriations to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services for certain programs for persons with disabilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Legislative Committee on Health Care the sum of $100,000 to contract with a consultant to study issues relating to treatments for substance abuse and mental health services available for persons in the criminal justice system in this State.  
2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2011, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 16, 2011, by either the entity to which the money was
A.B. 39

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 39—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS)
PREFILED DECEMBER 5, 2008

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises the provisions of the North Las Vegas City Charter governing primary municipal elections. (BDR S-373)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: No.

AN ACT relating to the City of North Las Vegas; revising the provisions governing primary municipal elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
The existing Charter of the City of North Las Vegas requires that a primary municipal election be held before a general election only if there are three or more candidates seeking the office of Mayor or Municipal Judge or a particular City Council seat. (North Las Vegas City Charter § 5.020) This bill makes the holding of a primary municipal election by the City preceding every general election mandatory, regardless of the number of candidates seeking a particular elective office. The Charters of the Cities of Henderson and Las Vegas currently contain the same requirement. (Henderson City Charter § 5.010; Las Vegas City Charter § 5.010)

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

Section 1. Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 499, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 2692, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 Primary municipal elections; declaration of candidacy.
AN ACT relating to courts; increasing the number of district judges in the Second and Eighth Judicial Districts; increasing the number of district judges in the Eighth Judicial District who must be judges of the family court; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
Sections 1 and 2 of this bill increase the number of district judges in the Second Judicial District, which includes Washoe County, by one district judge, who is not a member of the family court. (NRS 3.010, 3.012)
Sections 3-5 of this bill increase the number of district judges in the Eighth Judicial District, which includes Clark County, by nine district judges, two of whom must be judges of the family court. (NRS 3.010, 3.018, 3.0185)
Section 10 of this bill provides that this bill will become effective if, and only if, Assembly Bill No. 65 of this session, which provides for the collection and disposition of additional court fees, is enacted by the Legislature and becomes effective.

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

Section 1. NRS 3.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3.012 For the Second Judicial District there must be [44] 15 district judges, 6 of whom must be judges of the family court.

Sec. 2. NRS 3.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3.012 For the Second Judicial District there must be [eight] nine district judges who are not judges of the family court.

Sec. 3. NRS 3.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3.018 For the Eighth Judicial District there must be [43] 52 district judges, [18] 20 of whom must be judges of the family court.

Sec. 4. NRS 3.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3.018 For the Eighth Judicial District there must be [25] 32 district judges who are not judges of the family court.

Sec. 5. NRS 3.0185 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3.0185 For the Eighth Judicial District, in addition to the district judges established pursuant to NRS 3.018, there must be [48] 20 district judges who are judges of the family court.

Sec. 6. The additional district judge required for the Second Judicial District pursuant to section 1 of this act must be selected at the general election held on November 2, 2010, and take office on January 3, 2011. The term of this judge expires on January 5, 2015.

Sec. 7. The additional district judges required for the Eighth Judicial District pursuant to section 3 of this act must be selected at
Bill Texts
workplace relations units. **Section 32** of this bill requires the exclusive representative of a workplace relations unit to engage in discussions of workplace relations with the Executive Department of the State Government on behalf of the employees within the unit.

**Section 34** of this bill requires the Executive Department and an exclusive representative to begin negotiations regarding a workplace relations agreement within 60 days after one party notifies the other of a desire to negotiate. **Sections 35-38** of this bill provide for mediation, arbitration and judicial review of disputes between the Executive Department and a workplace relations unit. **Section 40** of this bill authorizes certain supplemental discussions between the Executive Department and the exclusive representative of a workplace relations unit of any terms and conditions of employment that do not affect all the employees of the workplace relations unit. **Section 42.3** of this bill authorizes the State to suspend the applicability of a workplace relations agreement in situations of emergency. **Section 42.5** requires that any workplace relations agreement be posted on the Internet website of the State, if any.

**Section 44.3** of this bill revises the authority of the Governor to appoint the members of the Personnel Commission by requiring the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly to each appoint one of the members to the Commission. (NRS 284.030)

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

**Section 1.** Title 23 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 42.6 inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 3.** “Arbitration” means a process of dispute resolution where the parties involved in an impasse or grievance dispute submit their dispute to a third party for a final and binding decision.

**Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 4.5.** “Commission” means the Personnel Commission created by NRS 284.030.

**Sec. 5.** “Confidential employee” means an employee who provides administrative support to an employee who assists in the formulation, determination and effectuation of personnel policies or managerial policies concerning discussions of workplace relations or supplemental discussions of workplace relations.

**Sec. 6.** “Discussions of workplace relations” means a method to determine the terms and conditions of employment for all employees within a workplace relations unit through negotiation, mediation or arbitration between the Executive
over $25,000 for which a contract for its completion is awarded
pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, if any:

(a) The name of the contractor to whom the contract was
awarded;
(b) The amount of the contract awarded;
(c) A brief description of the public work; and
(d) The names of all contractors from whom bids were solicited.

4. A report prepared pursuant to subsection 3 is a public record
and must be maintained on file at the administrative offices of the
applicable public body.

5. The provisions of this section do not relieve this State from
the duty to award the contract for the public work to a bidder who
is:

(a) Qualified pursuant to the applicable provisions of NRS
338.1375 to 338.1382, inclusive; and
(b) The lowest responsive and responsible bidder, if bids are
required to be solicited from more than one properly licensed
contractor pursuant to subsection 1. For the purposes of this
paragraph, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder must be
determined in consideration of any applicable bidder's preference
granted pursuant to section 22 of this act.

Sec. 30. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
there to a new section to read as follows:

1. Each year on or before October 1, the Office of Veterans’
Services shall review the reports submitted pursuant to sections 12
and 24 of this act.

2. In carrying out the provisions of subsection 1, the Office of
Veterans’ Services shall seek input from:
(a) The Purchasing Division of the Department of
Administration.
(b) The State Public Works Board.
(c) The Commission on Economic Development.
(d) Groups representing the interests of veterans of the Armed
Forces of the United States.
(e) The business community.
(f) Local businesses owned by service-disabled veterans.

3. After performing the duties described in subsections 1 and
2, the Office of Veterans’ Services shall make recommendations to
the Legislative Commission regarding the continuation,
modification, promotion or expansion of the preferences for local
businesses owned by service-disabled veterans which are described
in sections 10 and 22 of this act.

4. As used in this section:
(a) “Business owned by a service-disabled veteran” has the
meaning ascribed to it in section 19 of this act.

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(a) The medical records of the patient; or
(b) An examination of the patient by the chiropractic physician
taking such action.

17. Violating a lawful order of the Board, a lawful agreement
with the Board, or any of the provisions of this chapter or any
regulation adopted pursuant thereto.

Sec. 2. NRS 634.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
634.190 1. The person charged is entitled to a hearing before
the Board, but the failure of the person charged to attend his hearing
or his failure to defend himself does not delay or void the
proceedings. The Board may, for good cause shown, continue any
hearing from time to time.
2. If the Board finds the person guilty as charged in the
complaint, it may by order:
   (a) Place the person on probation for a specified period or until
       further order of the Board.
   (b) Administer to the person a public reprimand.
   (c) Limit the practice of the person to, or by the exclusion of,
       one or more specified branches of chiropractic.
   (d) Suspend the license of the person to practice chiropractic for
       a specified period or until further order of the Board.
   (e) Revoke the license of the person to practice chiropractic.
   (f) Impose a fine of not more than $5,000 for each
       act which constitutes a ground for disciplinary action, which must
       be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General
       Fund.

3. The order of the Board may contain such other terms, provisions
or conditions as the Board deems proper and which are not
inconsistent with law.

3. If the Board finds that a licensee has violated the provisions
of NRS 439B.425, the Board shall suspend his license for a
specified period or until further order of the Board.
4. The Board shall not administer a private reprimand.
5. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and
   conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.
Transitory Sections
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 185—ASSEMBLYWOMEN MCCLAIN, SMITH, KOIVISTO, SPIEGEL, PARRELL; BUCKLEY, DONDERO LOOP, KIRKPATRICK, LESLIE, MASTROLUCA AND PIERCE

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CARLTON, COPENING, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation for the Women’s Research Institute of Nevada and the National Education for Women’s Leadership program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (BDR S-799)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

EXPLANATION – Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted-material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the Women’s Research Institute of Nevada and the National Education for Women’s Leadership program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to fund operational expenses for the Women’s Research Institute of Nevada and the National Education for Women’s Leadership program which develops civic leaders among college women:

For the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 ........................................ $250,000
For the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 ........................................ $250,000

Sec. 2. The sums appropriated by section 1 of this act are available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums
must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2011, by the
entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which
money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in
any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining
must not be spent for any purpose after September 16, 2011, by
either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
September 16, 2011.

Sec. 3. The appropriations made by the provisions of this act
are intended to finance ongoing expenditures of state agencies, and
the expenditures financed with those appropriations must be
included as base budget expenditures in the proposed budget for the
Executive Branch of State Government for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.
money to implement the program for which the money was allocated; and

(3) Any recommendations for the most efficient and economical use of the money allocated by the Commission to public schools and consortiums of public schools.

(b) May include a representative sample of programs, based upon geographic location and type of program.

5. The Legislative Auditor shall report the results of each biennial audit conducted pursuant to subsection 4 to the entities prescribed in subsection 3.

Sec. 17. NRS 386.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.605 1. On or before [July 15] August 31 of each year, the governing body of a charter school shall submit the information concerning the charter school that is required pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385.347 to the board of trustees of the school district in which the charter school is located for inclusion in the report of the school district pursuant to that section. The information must be submitted by the charter school in a format prescribed by the board of trustees.

2. The Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation created pursuant to NRS 218E.625 may authorize a person or entity with whom it contracts pursuant to NRS 385.359 to review and analyze information submitted by charter schools pursuant to this section and pursuant to NRS 385.357, 385.3745 or 385.3746, whichever is applicable for the school, consult with the governing bodies of charter schools and submit written reports concerning charter schools pursuant to NRS 385.359.

Sec. 18. The Department of Education shall:

1. Review the schedule established pursuant to NAC 389.051 for the administration of the criterion-referenced examinations in grades 3 through 8, inclusive, required pursuant to NRS 389.550 which is in effect on July 1, 2011;

2. Expeditiously revise the schedule to establish testing dates at least 30 days later in the spring semester based upon the dates for the determination of adequate yearly progress pursuant to NRS 385.3613, 385.366, 385.3762 and 385.3771, as amended by sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 of this act, respectively; and

3. On or before October 1, 2011, provide a report regarding the revisions made to the testing schedule to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislative Committee on Education.

Sec. 19. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.
Sec. 6. NRS 389.805 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 389.805  1. A pupil must receive a standard high school
2 diploma if he:
3   (a) Passes all subject areas of the high school proficiency
4   examination administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 and otherwise
5   satisfies the requirements for graduation from high school; or
6   (b) Has failed to pass the high school proficiency examination
7   administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 in its entirety not less than
8   three times before beginning grade 12 and the pupil:
9   (1) Passes the subject areas of mathematics and reading on
10   the proficiency examination;
11   (2) Has an overall grade point average of not less than 2.75
12   on a 4.0 grading scale;
13   (3) Satisfies the alternative criteria prescribed by the State
14   Board pursuant to subsection 3; and
15   (4) Otherwise satisfies the requirements for graduation from
16   high school.
17  2. A pupil with a disability who does not satisfy the
18   requirements for receipt of a standard high school diploma may
19   receive a diploma designated as an adjusted diploma if he satisfies
20   the requirements set forth in his individualized education program.
21   As used in this subsection, “individualized education program” has
23  3. The State Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe the
24   alternative criteria for a pupil to receive a standard high school
25   diploma pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, including,
26   without limitation:
27   (a) An essay;
28   (b) A senior project; or
29   (c) A portfolio of work,
30   or any combination thereof, that demonstrate proficiency in the
31   subject areas on the high school proficiency examination which the
32   pupil failed to pass.
33 Sec. 7. On or before July 1, 2010, the Department of
34 Education shall adopt the model required by section 1 of this act.  
35 Sec. 8.  1. This section and sections 1, 2, 6 and 7 of this act
36 become effective on July 1, 2009.
37  2. Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act become effective on
38 January 1, 2011.
the general election held on November 2, 2010, and take office on January 3, 2011. The terms of these judges expire on January 5, 2015.

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expense of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 10. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. If, and only if, Assembly Bill No. 65 of this session is enacted by the Legislature and becomes effective:
   (a) Sections 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9 of this act become effective on October 1, 2009.
   (b) Section 8 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2010.
   (c) Sections 1 and 3 of this act expire by limitation on January 2, 2011.
   (d) Sections 2, 4 and 5 of this act become effective on January 3, 2011.
Sec. 10.5. The Public Employees' Retirement Board shall conduct an experience study of the Judicial Retirement System of the reemployment of retired justices or judges by the Nevada Court System pursuant to section 2 of this act for the period between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2014. The Public Employees' Retirement Board shall submit a report of the study to the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee of the Legislature on or before December 31, 2014.

Sec. 11. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009, and expires by limitation on June 30, 2015.
Amendments
Amendment No. 125

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 48  
(BDR 28-405)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

Amends: Summary: No  Title: Yes  Preamble: No  Joint Sponsorship: No  Digest: Yes

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DLJ/MSM  
Date: 4/1/2009

A.B. No. 48—Allows a public body to resolve disputes in a contract for a public work by way of processes other than arbitration. (BDR 28-405)
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 48—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS)

PREFILED DECEMBER 6, 2008

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Allows a public body to resolve disputes in a contract for a public work by way of processes other than arbitration. (BDR 28-405)

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 public works; allowing a public body to resolve a dispute arising between the public body and the contractor engaged on a public work by way of [processes other than arbitration] methods of alternate dispute resolution and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
Under existing law, a contract for a public work must include a provision that requires arbitration of a dispute between the public body and the contractor engaged on the public work. (NRS 338.150) This bill revises the requirement of that provision to allow the public body and the contractor to resolve a dispute relating to the contract for the public work by way of methods of alternate dispute resolution.

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

Section 1. NRS 338.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, any] A public body charged with the drafting of specifications for a public work shall include in the specifications a clause requiring arbitration of the use of a method of alternate dispute resolution before initiation of a judicial action if a dispute arising between the public body and the contractor engaged on a public work (if the dispute cannot otherwise be settled.

2. [Any dispute requiring arbitration must be handled in accordance with construction industry’s rules for arbitration as administered by the American Arbitration Association or the Nevada Arbitration Association.

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letting any contract or contracts for the erection of any new school building, the board of trustees of the county school district shall submit the plans, designs and specifications to, and obtain the written approval of, the plans, designs and specifications by, the State Public Works Board. The State Public Works Board shall review the plans, designs and specifications and make any recommendations as expeditiously as practicable. The State Public Works Board is authorized to charge and collect, and the board of trustees of the county school district is authorized to pay, a reasonable fee for the payment of any costs incurred by the State Public Works Board in securing the approval of qualified architects or engineers of the plans, designs and specifications submitted by the board of trustees in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. The board of trustees of the school district shall establish a building department for the school district.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), before letting any contract or contracts for any addition to or alteration of an existing school building which involves structural systems, or exiting, sanitary or fire protection facilities, the board of trustees of the county school district shall submit the plans, designs and specifications to, and obtain the written approval of, the plans, designs and specifications by, the State Public Works Board. The State Public Works Board shall review the plans, designs and specifications and make any recommendations as expeditiously as practicable. The State Public Works Board is authorized to charge and collect, and the board of trustees of the county school district is authorized to pay, a reasonable fee for the payment of any costs incurred by the State Public Works Board in securing the approval of qualified architects or engineers of the plans, designs and specifications submitted by the board of trustees in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 477.030, the board of trustees of the school district shall regulate all matters relating to the construction, maintenance and safety of buildings, facilities, structures and property of the school district.

(c) The State Public Works Board may enter into an agreement with the appropriate building department of a county or city to review plans, designs and specifications of a school district pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b). If the State Public Works Board enters into such an agreement, the board of trustees of the school district shall submit a copy of its plans, designs and specifications for any project to which paragraph (a) or (b) applies to the building department before commencement of the project for the approval of that building department. The building department shall review the plans, designs and specifications and provide responsive comment as expeditiously as practicable. The approval of the State Fire Marshal is not required for any plans, designs and specifications reviewed by a building department pursuant to this paragraph. A building department that has entered into an agreement pursuant to this paragraph is authorized to charge and collect, and the board of trustees of the county school district is authorized to pay, a reasonable fee for the review conducted pursuant to this paragraph. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 477.030, the board of trustees of the school district shall adopt any building, electrical or safety codes as necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(d) The board of trustees of the school district shall ensure that the building department established by the board of trustees reviews the plans, designs and specifications for the erection of new school buildings and for the addition to or alteration of existing school buildings and facilities.

(e) The building department established by the board of trustees shall, in accordance with subsection 4, conduct a review of plans, designs and specifications for the erection of new school buildings and for the addition to or alteration of existing school buildings and facilities.
5. Nothing in this section requires a law enforcement agency to activate the
Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children created by
NRS 432.340.

[6—As used in this section, "Division" means the Investigation Division of the
Department of Public Safety.]

Sec. 20. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 21. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 22. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 23. (Deleted by amendment.)
Amendment No. 42

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 3 (BDR 37-197)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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Date: 3/27/2009

A.B. No. 3—Requires each plot in each veterans’ cemetery in this State to be landscaped with turf grass. (BDR 37-197)
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3—ASSEMBLYMAN MANENDO

PREFILED NOVEMBER 20, 2008

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HARDY

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires each plot in each veterans’ cemetery in this State to be landscaped with natural turf grass. (BDR 37-197)


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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 veterans’ cemeteries; requiring the area immediately surrounding each plot in each veterans’ cemetery in this State to be landscaped with natural turf grass; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
Existing law requires the Executive Director for Veterans’ Services to establish, operate and maintain a veterans’ cemetery in northern Nevada and a veterans’ cemetery in southern Nevada and requires a cemetery superintendent to operate and maintain each cemetery. (NRS 417.200) This bill requires the cemetery superintendent to ensure that the area immediately surrounding each plot in each veterans’ cemetery is landscaped with natural turf grass.

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

Section 1. NRS 417.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The Executive Director shall establish, operate and maintain a veterans’ cemetery in northern Nevada and a veterans’ cemetery in southern Nevada, and may, within the limits of legislative authorization, employ personnel and purchase equipment and supplies necessary for the operation and maintenance of the cemeteries. The Executive Director shall employ a cemetery superintendent to operate and maintain each cemetery.

2. The cemetery superintendent shall ensure that the area immediately surrounding each plot in each veterans’ cemetery is landscaped with natural turf grass.

3. A person desiring to provide voluntary services to further the establishment, maintenance or operation of either of the cemeteries shall submit a written offer to the cemetery superintendent which describes the nature of the
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2. *The cemetery superintendent shall ensure that the area immediately surrounding each plot in each veterans' cemetery is landscaped with natural turf grass.*

3. A person desiring to provide voluntary services to further the establishment, maintenance or operation of either of the cemeteries shall submit a written offer to the cemetery superintendent which describes the nature of the services. The cemetery superintendent shall consider all such offers and approve those he deems appropriate. The cemetery superintendent shall coordinate the provision of all services so approved.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.
Amendment No. 892

Senate Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 3 First Reprint

**Proposed by:** Senate Committee on Health and Education

**Amends:** Summary: Yes  Title: Yes  Preamble: No  Joint Sponsorship: No  Digest: Yes

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Senate Amendment No. 892 to Assembly Bill No. 3 First Reprint

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3—ASSEMBLYMAN MANENDO

PREFILED NOVEMBER 20, 2008

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HARDY

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the area immediately above and surrounding the interred remains in each veterans' cemetery in this State to be landscaped with natural grass. (BDR 37-197)

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

EXPLANATION—Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets is omitted material.

AN ACT relating to veterans' cemeteries; requiring the area immediately above and surrounding each plot of the interred remains in each veterans' cemetery in this State to be landscaped with natural grass; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:
Existing law requires the Executive Director for Veterans' Services to establish, operate and maintain a veterans' cemetery in northern Nevada and a veterans' cemetery in southern Nevada and requires a cemetery superintendent to operate and maintain each cemetery. (NRS 417.200) This bill requires the cemetery superintendent to ensure that the area immediately above and surrounding each plot of the interred remains in each veterans' cemetery is landscaped with natural grass.

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

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those he deems appropriate. The cemetery superintendent shall
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Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.