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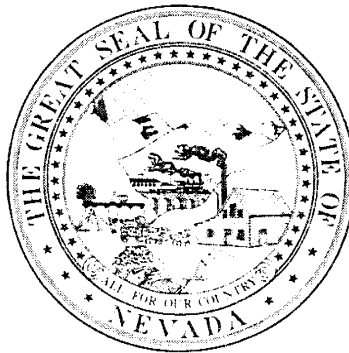
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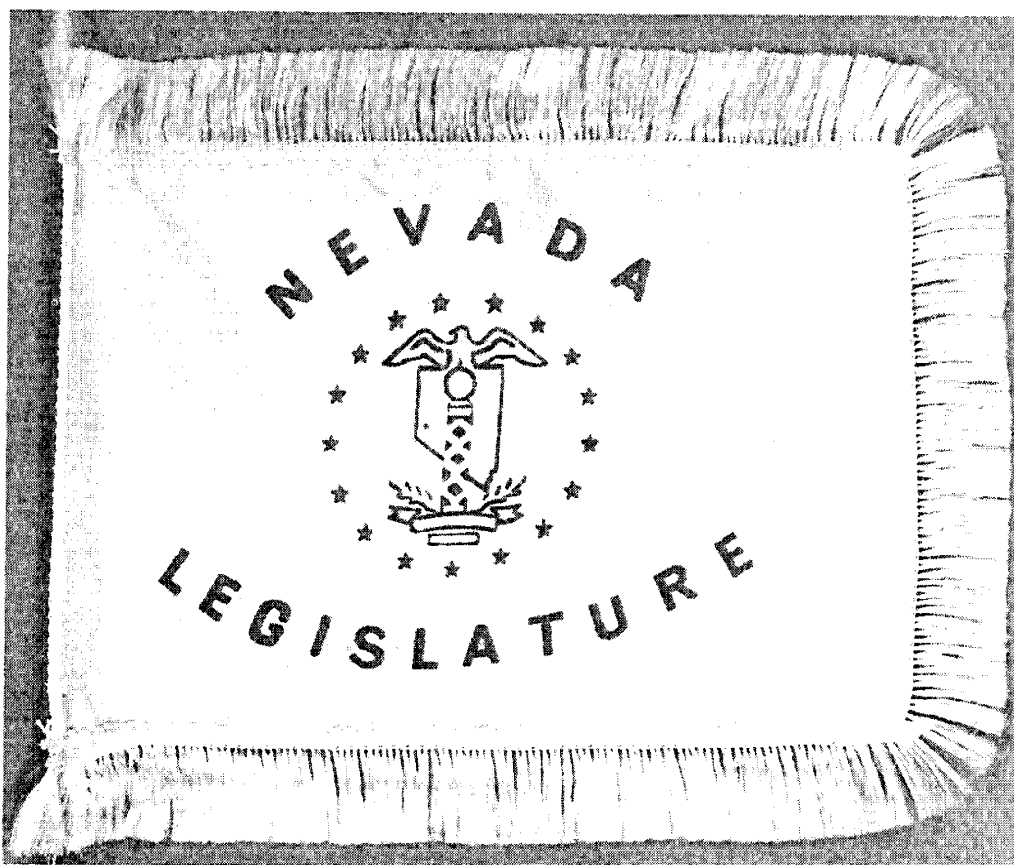


## INTRODUCTION

The *Nevada Legislative Manual* is produced each biennium by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. It is designed primarily as a reference tool for legislators. However, it is also intended for use by members of the executive and judicial branches of government, representatives of private interest groups and interested citizens.

The manual contains information pertaining to legislative structure and procedures, Legislative Counsel Bureau staff services and administrative details for legislators. It also includes the structure and personnel of the executive and judicial branches of government.

Suggestions for corrections or improvements of the manual are welcome and should be directed to the Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.



The Flag of the Legislature of the State of Nevada. At its 1967 session, the Legislature of the State of Nevada adopted an official flag, which flies outside the Legislative Building whenever the Senate and Assembly are in session. The flag was designed by the senior government class of Tonopah High School.



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**CHAPTER I**

**MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA  
LEGISLATURE**





# CHAPTER I

## MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

### 1991 SESSION

#### SENATE

<u>Name and Party</u>	<u>District**</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Adler, Ernest E. (D) .....	Capital Senatorial District.....	412 North Division, Carson City, Nevada 89703.....	883-5149 (O) 883-8242 (H)
Coffin, Bob (D).....	Clark, No. 3 .....	1139 South Fifth Place, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 .....	384-9501 (O)(M)
Cook, Ronald V. (Ron) (D).....	Clark, No. 6 .....	2905 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.....	870-6411 (O) 647-3615 (H)
*Getto, Virgil M. (R) .....	Central Nevada Senatorial District .....	1400 Lovelock Highway, Fallon, Nevada 89406 .....	423-3544 (H)
Glomb, Diana M. (D).....	Washoe, No. 1 .....	1675 Geary Street, Reno, Nevada 89503.....	747-5142 (O)
Hickey, Thomas J. (D).....	Clark, No. 2 .....	6717 East Cherry Grove Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89115.....	459-5017 (O) 453-5855 (H)
Horn, Nicholas J. (Nick) (D) .....	Clark, No. 7 .....	2543 Boise Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121 .....	643-6060, Ext. 247 (O) 739-9989 (O) 457-0555 (H)
Jacobsen, Lawrence E. (R).....	Western Nevada Senatorial District .....	P.O. Box 367, Minden, Nevada 89423 .....	782-2334 (H)
*Neal, Joseph M., Jr. (Joe) (D).....	Clark, No. 4 .....	304 Lance Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030 .....	295-2010 (O) 649-6395 (H)
Nevin, Leonard V. (Len) (D).....	Washoe, No. 2 .....	3081 Meadowlands Court, Sparks, Nevada 89431 .....	358-7766 (H)
*O'Connell, Ann (R) .....	Clark, No. 5 .....	7225 Montecito Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120.....	876-2212 (O) 451-3444 (H)
O'Donnell, William R. (Bill) (R) .....	Clark, No. 5 .....	2995 South Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 .....	873-2724 (O) 367-6363 (H)

# MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE—Continued

<u>Name and Party</u>	<u>District**</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
*Raggio, William J. (R)	Washoe, No. 1	P.O. Box 3137, Reno, Nevada 89505	329-6232 (O)
*Rawson, Raymond D. (R)	Clark, No. 6	6433 Mecham Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107	877-1133, Ext. 260 (O) 870-6382 (H)
*Rhoads, Dean A. (R)	Northern Nevada Senatorial District	Box 8, Tuscarora, Nevada 89834	756-6582 (Tuscarora) 738-4490 (Elko)
*Shaffer, Raymond C. (D)	Clark, No. 2	P.O. Box 43594, Las Vegas, Nevada 89116	647-8683 (H)
Smith, R. Hal (R)	Clark, No. 1	544 East Fairway Road, Henderson, Nevada 89015	564-1144 (H)
*Titus, Dina (D)	Clark, No. 7	1637 Travois Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119	739-3307 (O) 798-8348 (H)(M)
Townsend, Randolph J. (R)	Washoe, No. 3	P.O. Box 20923, Reno, Nevada 89515	786-4900 (O) 825-5111 (H) 742-2500 (Cellular)
*Tyler, Stephanie S. (R)	Washoe, No. 3	1678 Round Mountain Circle, Sparks, Nevada 89434	626-5746 (H)
*Vergiels, John M. (D)	Clark, No. 3	3555 Algonquin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109	739-3232 (O) 735-1314 (H)

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## ASSEMBLY

<u>Name and Party</u>	<u>District**</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Anderson, Bernie (D)	Washoe, No. 31	747 Glen Meadow Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89434	358-8113 (H)
Arberry, Morse, Jr. (D)	Clark, No. 7	425 Lass Circle, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	399-5251 (H)
Bache, Douglas Albert (D)	Clark, No. 11	2236 Melinda Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	799-7185 (O) 642-8099 (H)



MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE—*Continued*

<u>Name and Party</u>	<u>District**</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Kerns, Bob L. (R)	Washoe, No. 25	1955 La Fond Drive, Reno, Nevada 89509	329-0269 (H)
Krenzer, Sandra (D)	Clark, No. 3	4304 Las Lomas Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102	871-0237 (H)
Lambert, Joan A. (R)	Washoe, No. 29	55 Bitterbrush Road, Reno, Nevada 89523	345-0516 (H)
Little, Patricia (Pat) (D)	Clark, No. 19	3504 Flower Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	642-5417 (H)
McGaughey, James W. (R)	Clark, No. 13	P.O. Box 81468, Las Vegas, Nevada 89180	368-1127 (H)
McGinness, Joseph M. (Mike) (R)	White Pine, Churchill (Part), Eureka (Part), Lander (Part), No. 35	770 Wildes Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406	423-5889 (H)
Marvel, John W. (R)	Humboldt, Pershing, Lander (Part), Washoe (Part), No. 34	P.O. Box 1270, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820	635-2538 (O)(H) (Battle Mountain) 882-2054 (O)(H) (Carson City)
Norton, John L. (D)	Clark, No. 12	1305 S. 17th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104-1809	384-8810 (O)(H)(M)
Petrak, William A. (D)	Clark, No. 18	3435 Lost Hills Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89122	451-1044 (H)
Pettyjohn, J. Coy (R)	Clark, No. 21	314 Espalda Court, Henderson, Nevada 89014	798-1727 (O)(M)
Porter, Gene T. (D)	Clark, No. 8	302 East Carson Street, 4th Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	386-0066 (O)
Price, Robert E. (Bob) (D)	Clark, No. 17	P.O. Box 3759, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	251-1000 (O) 642-5669 (H)
Sader, Robert M. (D)	Washoe, No. 32	462 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89501	329-8310 (O)
Scherer, Scott (R)	Clark, No. 2	5501 Kettering Place, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107	878-5728 (H)
Spitler, Larry L. (D)	Clark, No. 41	1701 East Katie Avenue, No. 93, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119	735-6088 (H)
Spriggs, Gaylyn J. (R)	Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, No. 36	P.O. Box 610, Hawthorne, Nevada 89415	945-3137 (H)
Stout, Phil (R)	Clark, No. 22	601 Barron Court, Henderson, Nevada 89015	565-8842 (H)(M)
Williams, Myrna T. (D)	Clark, No. 10	3441 Sioux Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109	735-4012 (H)

Williams, Wendell P. (D) .....Clark, No. 6 .....2200 Canary Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 .....646-1018 (H)  
Wong, Robert A. (Bob) (R).....Clark, No. 15.....3019 Topaz Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121 ..... 732-0394 (H)(M)

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Central Nevada Senatorial District .....	*Getto, Virgil M. (R) .....	1400 Lovelock Highway, Fallon, Nevada	89406
Clark, No. 1 .....	Smith, R. Hal (R) .....	544 East Fairway Road, Henderson, Nevada	89015
Clark, No. 2 .....	*Shaffer, Raymond C. (D) .....	P.O. Box 43594, Las Vegas, Nevada	89116
Clark, No. 2 .....	Hickey, Thomas J. (D) .....	6717 East Cherry Grove Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada	89115
Clark, No. 3 .....	Coffin, Bob (D) .....	1139 South Fifth Place, Las Vegas, Nevada	89104
Clark, No. 3 .....	*Vergiels, John M. (D) .....	3555 Algonquin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada	89109
Clark, No. 4 .....	*Neal, Joseph M., Jr. (Joe) (D) .....	304 Lance Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada	89030
Clark, No. 5 .....	*O'Connell, Ann (R) .....	7225 Montecito Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada	89120
Clark, No. 5 .....	O'Donnell, William R. (Bill) (R) .....	2995 S. Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada	89102
Clark, No. 6 .....	*Rawson, Raymond D. (R) .....	6433 Mechem Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada	89107
Clark, No. 6 .....	Cook, Ronald V. (Ron) (D) .....	2905 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada	89102
Clark, No. 7 .....	*Titus, Dina (D) .....	1637 Travois Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada	89119
Clark, No. 7 .....	Horn, Nicholas J. (Nick) (D) .....	2543 Boise Street, Las Vegas, Nevada	89121
Northern Nevada Senatorial District .....	*Rhoads, Dean A. (R) .....	Box 8, Tuscarora, Nevada	89834
Washoe, No. 1 .....	*Raggio, William J. (R) .....	P.O. Box 3137, Reno, Nevada	89505
Washoe, No. 1 .....	Glomb, Diana M. (D) .....	1675 Geary Street, Reno, Nevada	89503
Washoe, No. 2 .....	Nevin, Leonard V. (Len) (D) .....	3081 Meadowlands Court, Sparks, Nevada	89431
Washoe, No. 3 .....	Townsend, Randolph J. (R) .....	P.O. Box 20923, Reno, Nevada	89515
Washoe, No. 3 .....	*Tyler, Stephanie S. (R) .....	1678 Round Mountain Circle, Sparks, Nevada	89434
Western Nevada Senatorial District .....	Jacobsen, Lawrence E. (R) .....	P.O. Box 367, Minden, Nevada	89423

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Clark, No. 3 .....	Krenzer, Sandra (D) .....	4304 Las Lomas Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Clark, No. 4 .....	Goetting, Bradley I. (R) .....	1644 Shadow Mountain Place, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108
Clark, No. 5 .....	Gregory, William David (Bill) (R) .....	P.O. Box 81052, Las Vegas, Nevada 89180-1052
Clark, No. 6 .....	Williams, Wendell P. (D) .....	2200 Canary Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
Clark, No. 7 .....	Arberry, Morse, Jr. (D) .....	425 Lass Circle, N. Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
Clark, No. 8 .....	Porter, Gene T. (D) .....	302 E. Carson Street, 4th Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
Clark, No. 9 .....	Giunchigliani, Christina R. (D) .....	706 Bracken Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
Clark, No. 10 .....	Williams, Myrna T. (D) .....	3441 Sioux Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
Clark, No. 11 .....	Bache, Douglas Albert (D) .....	2236 Melinda Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
Clark, No. 12 .....	Norton, John L. (D) .....	1305 South 17th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104-1809
Clark, No. 13 .....	McGaughey, James W. (R) .....	P.O. Box 81468, Las Vegas, Nevada 89180
Clark, No. 14 .....	Garner, Val Z. (D) .....	4917 E. Monroe Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89110
Clark, No. 15 .....	Wong, Robert A. (Bob) (R) .....	3019 Topaz Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
Clark, No. 16 .....	Bennett, Rick Charles (D) .....	1824 Misty Glade Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
Clark, No. 17 .....	Price, Robert E. (Bob) (D) .....	P.O. Box 3759, N. Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
Clark, No. 18 .....	Petrak, William A. (D) .....	3435 Lost Hills Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89122
Clark, No. 19 .....	Little, Patricia (Pat) (D) .....	3504 Flower Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
Clark, No. 20 .....	Hardy, Warren B. (R) .....	3162 Las Vegas Blvd., North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89115
Clark, No. 21 .....	Pettyjohn, J. Coy (R) .....	314 Espalda Court, Henderson, Nevada 89014
Clark, No. 22 .....	Stout, Phil (R) .....	601 Barron Court, Henderson, Nevada 89015
Washoe, No. 23 .....	Gibbons, James A. (Jim) (R) .....	2535 Kinney Lane, Reno, Nevada 89511
Washoe, No. 24 .....	Freeman, Vivian L. (D) .....	1665 Carlin Street, Reno, Nevada 89503
Washoe, No. 25 .....	Kerns, Bob L. (R) .....	1955 La Fond Drive, Reno, Nevada 89509
Washoe, No. 26 .....	Humke, David E. (R) .....	P.O. Box 70656, Reno, Nevada 89570
Washoe, No. 27 .....	Haller, Ken (D) .....	1611 Clemson Road, Reno, Nevada 89502
Washoe, No. 28 .....	Johnson, Joseph (D) .....	P.O. Box 8855, Reno, Nevada 89507-8855
Washoe, No. 29 .....	Lambert, Joan A. (R) .....	55 Bitterbrush Road, Reno, Nevada 89523
Washoe, No. 30 .....	Evans, Jan (D) .....	3250 Wilma Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89431
Washoe, No. 31 .....	Anderson, Bernie (D) .....	747 Glen Meadow Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89434
Washoe, No. 32 .....	Sader, Robert M. (D) .....	462 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89501
Elko and Eureka (Part), No. 33 .....	Carpenter, John C. (R) .....	P.O. Box 190, Elko, Nevada 89801

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White Pine, Churchill (Part), Eureka (Part), Lander (Part), No. 35 .....	McGinness, Joseph M. (Mike) (R) .....	770 Wildes Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406
Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, No. 36 .....	Spriggs, Gaylyn J. (R) .....	P.O. Box 610, Hawthorne, Nevada 89415
Carson City (Part), Washoe (Part). No. 37 .....	Elliott, Joe (R) .....	1395 Brenda Way, Carson City, Nevada 89704
Lyon, Storey, Churchill (Part), Douglas (Part), No. 38 .....	Dini, Joseph E., Jr. (D) .....	104 N. Mountain View, Yerington, Nevada 89447
Douglas (Part), No. 39 .....	Bergevin, Louis W. (R) .....	P.O. Box 188, Gardnerville, Nevada 89410
Carson City (Part), No. 40 .....	Heller, Dean (R) .....	1520 Andorra Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89703
Clark, No. 41 .....	Spitler, Larry L. (D) .....	1701 East Katie Avenue, No. 93, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
Clark, No. 42 .....	Bayley, John W. (R) .....	4260 Whitesands Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

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# INTERIM COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

## 1989-90

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(The Chairman is named first on each committee or subcommittee;  
the Vice Chairman is named second on each subcommittee.)

### CREATED BY STATUTE—1989

STUDY OF TAXATION IN NEVADA (A.B. 801, Section 31, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*)—

Price, Joerg, Beyer, Shaffer, Smith, Bergevin, Regan, Myrna Williams.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ACTUARIAL STUDY OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM (A.B. 922, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*)—

Sedway, Raggio, Horn, Joerg, Kerns, Thompson.

### CREATED BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—1989

STUDY OF CLASSIFICATION OF PEACE OFFICERS (S.C.R. 5)—

Eldon Anderson, President, Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs; Eric S. Cooper, Undersheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; Vic Freeman, Undersheriff, Carson City Sheriff's Office; David Quandt, Chief Investigator, Office of the Attorney General; Bernie Romero, Sheriff, White Pine County Sheriff's Office; Todd Shipley, President, Peace Officers' Research Association of Nevada; Jerry Zoner, Chief of Police, City of North Las Vegas.

STUDY OF THE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES RELATING TO WATER AND  
WASTE WATER RESOURCES IN NEVADA (S.C.R. 24)—

Dini, Thompson, Beyer, Marvel, Shaffer, Smith, Schofield, Getto, Gibbons, Adler.

STUDY OF TRAUMATIC HEAD INJURIES (S.C.R. 41)—

Malone, Kerns, Rhoads, Freeman.

STUDY OF THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS (S.C.R. 44)—

Rhoads, Sedway, Horn, Raggio, Dini, Marvel; Daniel G. Miles, Senate Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Department of Administration.

STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF RESOLVING DISPUTES (S.C.R. 46)—

Wagner, Callister, Neal, Joerg, McGinness, Sheerin.

STUDY OF BICYCLE SAFETY AND BICYCLE TRAILS IN NEVADA (S.C.R. 47)—

Horn, Bogaert, Callister.

STUDY OF THE YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION AND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
IN NEVADA (S.C.R. 52)—

Vergiels, Humke, O'Neill, Rawson, Brookman, Spriggs, Wendell Williams.

INTERIM COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES—*Continued*

STUDY OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS REQUIRED BY LAW (S.C.R. 58)—

Townsend, Porter, O'Donnell, Vergiels, DuBois, Nevin.

STUDY OF THE MERIT PAY PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM  
(S.C.R. 61)—

Raggio, Sedway, Beyer, Neal, Rawson, Rhoads, Adler, Marvel, McGinness, Myrna Williams.

REAPPORTIONMENT (A.C.R. 15)—

Evans, O'Connell, Rhoads, Titus, Wagner, Diamond, Lambert, Sheerin.

STUDY ON TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN NEVADA (A.C.R. 32)—

Evans, Getto, O'Neill, Titus, Diamond.

STUDY THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE IN NEVADA  
(A.C.R. 47)—

Freeman, Hickey, Townsend, Chowning, DuBois.

STUDY OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE AND MENTAL RETARDATION DIVISION OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (A.C.R. 52)—

Spinello, O'Donnell, Gaston, McGaughey, Triggs.

STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS OF OWNERS OF MOBILE HOMES WHO RENT SPACE IN  
MOBILE HOME PARKS (A.C.R. 57)—

Lambert, Shaffer, Coffin, Fay, Porter.

STUDY CONCERNING POST-RETIREMENT INCREASES AND GROUP HEALTH  
INSURANCE FOR RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (A.C.R. 71)—

Sedway, Raggio, Horn, Joerg, Kerns, Thompson.

STUDY AND REVIEW CERTAIN LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO TRANS-  
PORTATION, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF THE REGULATION OF MOTOR  
CARRIERS (A.C.R. 91)—

Garner, Hickey, Rhoads, Carpenter, Nevin.

**CREATED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION—1989-90**

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE (NRS 218.6823)—

Dini, Hickey, Joerg, Marvel, Sedway.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE (NRS 218.682)—

Sedway, Jacobsen, Raggio, Dini, Sheerin.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S CAPITOL COMPLEX SUBCOMMITTEE (NRS 218.682)—

Sedway, Joerg, Adler, McGaughey.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPUTER APPLICATION TO  
THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS (NRS 218.682)—

Spinello, O'Donnell, Vergiels, Bergevin, Sedway.

INTERIM COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES—*Continued*

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR PRESESSION  
ORIENTATION (NRS 218.682)—

Myrna Williams, Townsend, Vergiels, Bergevin, Dini.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE 1991-92 LEGISLATIVE  
BROCHURE—

O'Connell, Kissam.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SALE OF INFORMA-  
TION CONTAINED IN LEGISLATIVE COMPUTER (NRS 218.682)—

Sader, Raggio, O'Donnell, Dini, Jeffrey.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE FOR 1990  
BALLOT QUESTIONS (NRS 218.682)—

Sader, Vergiels, Wagner, Bergevin, Porter.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY (NRS 218.682)—

Thompson, Jacobsen.

**ONGOING STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES**

COMMITTEE TO CONSULT WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL (NRS 218.243)—

Sader, Raggio, Dini.

NEVADA LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS (NRS 218.536, *et seq.*)—

Rhoads, Callister, Getto, Vergiels, Gibbons, Marvel, Karen W. Hayes, Clark County  
Commissioner.

*Laughlin Subcommittee*  
Smith, Jeffrey.

*"Takings" Subcommittee*  
Rhoads, Callister, Marvel, Karen W. Hayes, Clark County Commissioner.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION (NRS 218.660)—

Jeffrey, Sader, Joerg, O'Donnell, Shaffer, Townsend, Vergiels, Bergevin, Dini,  
McGaughey, Thompson.

INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE (NRS 218.6825)—

Raggio, Sedway, Beyer, Hickey, Horn, Jacobsen, Rawson, Rhoads, Arberry, Callister,  
Dini, DuBois, Evans, Humke, Jeffrey, Kerns, Marvel, Price, Spinello, Swain, Myrna  
Williams.

INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ADVISORY BOARD ON INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS  
(NRS 209.4813)—

Horn, Beyer, Jeffrey, Marvel; Ron Angelone, Director, Department of Prisons; Ed O.  
Chapin, President, Millennium Computer Corporation; Mike Magnani, Labor; Howard B.  
Pearson, Manufacturing; Al Puliz, President, Puliz Moving and Storage; Terry D. Sulli-  
van, Director, Department of General Services.

INTERIM COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES—*Continued*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS  
(NRS 219.020)—

Raggio, Sader; Lorne J. Malkiewicz, Legislative Counsel.

*Additional Commissioners (NRS 219.025)*

Robert R. Barengo, Frank W. Daykin.

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW REGULATIONS (NRS 233B.067)—

Bergevin, Thompson, Wagner.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DATA PROCESSING (NRS 242.121)—

Horn, DuBois; Hale B. Bennett, Director, Department of Data Processing.

NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS (NRS 281.455)—

Thomas R. C. Wilson, Janice Pine, George Albright, Paul Garwood, Michael Mackedon, Bill Morse.

INTERIM RETIREMENT COMMITTEE (NRS 286.113)—

Sedway, Raggio, Joerg, Horn, Kerns, Thompson.

MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRS 331.160, *et seq.*)—

Jacobsen, Adler; Pat Coffin, Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife; John B. Richardson, Division of State Parks, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Lowell V. Smith, Division of Forestry, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Terry D. Sullivan, Department of General Services; John R. Crossley, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

NEVADA LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (NRS 439B.200)—

Rawson, Sedway, Arberry, Coffin, Townsend, Humke, Freeman.

NEVADA LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEE ON HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
(NRS 459.0085)—

Hickey, Schofield, Getto, Rawson, Callister, Jeffrey, Spriggs.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A VETERANS' CEMETERY IN NORTHERN NEVADA  
(NRS 417.230)—

Jacobsen, Dini.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A VETERANS' CEMETERY IN SOUTHERN NEVADA  
(NRS 417.230)—

Rawson, Jeffrey.

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR EDUCATION (A.B. 551, Chapter 881, *Statutes of Nevada* 1989)—

O'Connell, Rawson, Vergiels, Sedway, Spinello; Governor Robert J. Miller; Dr. Eugene T. Paslov, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education.

NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (S.B. 178, Chapter 91, *Statutes of Nevada* 1989)—

Titus, Brookman.

INTERIM COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES—*Continued*

NEVADA COMMISSION ON SPORTS (A.B. 869, Chapter 872, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*)—

Vergiels, Bogaert.

ADVISORY BOARD ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS (S.B. 247, Chapter 730, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*)—

Beyer, Sheerin; Terry D. Sullivan, Director, Department of General Services; James L. Spoo, Executive Director, Commission on Economic Development; Dr. Eugene T. Paslov, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education; Dr. Warren Fox, Chancellor of University of Nevada System; J. P. Coward, Bob Hadfield, Larry Spitzer.

STUDY OF NEWLY ENACTED STATUTES WHICH AFFECT WOMEN OR TREAT SEXES DIFFERENTLY (A.B. 835, Chapter 820, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*) (Staff Study)—

Jan Needham, Senate Bill Drafting Adviser; Kerry Schomer, Legal Division.

COMMISSION TO REVIEW SALARIES OF CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (NRS 281.112 through NRS 281.118)—

Paul Bible, Leola Armstrong, Daryl Capurro, Eva Garcia, John Giovenco, Dr. James McMillan, John Miller.



## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

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### Sixty-sixth Session, 1991

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(The Chairman is named first on each committee; the Vice Chairman is named second on each committee.)

#### COMMERCE AND LABOR—

Vergiels, Nevin, Shaffer, Townsend, O'Connell, Rhoads, Getto.

#### FINANCE—

Horn, Coffin, Hickey, Glomb, Raggio, Jacobsen, Rawson.

#### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Hickey, Horn, Titus, Cook, O'Connell, Raggio, Smith.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES—

Neal, Glomb, Coffin, Nevin, Rawson, O'Donnell, Tyler.

#### JUDICIARY—

Titus, Adler, Neal, Cook, Smith, O'Donnell, Tyler.

#### LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS—

Shaffer, Titus, Horn, Raggio, Townsend, Rawson, Tyler.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES—

Adler, Shaffer, Vergiels, Jacobsen, Townsend, Rhoads, Getto.

#### TAXATION—

Coffin, Cook, Neal, Adler, O'Connell, Getto, Smith.

#### TRANSPORTATION—

Nevin, Hickey, Vergiels, Glomb, Rhoads, Jacobsen, O'Donnell.

#### PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE—

Joseph M. Neal, Jr.

#### MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—

William J. Raggio.

#### MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

John M. Vergiels.

#### ASSISTANT MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Raymond D. Rawson.

#### ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Nicholas J. Horn.

#### MINORITY WHIP—

William R. O'Donnell.

#### MAJORITY WHIP—

Raymond C. Shaffer.

## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES

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### Sixty-sixth Session, 1991

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(The Chairman is named first on each committee; the Vice Chairman is named second on each committee.)

#### COMMERCE—

Porter, Arberry, Bennett, Callister, Garner, Norton, Myrna Williams, Elliott, Kerns, McGaughey, Scherer, Spriggs, Wong.

#### EDUCATION—

Wendell Williams, Haller, Bache, Johnson, Krenzer, Spitler, Carpenter, Gibbons, Gregory, Hardy, Lambert.

#### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Garner, Bennett, Bache, Freeman, Haller, Krenzer, Little, Bergevin, Kerns, Lambert, McGaughey, Spriggs, Wong.

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE—

Arberry, Freeman, Bennett, Evans, Petrak, Wendell Williams, Bayley, Hardy, Heller, Humke, McGinness.

#### JUDICIARY—

Sader, Porter, Anderson, Johnson, Norton, Petrak, Wendell Williams, Bayley, Carpenter, Elliott, Gibbons, Gregory, Hardy, Scherer.

#### LABOR AND MANAGEMENT—

Giunchigliani, Anderson, Arberry, Bache, Norton, Wendell Williams, Goetting, Heller, Marvel, Stout, Wong.

#### LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS AND ELECTIONS—

Myrna Williams, Price, Dini, Evans, Garner, Porter, Sader, Bergevin, Humke, Lambert, McGaughey, Pettyjohn, Scherer.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND MINING—

Freeman, Krenzer, Johnson, Little, Norton, Sader, Bayley, Carpenter, Kerns, McGinness, Spriggs.

#### TAXATION—

Price, Myrna Williams, Callister, Giunchigliani, Haller, Porter, Bergevin, Lambert, Marvel, Spriggs, Stout.

#### TRANSPORTATION—

Spitler, Garner, Anderson, Krenzer, Little, Carpenter, Elliott, Goetting, Gregory.



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES—*Continued*

WAYS AND MEANS—

Callister, Evans, Arberry, Dini, Giunchigliani, Price, Spitler, Myrna Williams, Goetting, Heller, Humke, McGinness, Marvel, Pettyjohn, Stout.

SPEAKER—

Joseph E. Dini, Jr.

MAJORITY WHIP—

Robert M. Sader.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE—

Myrna T. Williams.

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—

James W. McGaughey.

MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Gene T. Porter.

ASSISTANT MINORITY FLOOR  
LEADER—

David E. Humke.

ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR  
LEADER—

Jan Evans.

MINORITY WHIP—

Louis W. Bergevin.



**BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF  
NEVADA SENATE  
1991 SESSION**



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT  
OF THE SENATE



SUE WAGNER

*Republican*

*Born:* January 6, 1940, Portland, Maine.

*Educated:* University of Arizona, B.A., Political Science; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, M.A., History.

*Married:* Widow.

*Children:* Kirk, Kristina.

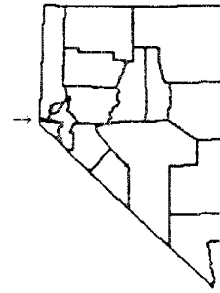
*Religion:* Episcopalian—Lay Reader.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Golf, writing, aerobics, cooking, jogging.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1975-80; Nevada Senate, 1981-90—three special and eight regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Member, 1975-79, 1985-86, Vice Chairman, 1987-88; Senate Assistant Minority Floor Leader, 1983; Outstanding National Republican Legislator of 1988; Western Regional Vice President, National Republican Legislators' Association; The Council of State Governments, Western Conference, Committee on Economic Development and International Trade; Executive Committee, Governing Board, National Council of State Governments; elected Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, 1990; President of Senate, Nevada Legislature, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Board of Directors, Western Industrial Nevada (WIN) and Sierra Arts Foundation; Member, Advisory Board, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Sierra Nevada Girl Scout Council, and Junior League; Board Member, Nevada Area Boy Scout Council; Advisory Council, Nevada Women's Fund; American Association of University Women; Business and Professional Women; Anne Martin Women's Political Caucus; Kappa Alpha Theta Alumni Club; Honorary Member, Delta Kappa Gamma and Soroptimist International.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Asst. to the Dean of Women, Ohio State University; Reporter, *Tucson Daily Citizen*; Government & History Teacher; Special Assistant to the President, Desert Research Institute; Recipient: One of 10 Outstanding Young Women in America; Outstanding Young Woman in America from Nevada; Nevada Merit Mother of the Year, American Mothers Association; Humanitarian of the Year Award, National Conference of Christians and Jews; Woman of the Year, Commission on the Status of Women; Outstanding Woman in Government, Governor's Conference on Women; Outstanding Legislator Award, Young Republicans; Women Helping Women Award, Soroptimist; Service Award, March of Dimes; The Hannah Humanitarian Award; Woman of the Year, Business and Professional Women; Outstanding Legislator, Nevada School Counselors' Association; Legislative Awards, Nevada Veterans of Foreign Wars and Wildlife Federation.



ERNEST E. ADLER

*Democrat*

*Capital Senatorial District*

*Attorney at Law*

*Born:* December 15, 1950, Pullman, Washington.

*Educated:* University of California at Santa Barbara, Honors Graduate, Environmental Science; University of San Diego School of Law, California, J.D.

*Married:* Sarah Jose Mersereau.

*Children:* Benjamin, William, Meredith.

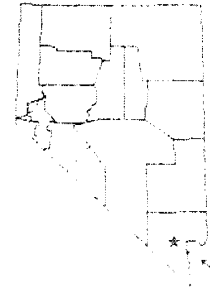
*Religion:* Presbyterian.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Skiing, photography, basketball, backpacking.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-89; Nevada Senate, 1991—one special and three regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1987-88.

*Affiliations:* Member, Nursing Board, Western Nevada Community College, Carson City; Emergency Management Board, Carson City; Parents United Advisory Board.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Director, Clark County Senior Citizens Law Project; Editor-in-Chief of the *Woolsack*; Chief Criminal Deputy, Office of the Attorney General; Vice Chairman, Domestic Violence Advisory Board.



## BOB COFFIN

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 3*

*Insurance Broker/Antiquarian Book Dealer*

*Born:* October 7, 1942, Anaheim, California.

*Educated:* Bishop Gorman High School; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, B.S., Business Administration, Accounting.

*Married:* Mary Hausch.

*Children:* James, Walter.

*Religion:* Catholic.

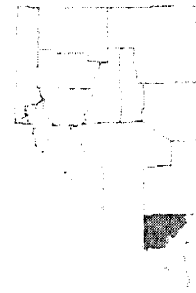
*Military:* U.S. Army Reserve, 1962.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Golf, book collecting, short wave radio listening, photography, writing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1983-86; Nevada Senate, 1987-91—two special and five regular sessions; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1983-86; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1987-91.

*Affiliations:* Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Latin Chamber of Commerce of Nevada; Sigma Alpha Epsilon; UNLV Alumni Association; National Federation of Independent Business; International Trade Committee of State-Federal Assembly, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); Invitational Committee, American Leadership Conference.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* President, UNLV Alumni Association, 1974; President, Nevada Golf Association, 1973-74; Outstanding Young Man of America, 1974; Nevada Amateur Golf Champion, 1970; Meritorious Service Award, CSUN, UNLV; National Committeeman, Young Democrats of Nevada, 1977-78; Sports Column Award, Nevada State Press Association, 1980; Member, NCSL's Delegation to Costa Rica, 1985; Member, Governing Board, Clark County Health Systems Agency, 1985-86; Citation, Nevada School Administrators Association, 1985; Alumni Adviser, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 1984-86; UNLV Outstanding Alumnus, 1988; Outstanding Hispanic Citizen, 1988, Latin Chamber of Commerce of Nevada; Member, Governor's Commission on Drinking and Driving, 1987-89; Member, Nursing Care Task Force, 1988; Member, Task Force on Regulation of HMO's, 1988-89; International Observer to 1990 Nicaraguan National Elections; Man-of-the-Year, Hispanic Business and Professional Women of Las Vegas, 1990.



**RON COOK**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 6*

*Certified Public Accountant;  
Owner, Computer Store*

*Born:* October 24, 1941, Los Angeles, California.

*Educated:* San Jose State College, B.S., Business and Economics.

*Married:* Brenda.

*Children:* Denver, Chris, Sean.

*Religion:* Jewish.

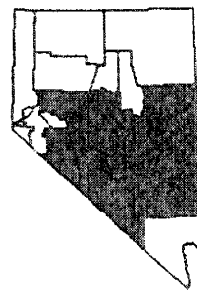
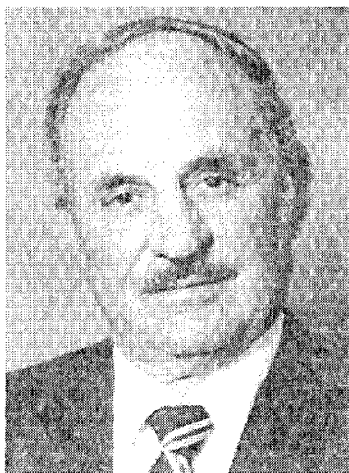
*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Bicycling, camping, music.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants; Data Processing Managers Association; American Association of Accountants; Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Latin Chamber of Commerce.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Vice President, Director, National Kidney Foundation; Member of the Board of Advisors, Nevada Dance Theatre; Apple Dealers Advisory Council; Connecting Point Dealers Advisory Council; Certificate of Appreciation, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.





## VIRGIL M. GETTO

*Republican*

*Central Nevada Senatorial District  
(Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye  
and White Pine Counties and  
parts of Churchill, Eureka and  
Lander Counties)*

*Farmer and Livestock Rancher*

*Born:* June 19, 1924, Fallon, Nevada.

*Educated:* Churchill County Schools.

*Married:* Patricia Stark.

*Children:* Michael, David, Marlea McKinstry, Andrea Dickerson; four grandchildren: Darcy Dickerson, Annie, Duncan Andrew, Guiseppe Getto.

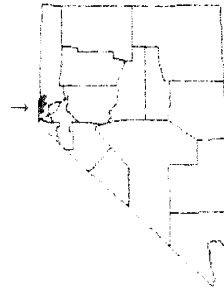
*Religion:* Catholic.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Hunting, traveling.

*Legislative Service:* Member, Nevada Assembly, 1967-75, 1979, 1983-87; appointed to fill vacancy in Senate, 1981-82; Senate, 1989-91—four special and 12 regular sessions; Assembly Minority Floor Leader, 1975; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1969-71, 1973-74, Member, 1971-72, 1979-82; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-88; Western Conference of The Council of State Governments' Committees on Agriculture and Land Use Planning.

*Affiliations:* Fallon Rotary; Fallon Order of Elks; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Fallon Optimist; Greenwave Boosters and Quarterback Club; National Rifleman's Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past Member of Churchill County School Board, 1962-66; Agriculture Conservation Production Board; past PTA President; past State President of Citizens Advisory Committee, College of Agriculture, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), 1970-71; past Director, Nevada State Fair Board; Senior Member, Citizens Advisory Committee to College of Agriculture, UNR, 1967-73; past National Officer, Future Farmers of America (FFA); past State 4-H President; Charter Member, National FFA Alumni Association; American Farmer Degree, FFA; past Board Member, 4-H Foundation; past Board of Directors Member, FFA Foundation; Agriculturist of the Year Award by Gamma Sigma Delta, 1971; Churchill County Conservationist of the Year Award, 1968; past Member, Churchill County Bicentennial Commission; Member, Junior Livestock Showboard, 1980-88; Member, President's Commission on Education Block II; past Member, Advisory Commission for Carson City BLM District; past Member, State PTA Board of Governors; Churchill County Chamber of Commerce—Citizen of the Year Award, 1985; Board Member, Advisory Commission, Western Nevada Community College, 1985-89; Vice Chairman, 1985-88, and Chairman, 1988, Agriculture, Food Policy and Rural Development Committee of National Conference of State Legislatures; Member, State Area Health Education Center Commission; Member of the Western Conference of The Council of State Governments, Committee on Solid Waste Management; Paul Harris Rotary Fellowship Award.



**DIANA M. GLOMB**

*Democrat  
Washoe County Senatorial  
District No. 1  
Social Worker*

*Born:* February 3, 1947, Chicago, Illinois.

*Educated:* Northeast Louisiana University, Bachelor's Degree, Elementary Education; Louisiana State University, Master's Degree, Social Work.

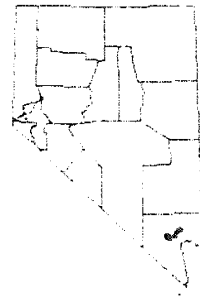
*Children:* Jessica, Theo, and Casey Jasper.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Reading, bridge, swimming.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Nevada Women's Political Caucus; Washoe County Democratic Central Committee; National Association of Social Workers; Nevada Women's Lobby.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past Chair, Anne Martin Women's Political Caucus; President, Board of Directors, Domestic Crisis Services, Salinas, California.



## THOMAS J. HICKEY

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 2*

*Brakeman, Union Pacific Railroad*

*Born:* January 4, 1930, Omaha, Nebraska.

*Educated:* Elementary and high school, Omaha, Nebraska; Graduate, University of Omaha, Nebraska.

*Married:* Liliam Lujan.

*Children:* Mary.

*Religion:* Catholic.

*Military:* U.S. Army.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Reading, travel, classical music, Western art, golf, football, boxing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1973-82; Nevada Senate, 1983-91—three special and 10 regular sessions; past Chairman, Agriculture Committee, Western Conference of The Council of State Governments (CSG); past Member, Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Western Conference of CSG; past Vice Chairman, Committee on Transportation, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) State-Federal Assembly; Chairman, High-Level Radioactive Waste/Hazardous Materials Transportation Task Force of NCSL.

*Affiliations:* Men's 100 Club; Boys' Club of Clark County; Sons of Erin; Elks; Lions; Optimists; VFW; American Legion; American Judicature Society; Advisory Council of the Latin Chamber of Commerce; 4-H Advisory Board; member, NLV Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Governor Mike O'Callaghan's Representative, Western Governor's Conference, 1975; honors: Nevada Supreme Court for providing constitutional legislation to allow the court to hear cases outside Carson City.



## NICHOLAS (NICK) J. HORN

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 7*

*Community College Business  
Management Professor, Clark  
County Community College, and  
Part-time Executive Director,  
Clark County Medical Society*

*Born:* July 25, 1945, Salt Lake City, Utah.

*Educated:* University of Utah, Ricks College, A.A.; Brigham Young University, B.A.; Brigham Young University Graduate School of Management, M.P.A., Public Administration; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Ed.D.

*Married:* Nancy Lynn Ellis.

*Children:* Stacy Lynn, Nicholas "Jason."

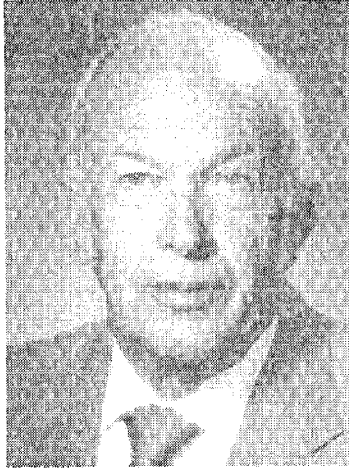
*Religion:* LDS.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Softball, golf, snow skiing, hunting, sporting clays, fishing, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1977-82; Nevada Senate, 1983-91—three special and eight regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1985-86, 1989-91, Member, 1987-88; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-90; Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1981; Senate Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Board of Directors, Nevada Opera Theater; past Board of Directors: Voluntary Action Center, Girls Club of Southern Nevada, Boy Scout and Explorer Exposition, Western Association of Cooperative and Work Experience Educators, SWRL Educational Research and Development, and United Way; Commissioner, California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Professor of Business Management at Clark County Community College; Senior Adjunct Professor of Management, Golden Gate University's B.A., and M.B.A., programs; Part-time Executive Director, Clark County Medical Society; past Director, Business Management Department, Office of Institutional Development and Research; Special Assistant to the President at Clark County Community College, 1980; Student Body President and Attorney General, Brigham Young University; *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities*, 1969-71; "Outstanding Freshman Legislator," 1977; *Who's Who in American Politics*, 1977-83; Nevada Wildlife Federation Governor's Conservation Award, 1983; Clark County Library Advisory Board; Continental National Bank Advisory Board; doctoral dissertation title: "Competency-Based Testing in Nevada: Perceptions of Legislators, School District Superintendents, Local School Board Presidents and Third Grade Teachers."



## LAWRENCE E. JACOBSEN

*Republican*

*Western Nevada Senatorial District  
(all of Douglas, Lyon and Storey  
Counties and part of Churchill  
County)*

*Retired, Petroleum Products*

*Born:* July 1, 1921, Gardnerville, Nevada.

*Educated:* Douglas County schools.

*Married:* Betty Lundergreen.

*Children:* Bruce, Gary, Susan, Tim.

*Religion:* Lutheran.

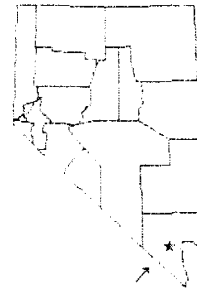
*Military:* U.S. Navy, Pearl Harbor Survivor.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Hunting.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1963-77; Nevada Senate, 1979-91—seven special and 15 regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1963-64, 1967-68, Member, 1965-66, 1969-83, 1985-86, Vice Chairman, 1966, Chairman, 1970-71, 1974-75, 1987-88; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-90; Speaker pro Tempore, 1969; Speaker of the Assembly, 1971; Assembly Minority Floor Leader, 1973; Senate Minority Floor Leader, 1981; President pro Tempore, 1987-90; Chairman, National Legislative Service and Security Advisory Committee; Member, National Conference of State Legislatures Executive Committee, 1981-90; Member, The Council of State Governments (CSG); Member, CSG Hazardous Waste Committee, 1981-90; Chairman, CSG Energy Committee, 1981-83; Vice Chairman, CSG Western Legislative Conference, 1984-85, Chairman, 1986-87; Member, CSG Executive Committee, 1981-90; Cochairman, National Conference of State Legislatures Fourteenth Annual Meeting, Reno, 1988; Chairman, Marlette Lake Advisory Committee, 1969-90.

*Affiliations:* Douglas County Engine Company; Commander, Carson Valley Post No. 11, American Legion; Buckbrush Gun Club; Minden Rotary Club; Chamber of Commerce; Gardnerville Gun Club; Douglas County Education Foundation; Navy League; Douglas County Republican Central Committee; Nevada State Republican Central Committee.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Minden Rotary Club, 40-year perfect attendance; Paul Harris Fellow; 45-year Active Member, Douglas County Engine Company (Fire Department); Cochairman, Minden Bandstand, 1984; Man of the Year, 1972; Citizen of the Year, 1984.



**JOSEPH (JOE) M. NEAL, JR.**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial*

*District No. 4*

*Personnel Administration*

*Born:* July 28, 1935, Mounds, Louisiana.

*Educated:* Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, B.A., Political Science and History; post graduate work in Law; Institute of Applied Science, Chicago, Illinois, Civil Identification and Criminal Investigation.

*Married:* Estelle Ann DeConce.

*Children:* Charisse, Tania, Withania, Dina Amelia, Joseph.

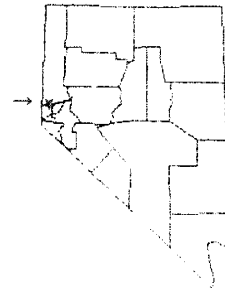
*Religion:* Catholic.

*Military:* U.S. Air Force.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1973-91—three special and 10 regular sessions; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-86; Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1985; Assistant Minority Floor Leader, 1987; Minority Floor Leader, regular session, 1989; President pro Tempore, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Elk's Lodge No. 1508; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; State Democratic Central Committee; Nevada Catholic Welfare; and Phi Beta Sigma.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past Chairman, Clark County Economic Opportunity Board; past Chairman, Greater Las Vegas Plan.



## LEONARD V. NEVIN

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Senatorial  
District No. 2*

*Retired Police Officer*

*Born:* June 4, 1943, Reno, Nevada.

*Educated:* Reno High School; Truckee Meadows Community College; University of Nevada, Reno.

*Married:* Cindy L. Creighton.

*Children:* Bridgette, Stephanie.

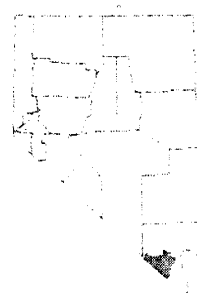
*Religion:* Episcopalian.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Golf, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1983-89; Nevada Senate, 1991—two special and five regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1983-88; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-86; Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1987-89.

*Affiliations:* Law Enforcement Coordinator, Nevada Boys State; Washoe County Democratic Central Committee; State Democratic Central Committee; Guiseppe Verdi Lodge, Sons of Italy; Court Appointed Special Advocates; Sparks High School Advisory Board; University of Nevada, Reno, Boosters Club; Sparks Sertoma; Sparks Heritage Foundation; 10-42 Club; Reno BPOE.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Class President, Second Annual Northern Nevada Police Academy, 1970; Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, City of Reno, 1971; Board of Directors, Reno Police Protective Association, 1971-72; Outstanding Employee, City of Reno, 1978; Optimist Officer of the Year, 1978-79; Police Officer of the Year, Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce, 1979; Chairman, Court Appointed Special Advocates, 1985; Washoe County School District Education Award, 1985; Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Recipient, Sons of the American Revolution, 1985; *Who's Who in American Politics*, 1983-86; *Who's Who in Society*, 1986; Distinguished Service Award, Nevada Gasoline Retailers, 1987; Honorary Lt. Colonel, Civil Air Patrol, 1989; Legislator of the Year, Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs, 1989.



## ANN O'CONNELL

*Republican*

*Clark County Senatorial*

*District No. 5*

*Owner/Manager, Christian Supply Centers  
and Hotel*

*Born:* August 3, 1934, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

*Educated:* University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; International Council of Shopping Centers.

*Married:* Robert E.

*Children:* Jeffery and Gray Crampton.

*Religion:* Christian.

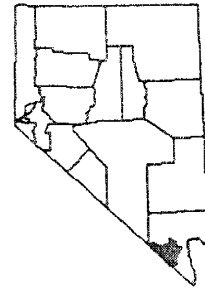
*Hobbies/Special Interests:* China painting, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1985-91—one special and four regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1985-86, Member, 1987-88; Commissioner, Education Commission of the States.

*Affiliations:* Past Vice Chairman, State Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation Advisory Board; past President and Board Member of Secret Witness and Citizens for Private Enterprise; past Member, Advisory Board of Milligan College; past Member, Community Advisory Board of the Care Unit Hospital; past Member, Advisory Board for Kidney Foundation; past Member, Advisory Board, Charter Hospital; past President, Explorer Division, and past Member, Executive Board, Boulder Dam Area Council, BSA; past President and past Director, Retail Merchants Association, Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Member, Advisory Board, Boy Scouts; Teacher, Young Adult Sunday School; Director, Taxpayers Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* *Who's Who in American Women*; *Who's Who in Government Service*; *Who's Who in Society*; *Who's Who in the West*; Outstanding Citizen, Las Vegas Board of Realtors; Silver Beaver Award, BSA; International Maxi Awards for Promotional Excellence; Recipient, 1988 Free Enterprise Award, Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Federated Employers Association, and Downtown Breakfast Exchange; Recipient, 1988 Woman of Achievement in Politics, Women's Council of the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; included in first edition (1988) and subsequent editions to present, *Distinguished Women's Book of Nevada*.





## BILL R. O'DONNELL

*Republican*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 5*

*President, Computer Firm;  
Real Estate Broker, Salesman*

*Born:* January 16, 1951, Quincy, Massachusetts.

*Educated:* University of Nevada-Las Vegas, B.S., Business and Economics; Naval Avionic School, Tennessee; Las Vegas Metro Police Academy; Southern Nevada School of Real Estate; Aerleon Flight School Graduate.

*Married:* Mary Hogan.

*Children:* Meagan, Patrick, Colleen, Kyle.

*Religion:* Catholic.

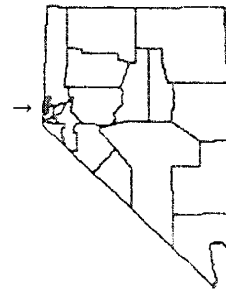
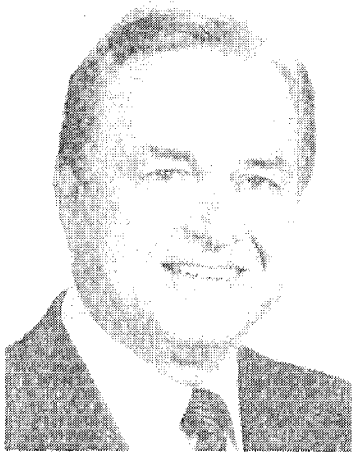
*Military:* U.S. Navy.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Computers, music, golf, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1985-86; Nevada Senate, 1987-91—one special and four regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1987-88; Member, 1989-91; Majority Whip, 1989; Minority Whip, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Leader of church music group; Citizens for Responsible Government; Nevada Association of the Handicapped; Child Watch Advisory Board; past Part-time Instructor, Clark County Community College; past President, Section 10 Homeowners Association; past Member, Spring Valley Town Board; past Member, Board of Directors, St. Rose de Lima Hospital; Member, Board of Realtors, North Las Vegas Rotary Club, Nevada Development Authority, and Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Honor Society, UNLV; Graduate, Naval Avionic School; Graduate, Las Vegas Metro Police Academy; Owner, Computer System Concepts; Guest Musician, Easter Seals and March of Dimes Telethons.



## WILLIAM J. RAGGIO

*Republican*

*Washoe County Senatorial  
District No. 1*

*Attorney at Law*

*Born:* October 30, 1926, Reno, Nevada.

*Educated:* Louisiana Tech; University of Oklahoma; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A.; Hastings College of Law; University of California-Berkeley, J.D.; Boalt Hall School of Law.

*Married:* Dorothy Brigman.

*Children:* Leslie Ann Righetti, Tracy Lynn Fernandex, Mark William.

*Religion:* Catholic.

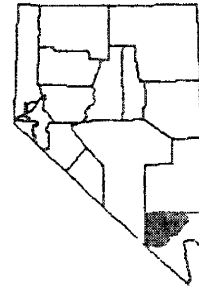
*Military:* USNR; USMCR, Second Lieutenant, 1944-46.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Hunting, fishing, camping.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1973-91—three special and 10 regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1985-88, 1991, Member, 1973-75, 1977-79; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-86, Vice Chairman, 1987-88, Chairman, 1988-90; Majority Floor Leader, 1987-89; Minority Floor Leader, 1977-79, 1983-86, 1991.

*Affiliations:* State Bar of Nevada; Washoe Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Judicature Society; Intl. Academy of Law & Science; Amer. Trial Lawyers Assn.; Natl. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Salvation Army, Adv. Bd., 1966-; Alpha Tau Omega; Phi Alpha Delta; Elks; Republican St. Central Cmte.; Washoe Co. Republican Central Cmte.; Reno (Host) Lions Club; American Legion; Prospectors; Amer. Bd. of Criminal Lawyers, 1979-82; V.P./Director, Sahara Resorts/Sahara Las Vegas Corp.; Director, Sierra Health Services; Pres., Raggio, Wooster & Lindell, Ltd., Reno/Las Vegas; Executive Advisory Board of E. L. Wiegand Foundation.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* U.S.: District Court—Nev., Court of Appeals—9th Circuit, Supreme Court; Asst. D.A., Washoe Co., 1952-58; D.A., Washoe Co., 1958-70; American Bar Assn. House of Delegates, 1967-70; State Chairman, Jr. Bar Conference, 1957-60; Nev. St. District Attorneys Assn., Pres., 1960-63, Secretary, 1959-60; Natl. D.A.'s Assn., Bd. of Directors, 1961-70, V.P., 1961-66, Pres., 1967-68, Hon. Life Member, 1970; Fellow, Amer. College of Trial Lawyers; Community Action Program, Washoe Co., Bd. of Trustees, 1964-67; Natl. Conference of Christians & Jews, Reno, Bd. of Directors, 1966-70, 1983-87; Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, 1970; Republican nominee for Lt. Governor, 1974; named "Young Man of the Year," Reno-Sparks Jr. Chamber of Commerce, 1959; Brotherhood Award N.C.C.J., 1965; Distinguished Service Award: Nev. Council on Crime & Delinquency, 1970; Columbus Day Cmte., 1967; "Others" Award, Natl. Salvation Army, 1980; Torch of Liberty Award, ADL of B'nai B'rith, 1985; Hon. Membership, Intl. Assn. of Firefighters, Local 731; American Leg. Exchange Council, Bd. of Directors, 1983-87; CSG Criminal Law & Admin. of Justice Cmte.; Nev. American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; Old College of Reno Bd. of Trustees; NCSL Law & Justice Cmte.; Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates; Master, Inns of Court; National Distinguished Eagle Award, Boy Scouts of America, 1989; Eagle of the Year Award, Nevada Area Council, BSA, 1988; Honoree, Nevada Lung Association, 1990; Hall of Fame, Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission, 1990.



## RAYMOND D. RAWSON

*Republican*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 6*

*Dentist and College Professor*

*Born:* November 2, 1940, Sandy, Utah.

*Educated:* University of Nevada-Las Vegas, B.S.; Loma Linda University Dental School, D.D.S.; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, M.A.; Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Certificate.

*Married:* Linda Downey.

*Children:* Blaine, Mark, Pamela, David, Kristi, Kenneth, Richard.

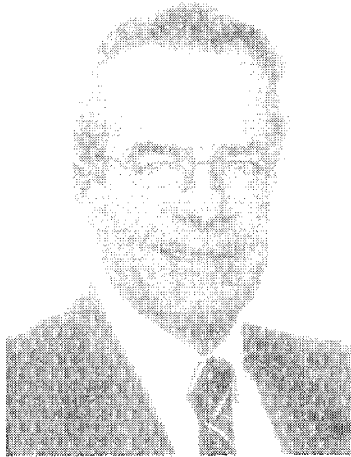
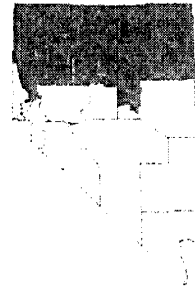
*Religion:* LDS.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Photography, hiking, boating, scuba, snowmobiling, skiing, camping.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1985-91—one special and four regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1985-86; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1987-90; Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1987-89; Member, State Issues Committee, Assembly on the Legislature, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1985-86; Vice Chairman, Health Committee, State-Federal Assembly, Science, Technology and Resource Planning Committee, AOL, NCSL; Health and Education Committee, Western Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments; Assistant Minority Floor Leader, 1991.

*Affiliations:* American Board of Forensic Odontology; American Board of Oral Medicine; American Dental Association; Federation Dentaire Internationale; Nevada State Dental Association; Clark County Dental Association; American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Parent Teachers Association; American Society of Forensic Odontology; American Legislative Exchange Council; Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; American Association of Dental Schools; Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* President, American Board of Forensic Odontology; Chairman, Odontology Section, American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Chairman, Scientific Program, Odontology Section, American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Adjunct Associate Professor of Oral Diagnosis, Oral Medicine, and Forensic Dentistry, Northwestern University School of Dentistry, Chicago, Illinois; Full Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Biology, UNLV; Visiting Faculty, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; Member, Editorial Review Board, *Journal of the American Dental Association*; Member, Editorial Board, *International Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*; Recipient, Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts of America, 1985; Faculty Award of Merit, Clark County Community College; District Award of Merit, BSA; Award of Noteworthy Promise in Research, Loma Linda University.



## DEAN A. RHOADS

*Republican*

*Northern Nevada Senatorial  
District (Elko, Humboldt,  
Pershing Counties and parts  
of Eureka, Lander and  
Washoe Counties)*

*Rancher*

*Born:* October 5, 1935, Tonasket, Washington.

*Educated:* California State Polytechnic College, B.S., Agriculture Business Management.

*Married:* Sharon Packer.

*Children:* Shammy, Chandra.

*Religion:* Presbyterian.

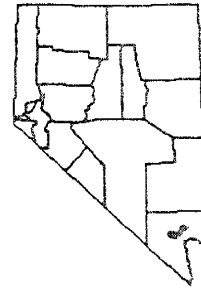
*Military:* National Guard.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Hunting, fishing, skiing, golf.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1977-81; Nevada Senate, 1985-91—two special and seven regular sessions; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1979-82; 1987-90.

*Affiliations:* Member and Director, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; National Cattlemen's Association; Rotary Club; Member and Director, Nevada Taxpayers Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past President, Elko County Fair Board; Member, Nevada State Grazing Board; Member, Bureau of Land Management District Grazing Board; past Member, President Ronald Reagan's Federalism Advisory Committee; past President, Public Lands Council.



## RAYMOND C. SHAFFER

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 2*

*Director, Building Department*

*Born:* December 12, 1932, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

*Educated:* Youngstown College, Civil Engineering; National Academy of Code Administrators, Professional Code Administrator.

*Married:* Sharon Van Allen.

*Children:* Thomas, Robin, Diane, James, Cindy.

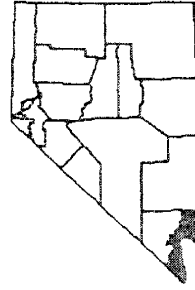
*Military:* U.S. Marine Corps.

*Hobbies:* Football, hunting, fishing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1985-91—four regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1985-88, Member, 1989-91; Member, Western States Water Policy Committee, State-Local Relations Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures; Majority Whip, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Life Member, Disabled American War Vets, CONVO; North Las Vegas Lions Club; President, North Las Vegas Luncheon Optimist Club; Foot Printers; Boxing Hall of Fame; past Vice President and President, International Conference of Building Officials; Century Member, Boy Scouts of America; Marine Corps League; North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Black Chamber of Commerce; Latin Chamber of Commerce; Toastmasters—Saints and Sinners.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* National Certification, Professional Code Administrator; President, International Conference of Building Officials, Southern Nevada Chapter; Representative for City of North Las Vegas at National League of Cities Conference, Denver, Colorado, 1980.



**R. HAL SMITH**

*Republican*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 1*

*Retired*

*Born:* February 9, 1917, Mitchell, South Dakota.

*Educated:* Ellensburg High School, Ellensburg, Washington; Pasadena Jr. College, California, A.A., Aeronautical Engineer; California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, B.S., Aeronautical Engineer; LaSalle University, Pennsylvania, Business Law; Naval War College, Command Training and International Political Science.

*Married:* Bettina Ruth Ball.

*Children:* Peter, Victoria Holman, Christy Winlow.

*Religion:* Presbyterian.

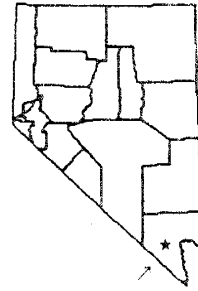
*Military:* U.S. Navy, World War II, Korean Conflict; retired Captain, USNR: 30-year service.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Gardening, fishing, photography.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1967-73; Nevada Senate, 1989-91—two special and six regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Member, 1969-71; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1973-74.

*Affiliations:* Member, Boulder City Lodge of F.& A.M.; Zelzah Shrine; Court 181 Jester; Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion; Retired Officers Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Cosupporter of legislation which provided that 80 percent of the federal tax on slot machines be returned to Nevada education; DASA Lake Mead Base, USN; Owner, Henderson Builder's Supply; Vice President, Nevada operations, Prudential Bache Securities, Burrows Smith Division, 1974-84; Western States Water Council, 1969-84; Desert Research Institute Water Advisory Committee, 1966-76; State Board of Education, 1981-84; Henderson Civil Service Board, 1965-present.



ALICE COSTANDINA (DINA) TITUS

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial*

*District No. 7*

*Professor, Political Science*

*Born:* May 23, 1950, Thomasville, Georgia.

*Educated:* College of William and Mary, A.B.; University of Georgia, M.A.; Florida State University, Ph.D.

*Married:* Thomas Clayton Wright.

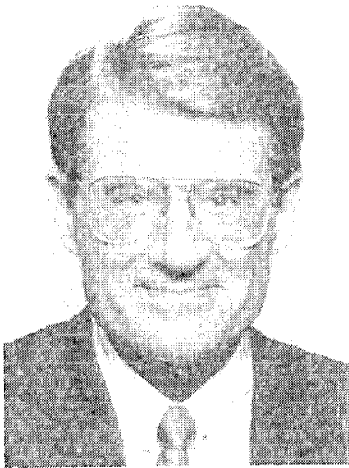
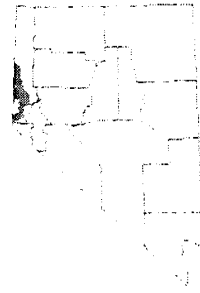
*Religion:* Greek Orthodox.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Traveling, tap dancing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1989–91, one special and two regular sessions. Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1989-91.

*Affiliations:* Member, Governor's Commission on Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution; PEO (women's sorority); Friends of UNLV Dance; Western Political Science Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Author of *Bombs in the Backyard: Atomic Testing and American Politics*, University of Nevada Press, 1986, and *Battle Born: Federal-State Relations in Nevada during the Twentieth Century*, Kendall-Hunt, 1989; Spanos Outstanding Teacher at UNLV, 1985; Chairman, Nevada Humanities Committee, 1984-86.



**RANDOLPH J. TOWNSEND**

*Republican*

*Washoe County Senatorial  
District No. 3*

*Advertising Executive*

*Born:* January 24, 1947, Los Angeles, California.

*Educated:* San Francisco State University; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S. and M.Ed.

*Married:* Deborah Wetzel.

*Religion:* Episcopalian.

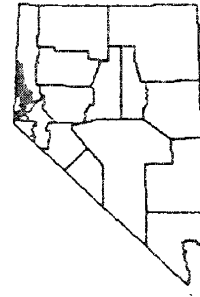
*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Weight training, jogging, golf, volunteer activities.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Senate, 1983-91—two special and five regular sessions; Cochairman, National Conference of State Legislatures Fourteenth Annual Meeting, Reno, 1988; Chairman, The Council of State Governments National Task Force on Child Care, 1988-.

*Affiliations:* Committee to Aid Abused Women Advisory Board; Chairman, Nevada Jaycees Government Affairs, 1981-82; Chairman, Coalition for Affordable Energy, 1980 to present; National Council of Senior Citizens; Chairman, Washoe Association for Retarded Citizens; Adjunct Faculty, University of Nevada, Reno; Pi Delta Phi; Board of Directors: Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada; Teen View, Inc.; Nevada Business Week, Inc.; National Conference of Christians and Jews; University of Nevada, Reno Special Programs Advisory Board; Senate Representative, Governor's Commission on Excellence in Education, 1984; Chairman, 1989 International Winter Special Olympic Games; American Legislative Exchange Conference.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Outstanding Young Man of 1981, Reno Jaycees; National Jaycee Speak-up Award, 1982; United Press International List of World's Most Eligible Bachelors, 1983; named "Legislator of Year," Social Workers Association., 1987.





**STEPHANIE S. TYLER**

*Republican*

*Washoe County Senatorial  
District No. 3*

*Public Relations Executive*

*Born:* July 12, 1961, Reno, Nevada.

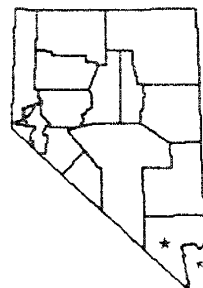
*Educated:* Earl Wooster High School; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S., Political Science.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Water skiing, writing, swimming.

*Legislative Service:* Appointed to fill vacancy in Senate, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Board of Directors, Washoe County Library Foundation; Reno Central Rotary; American Association of University Women; Business and Professional Women; Sierra Nevada Girl Scout Council; past Member, Nevada Legislative Action Committee of the Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce; past President, Republican Career Women of Washoe County.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Congressional Intern, United States Senate, 1982; Legislative Intern, Nevada State Legislature, 1983.



## JOHN M. VERGIELS

*Democrat*

*Clark County Senatorial  
District No. 3*

*Professor of Education,  
University of Nevada-Las Vegas*

*Born:* November 21, 1937, Erie, Michigan.

*Educated:* University of Toledo, Ohio, Ph.D.

*Married:* Michele Hanrahan.

*Children:* Kelly Jean, Jack Lee, Robert Alan.

*Religion:* Lutheran.

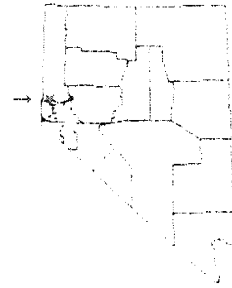
*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1973-84; Nevada Senate, 1985-91—three special and 10 regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Member, 1987-91; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-86; Assembly Majority Whip, 1973; Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1979; Assembly Majority Floor Leader, 1981; Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, 1983; Senate Minority Floor Leader, special session, 1989; Senate Majority Floor leader, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Phi Delta Kappa; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; President, Graduate Student Association, University of Toledo; Fraternity Counselor, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Professor, University of Nevada-Las Vegas; Chairman, Faculty Senate, UNLV; Consultant, Nevada State PTA; Chairman, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, UNLV; Chairman, Department of Secondary, Postsecondary and Vocational Education, UNLV.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past President, Las Vegas Young Democrats; Nevada Chairman, Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education; President, Kidney Foundation of Nevada.

**BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF  
NEVADA ASSEMBLY  
1991 SESSION**





**BERNARD (BERNIE) ANDERSON**

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 31*

*Educator*

*Born:* May 15, 1942, Reno, Nevada.

*Educated:* Bishop Manogue High School; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S., Education.

*Married:* Clyda Hooper.

*Children:* Cairn Louise, Natha Clyde.

*Religion:* Catholic.

*Military:* Nevada Army National Guard.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* National Education Association (NEA); Nevada State Education Association; Washoe County Teachers Association; Knights of Columbus; Sparks Community Chamber of Commerce; Sparks Heritage Foundation; Parent, Teacher, Student Association, Reed High School; Sigma Nu Housing Corporation.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past Director for Nevada, NEA; Chairman, Sparks Charter Commission; Teacher of the Month, Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce, October 1985.



**MORSE ARBERRY, JR.**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 7*

*Building Plans Checker*

*Born:* March 1, 1953, Berkeley, California.

*Educated:* Western High School; Northern Arizona University; Central Arizona College; University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

*Married:* Carol I. Daniels.

*Religion:* Baptist.

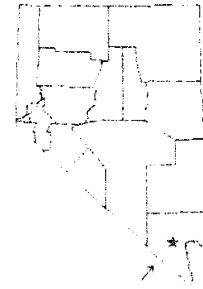
*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Tennis, skiing, racquetball, golf, boating.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1985-91—one special and four regular sessions;

*Legislative Commission:* Alternate, 1985-86, Member, 1990; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1987-90.

*Affiliations:* Board Member, National Association for Advancement of Colored People; Trustee, City Employees Association; Member, Jodie Cannon Prince Hall Mason, Community Food Bank, Dr. Martin Luther King Commission, Order of Elks Lodge, and Order of Eastern Star; Chairman, KCEP Radio Station; Member, Lions Club, West Charleston.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Member, Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County; Member, Greater Las Vegas Urban League; Overall Economic Development Committee, Black Chamber of Commerce; Member, Governor's Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday, 1985.



DOUGLAS (DOUG) A. BACHE

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 11*

*Teacher*

*Born:* September 7, 1951, Detroit, Michigan.

*Educated:* Adlai Stevenson High School, Livonia, Michigan; Michigan State University, B.S., Social Science Education.

*Married:* Sallie S. Helm.

*Children:* Christine Nicole.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Bowling, traveling, computers.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Clark County Democratic Central Committee; State Democratic Central Committee; National Education Association; Nevada State Education Association (NSEA); Clark County Classroom Teachers Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* NSEA's 1989 Government Relations Award; NSEA Budget Committee, 1987-90; Treasurer, Teachers in Politics, 1983-89.



**JOHN W. BAYLEY**

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 42*

*Operations Manager, Youth Camp*

*Born:* March 17, 1959, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*Educated:* Bethany College, Santa Cruz, California.

*Married:* Danielle Dell.

*Children:* Nickel, Natasha, Nathaniel.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Music, art, painting.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Leader of church music group; Painting Instructor; disadvantaged youth activities.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Creation and development of Grapevine Mountaintop Youth Camp.





**RICK C. BENNETT**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 16*

*Health Care Administration*

*Born:* June 14, 1948, Whittier, California.

*Educated:* Wheatland Union High School, Wheatland, California; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S., Business Administration.

*Married:* Roseanne Roach.

*Children:* Rachel.

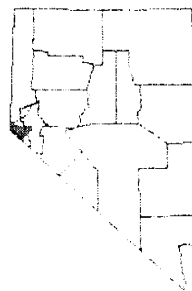
*Religion:* Protestant.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Cooking, reading, sports.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Member, Clark County Democratic Central Committee; Member, Clark County Women's Democratic Club; State Director, American Academy of Medical Administrators.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past President, Home Health Care Association of Nevada; Convocation Grand Marshal, American Academy of Medical Administrators; past Administrator, Nathan Adelson Hospice.



LOUIS W. BERGEVIN

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 39  
(part of Douglas County)*

*Rancher*

*Born:* June 22, 1922, Gardnerville, Nevada.

*Educated:* University of Nevada.

*Married:* Luetta Dressler.

*Children:* Lee W., Jeanne B. Russell.

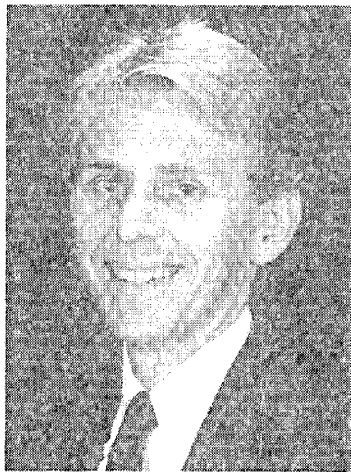
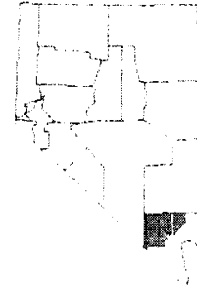
*Religion:* Protestant.

*Military:* U.S. Army Air Force, 1941-1946.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1979-91—three special and seven regular sessions;  
*Legislative Commission:* Chairman, 1985-86, Member, 1987-91; Minority Floor Leader, 1987-89; Minority Whip, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Nevada Cattlemen's Association; National Cattlemen's Association; Carson Valley Lodge No. 33 F.& A.M.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; Cattleman of the Year, 1971; President, Nevada State Board of Education, 1961-70.



**MATTHEW Q. CALLISTER**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 1*

*Attorney at Law*

*Born:* December 5, 1955, Las Vegas, Nevada.

*Educated:* University of Utah, Political Science, B.A.; University of San Diego, California, J.D.

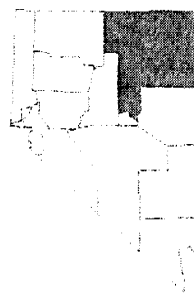
*Married:* Linda Michelle (Shelly) Kerr.

*Children:* Emily Anne, Margaret Ruth, Rebecca Christine.

*Religion:* LDS.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Birding, history, racquetball.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-91—one special and three regular sessions.



## JOHN C. CARPENTER

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 33  
(Elko County and part of  
Eureka County)*

*Rancher, Real Estate Broker,  
General Business*

*Born:* October 13, 1930, Fallon, Nevada.

*Educated:* White Pine High School, Ely, Nevada.

*Married:* Roseann Slater.

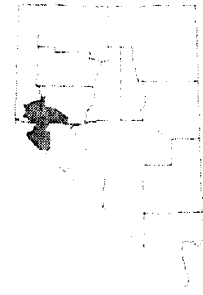
*Children:* John, Scott, Elizabeth, Susan, Lois, Douglas, Linda.

*Religion:* Catholic.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-91—one special and three regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Elko Rotary Club.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* President, Nevada Woolgrowers; Chairman, Elko County Commission; Chairman, Elko County Hospital Board; Chairman, Elko County Recreation Board; Chairman, Elko County Board of Equalization; Chairman, Elko Convention and Visitors Authority.



**JOSEPH E. DINI, JR.**

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 38  
(Lyon, Storey Counties and  
part of Churchill and  
Douglas Counties)*

*President, Dini's Lucky Club, Inc.*

*Born:* March 28, 1929, Yerington, Nevada.

*Educated:* Yerington public schools, Nevada; University of Nevada, B.S.

*Married:* Jeanne Demuth.

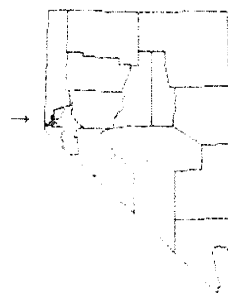
*Children:* Jay, George, David, Mike.

*Religion:* Catholic.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1967-91—four special and 13 regular sessions; Minority Leader, 1985; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1969-71, 1985-86, Member, 1971-91, Vice Chairman, 1981-82, Chairman, 1982-83; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-90; Speaker pro Tempore, 1973; Majority Floor Leader, 1975; Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, 1977, 1987-91.

*Affiliations:* Yerington Rotary Club; Yerington Volunteer Fire Department; Lyon County Democratic Central Committee; Nevada American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; past District Governor and Active Member. 20-30 Club; Hope Lodge No. 22, F.& A.M.; Kerak Temple Shrine; and Order Eastern Star.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Western States Water Council, 1983; past President, Yerington Lions Club; past President, Mason Valley Chamber of Commerce; past Chairman, Mason Valley Swimming Pool District; past President, Yerington Rotary Club; *Who's Who in America* (Marquis); Outstanding Citizen Award, Nevada Education Association, 1973; Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture, 1978; Friend of Education Award, 1986, Nevada State Education Association; Citizen of the Year, 1987, Nevada Judges Association; 1989 National Conference of State Legislatures, Dedicated and Valued Leadership; 1990 Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, Excellence in Public Service Award.



## JOE A. ELLIOTT

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 37*

*Parts of Carson City and Washoe  
County*

*Educator/Screenwriter/Journalist*

*Born:* January 11, 1944, Seattle, Washington.

*Educated:* Clovis High School, Clovis, California; Fresno State College, Music; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A., Journalism, Teaching Credential.

*Married:* Nikki Tyler.

*Religion:* Lutheran.

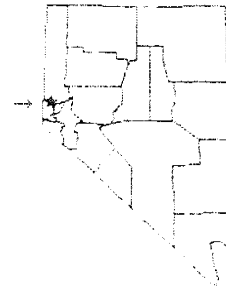
*Military:* U.S. Navy, 1962-1966; Viet Nam Veteran.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Flying, Capital City Community Bands (trombone), sailing, camping.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Carson City Republican Central Committee; Nevada Animal Protection Association; The Cousteau Society; National Rifle Association; National Education Association; Nevada State Education Association; Ormsby County Education Association; Wild Animals Infirmary For Nevada; Experimental Aircraft Association, Carson City Chapter 403; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; University of Nevada, Reno, Alumni Association; PBS Channel 5 Volunteer; American Yankee Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Screenwriter, *The Red Fury*; Presenter, American Correctional Educators Association; Motion Picture credits as: Assistant Director, Assistant Editor, Assistant Cameraman, Location Manager, Grip; Best News Story, Journalism Department, University of Nevada, Reno.



## JAN EVANS

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 30*

*Development Officer*

*Born:* November 22, 1937, Cleveland, Ohio.

*Educated:* University of Northern Colorado, B.A.; University of Nevada, Reno, M.A.

*Children:* Robert, Tracey.

*Religion:* Methodist.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Sailing, skiing, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-91—one special and three regular sessions; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1987-90; Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Advisory Council, Committee to Aid Abused Women; American Association of University Women; Western Industrial Nevada (WIN); Anne Martin Women's Political Caucus; Trustee, Washoe County Library Board; Community Advisory Board, KNPB Channel 5; Advisory Council, Step 2, Transition House for Chemically Dependent Women; Sparks Heritage Foundation; Sons of Italy, Giuseppe Verdi Lodge; Nevada Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board; Advisory Board, Sparks Family Hospital; National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Thornton Peace Prize; Soroptimist International; Women Helping Women Award; Hannah Humanitarian Award; 1988 Elected Official of the Year, Truckee Meadows Human Services Association; Trustee of the Year, Nevada Library Association; Excellence in Government Award, Governor's Conference on Women; National Merit Award, State Democratic Leaders Association; Toll Fellowship, National Council of State Governments.



VIVIAN L. FREEMAN

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 24*

*Homemaker, Retired Registered  
Nurse*

*Born:* August 18, 1927, Ashton, Idaho.

*Educated:* University of Utah, Nursing Degree.

*Married:* Richard.

*Children:* Mitzi, Paul.

*Religion:* Episcopalian.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-91—one special and three regular sessions;  
Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1987-90.

*Affiliations:* Member, Anne Martin Women's Political Caucus; Washoe County Democratic Central Committee; American Association of University Women; American Association of Retired Persons; Western Industrial Nevada (WIN); Advisory Board Member, Nevada Women's Fund; Board Member, Food Bank of Nevada; Board Member, Child Care Resource Council.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Elected Trustee, Washoe Medical Center, 1982; President, PTA elementary and middle schools; Chair, Anne Martin Women's Political Caucus, 1981; Chair, Reno Women's Network (RENOWN), 1981; Planning Council, United Way.





**VAL Z. GARNER**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 14*

*Educator*

*Born:* January 3, 1932, Cedar City, Utah.

*Educated:* Dixie College, A.A.; Southern Utah State University, B.A.; Northern Arizona University, M.A.; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, postgraduate work.

*Married:* Carolyn Naegle.

*Children:* Curtis, Gary, Jill, Gregory, Chad.

*Religion:* LDS.

*Military:* Korean Conflict Veteran.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Fishing, horses, sports, carpentry.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-91—one special and three regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Faculty Member, Clark County Community College; Member, Adult Basic Education, National Education Association, Nevada State Education Association, Nevada Faculty Alliance, and Nevada Adult Educators Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Acting Director of Communication and Fine Arts, Clark County Community College; Associate Dean, Community Service Program; past President, Young Democrats; Assistant Director, Community Education; Coordinator, Amnesty Programs; and initiated a wide range of programs at Clark County Community College (Nellis Outreach, Rural and Prison, Motorcycle Safety, and Homeless).



## JAMES (JIM) A. GIBBONS

*Republican*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 23*

*Airline Pilot, Attorney*

*Born:* December 16, 1944, Reno, Nevada.

*Educated:* University of Nevada, Reno, B.S., Geology, M.S., Mining Geology; Southwestern University, J.D.; University of Southern California, postgraduate studies.

*Married:* Dawn Snelling.

*Children:* Christopher, Jennifer, James.

*Religion:* Protestant.

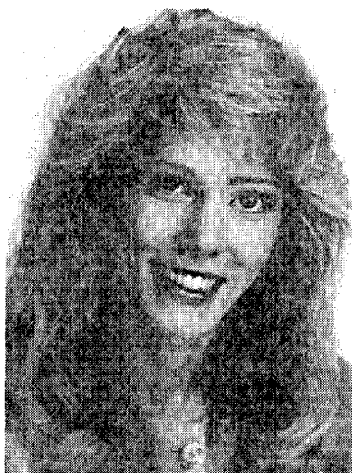
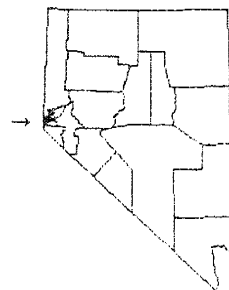
*Military:* Captain (Pilot), U.S. Air Force, 1967-71; Lt. Colonel (Pilot), Nevada Air National Guard (1975-).

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Hunting, skiing, flying.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1989-91—one special and two regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Member, State Bar of Nevada; American Trial Lawyers Association; Nevada Trial Lawyers Association; Washoe County Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Legislative Exchange Council; Sigma Nu; Commercial Law League; Elks Club; Phi Alpha Delta; Nevada Mining Association; Republican Central Committee; Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation; Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce; American Society of Mining Engineers; Geological Society of Nevada; Incline Village and Crystal Bay Chamber of Commerce; Air Line Pilots Association; Air Force Association; Western Industrial Nevada.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* U.S.: District Court—Nevada, Court of Appeals-9th Circuit, Supreme Court; Board of Directors, Nevada Council on Economic Education, 1984-87; Airline Transport Pilot (FAA Cert.); *Who's Who in American Aviation*, 1984; Flight Instructor (AI-FAA Cert.); Distinguished Graduate, USAF Pilot Training; USAF Fighter Weapons School; Co-founder, Volunteers In Service To Aging; Member, Reno Board of Realtors, 1973-75; Nevada Landman's Association; American Association of Petroleum Landmen; Graduate, USAF Air Command and Staff College, 1984; Graduate, USAF Air War College, 1988; *Who's Who in American Law*, 1989; *Who's Who in Government Service*, 1990.



**T. DAWN GIBBONS**

*Republican*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 23*

*Businesswoman*

*Born:* March 9, 1954, Atlanta, Georgia.

*Educated:* University of Nevada, Reno; Old College, Reno.

*Married:* James.

*Children:* Christopher, Jennifer, James.

*Religion:* Protestant.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Weight training, skiing, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Appointed to fill vacancy in Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Advisory member, Committee to Aid Abused Women; Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows; Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce; Incline Village/Crystal Bay Chamber of Commerce; Washoe County Republican Women; Republican Career Women, Reno/Incline; Incline Village Republican Women Associates; Republican Central Committee; Business and Professional Women of Reno; Executives' Club.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* 1988-89 Reno Business and Professional Woman of the Year Award; Founder, Volunteers in Service to the Aging; French Ambassador, Nevada Opera Association.



**CHRISTINA R. GIUNCHIGLIANI**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 9*

*Special Education Teacher*

*Born:* November 27, 1954, Lucca, Italy.

*Educated:* Barrington High School, Barrington, Illinois; Avila College, Kansas City, Missouri, B.A., Special Education; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, M.A., Education.

*Married:* Gary Gray.

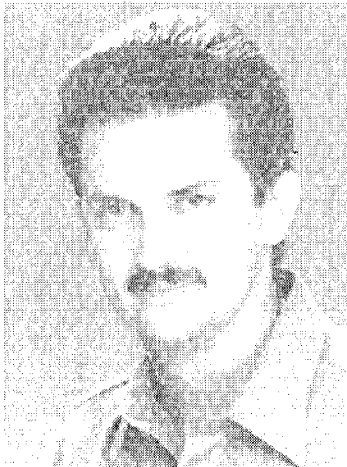
*Religion:* Catholic.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Travel, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* American Association of University Women; Clark County Classroom Teachers Association; President, Nevada State Education Association; National Education Association; Nevada Parent Teachers Association; Nevada Association for the Handicapped; Vegas Valley Business and Professional Women; Nevada State Democratic Central Committee; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; Clark County Democratic Women's Club; Council for Exceptional Children.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Clark County Community Development Advisory Commission; Appointee, Commission to Study Fiscal Affairs of the State; Member, Commission to Study Excellence in Education.



**BRAD I. GOETTING**

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 4*

*Firefighter*

*Born:* February 9, 1956, Santa Monica, California.

*Educated:* Western High, 1974; Clark County Community College, A.A., Fire Service Management and Applied Fire Science.

*Married:* Glenda Davies.

*Children:* Byron, Tyler.

*Religion:* Presbyterian.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Softball, golf, basketball.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Board of Directors, Las Vegas Firemen's Benefit Association; Executive Lions Club; Western Little League T-Ball Coach; Las Vegas Jaycees; Oasis Lodge No. 41; Southgate No. 18, Order Eastern Star.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past President, Las Vegas Firemen's Benefit Association, 1989; past State Master Councillor, Nevada DeMolay Association, 1976; DeMolay Adviser of the Year for Nevada, 1982; Firefighter/Paramedic, 1979-1986.



**WILLIAM (BILL) D. GREGORY**

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 5*

*Marketing Supervisor,*

*Southwest Gas Corporation*

*Born:* March 29, 1960, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*Educated:* Douglas High School, Arizona; Northern Arizona University, B.S., Journalism and Minor Psychology; National University, completing M.B.A.

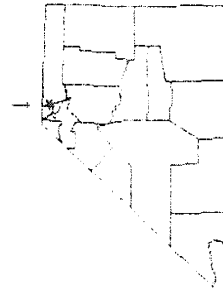
*Religion:* Catholic.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Tennis, golf, reading, fishing, hunting, biking, volunteer activities.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Executive Development Association; Aqua Vision; School Business Partnership Program; Quality and Productivity Institute; Citizens for Private Enterprise; Citizens for Responsible Government.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* President, Executive Development Association, 1989-90; President, Clark County Pachyderm Club, 1989; Sponsor, Pacific Coast Gas Association Conference, 1990; Silver Medal, Pacific Coast Gas Association Marketing Thesis, 1989.



**KENNETH (KEN) L. HALLER**

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 27*

*Parliamentarian*

*Born:* December 25, 1922, Baltimore, Maryland.

*Educated:* Baltimore Polytechnic Institute; Sheppard Field Aircraft and Engine Technical School; Columbia University, B.S.; University of Nevada, Reno graduate courses.

*Religion:* Protestant.

*Military:* Maryland Militia; U.S. Air Force, World War II.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Sports cars, boating, fishing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-88, 1991—two regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Life Member, National Education Association; Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Life Member, Sportscar Club of America; National Association of Parliamentarians; Nevada and Washoe Democratic Central Committees.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past President, Washoe County Teachers Association; past President, Nevada Department of Classroom Teachers; past Chair, Washoe and Nevada Democratic Central Committees.



**WARREN B. HARDY**

*Republican*  
*Clark County Assembly*  
*District No. 20*  
*Businessman*

*Born:* September 6, 1963, Salt Lake City, Utah.

*Educated:* Rancho High School; Universal Technical Institute; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, B.A., Political Science.

*Married:* Carol.

*Children:* Regan, Ashlee.

*Religion:* LDS.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Sportsman, writing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Nevada Young Republicans, Concerned Citizens Coalition, Republican Party Central Committee, North Las Vegas Mayor's Crime Prevention Task Force.





DEAN A. HELLER

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 40*  
*Part of Carson City*  
*Stockbroker/Banker*

*Born:* May 10, 1960, Castro Valley, California.

*Educated:* Carson City High School; University of Southern California, B.S., Business Administration.

*Married:* Lynne Brombach.

*Children:* Hilary Anne, Harrison Clark, Andrew Dean.

*Religion:* LDS.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Stockmarket, basketball, golf, outdoors.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* National Association of Security Dealers; Carson City Republican Central Committee; Republican Assembly Caucus; Boy Scouts of America; Sigma Nu.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Chief Deputy, Office of State Treasurer; Jones and Associates, Institutional Trading Firm; Broker, Pacific Stock Exchange; Recipient, Outstanding Young Men of America, 1984.



DAVID E. HUMKE

*Republican*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 26*

*Attorney at Law*

*Born:* October 23, 1948, Waterloo, Iowa.

*Educated:* Parsons College, Iowa, B.A.; University of Iowa, M.A.; Nevada School of Law, Reno, J.D.

*Married:* Virginia.

*Children:* Jennifer, Elizabeth, Ricky.

*Religion:* Presbyterian.

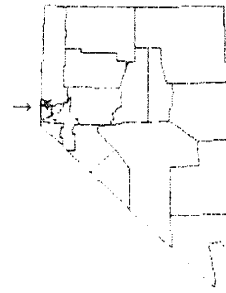
*Military:* Nevada Army National Guard; U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Skiing, running.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1983-91—two special and five regular sessions; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1985-90; Assistant Minority Floor Leader, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Member: Reno Optimist Club; American Bar Association (ABA); Sections on Family Law and Environmental and Natural Resources Law, ABA; Nevada Bar Association (NBA); Section on Family Law, NBA; Washoe County Bar Association: Board of Directors, Children's Cabinet, Inc.; Nevada District Export Council, U.S. Department of Commerce.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Honor Graduate, Leadership Award, Nevada Military Academy, Class 23; completed three marathons, 1977-78; Member, State Advisory Group for Juvenile Justice.



**JOSEPH (JOE) L. JOHNSON**

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 28*

*Consulting Geologist*

*Born:* July 29, 1936, Sacramento, California.

*Educated:* University of Nevada, Reno, B.S.

*Married:* Sherida Lawton.

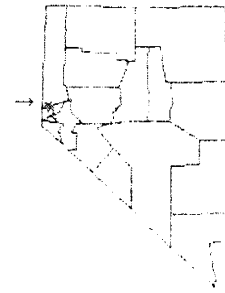
*Children:* Megan, Joseph.

*Military:* Retired Major, Nevada Air National Guard and United States Air Force.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Geological Society of Nevada; Society of Mining and Exploration.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Member, Reno Planning Commission; Registered Geologist; Development Codes Review Committee; Air Quality Task Force; CPPAC.



**BOB L. KERNS**

*Republican*

*Washoe County Assembly*

*District No. 25*

*Retired*

*Born:* December 8, 1930, Wray, Colorado.

*Educated:* Boise High School, Boise, Idaho.

*Married:* Ruth E. Poston.

*Children:* Thomas, Nancy.

*Religion:* Lutheran.

*Military:* U.S. Marine Corps.; Tank Commander, Korean Conflict; Idaho National Guard.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Coins, golf, hunting, fishing, carving duck decoys.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1983-91—two special and five regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Vice Chairman, 1985-86, Alternate, 1987-88; Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 1985; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1989-90.

*Affiliations:* Nevada Organization of Wildlife; BPOE 597; Sponsor Member, Ducks Unlimited; VFW Post 3819; Marine Corps League.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Retired Battalion Chief, Reno Fire Department; two distinguished service awards by Reno Firefighters; past Owner, Kerns Realty.



**SAUNDRA (SANDI) KRENZER**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 3*

*Rehabilitation Coordinator*

*Born:* August 5, 1948, Pasadena, California.

*Educated:* University of California-Los Angeles; Brigham Young University, B.A., English.

*Married:* Richard.

*Children:* Natalie, Robby, Matthew, Amber.

*Religion:* LDS.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Reading, skiing, writing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Chairman, Southern Nevada Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; Governor's Committee of Employment of People with Disabilities; Private Industry Council; Literacy Council; Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Las Vegas; Curriculum Advisory Board, Youth Leadership; Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor; Parent Teacher Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Congressional Recognition Award.



**JOAN A. LAMBERT**

*Republican*  
*Washoe County Assembly*  
*District No. 29*  
*Housewife*

*Born:* July 13, 1946, Santa Rosa, California.

*Educated:* Elementary and high schools, Santa Rosa, California; University of California, Davis, B.A., Economics.

*Married:* Gregory.

*Children:* Ken, Rick.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1985-91—one special and four regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1985-88.

*Affiliations:* Republican Women's Club of Reno.



**PATRICIA L. LITTLE**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 19*

*Office Assistant*

*Born:* June 2, 1938, Chicago, Illinois.

*Educated:* St. Procopius Elementry and High School.

*Children:* Frank, Carol, Karen, Michael, James, Sheryl.

*Religion:* Catholic.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Gardening, traveling, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1985-86, 1991—two regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Women for Constitutional Government; National Council for Education; PTA; North Las Vegas Democratic Club; The John Birch Society; America's Future; Eagle Forum; Citizens for Decency; Americanism Educational League; National Right to Life; Teachers Saving Children; Concerned Women for America; National Rifle Association; NAMI; Damien Dutton Society for Leprosy Aid, Inc.; Citizens for Private Enterprise; Citizens for Responsible Government.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Women's International Year; Certificate of Recognition, United Families of America; Certificate of Recognition, North Las Vegas Boys Club; Member, North Las Vegas Citizens Advisory Committee.



**JAMES W. MCGAUGHEY**

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 13*

*General Contractor—Real Estate  
Development*

*Born:* July 29, 1935, Glendive, Montana.

*Educated:* Elementary and high school, Glendive, Montana; University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

*Children:* James W., III.

*Religion:* Catholic.

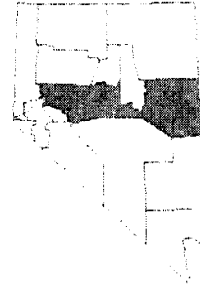
*Military:* U.S. Marine Corps.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Water skiing, snow skiing, boating.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1985-91—one special and four regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1987-88; Member, 1989-91; National Conference of State Legislatures, State-Local Relations Committee; Minority Floor Leader, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Boy Scout Commissioner, Boulder Dam Area Council BSA; Member, Parent Advisory Board, Orr Jr. High; Member, Board of Directors, Southern Nevada Youth Football Conference; Member, Bureau of Land Management Advisory Council, 1986-90, Chairman, 1990.





**JOSEPH (MIKE) M. MCGINNESS**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 35  
(White Pine County and  
parts of Churchill, Eureka  
and Lander Counties)*

*Manager, Radio Station*

*Born:* April 12, 1947, Fallon, Nevada.

*Educated:* University of Nevada, Reno, B.A.

*Married:* Dee Pearce.

*Children:* Ryan, Brett, Shannon.

*Religion:* United Methodist.

*Military:* Nevada Air National Guard, 1969-75.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Hunting, fishing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1989-91—one special and two regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Member, and past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Kiwanis Club of Fallon; past Chairman, Churchill County Republican Central Committee; Steering Committee, Churchill County Ducks Unlimited; Pastor-Parish Relation Committee, Epworth United Methodist Church; past President, Churchill County Chamber of Commerce, 1975-76; past President, Nevada State Fair Board of Directors, 1985; past Chairman, Churchill County Parks and Recreation Commission, 1986-87; past President, Citizens for Private Enterprise, Fallon Chapter, 1987-88; past Chairman, Churchill County School Board, 1987-88.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Member, 5-week tour, Rotary Group Study Exchange Team to Turkey, 1979; named "Citizen of the Year" by Fallon Board of Realtors, 1986, and by Nevada Association of Realtors, 1987; recipient of Community Builders Award, F.& A.M. Lodge No. 26, May 1987.



## JOHN W. MARVEL

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 34  
(Humboldt and Pershing Counties  
and parts of Lander and Washoe  
Counties)*

*Rancher*

*Born:* September 11, 1926, Battle Mountain, Nevada.

*Educated:* Schools in Battle Mountain, Nevada; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A.

*Married:* Wilburta Shidler.

*Children:* Sharon Lynn, John Ernest, Michelle Marie.

*Religion:* Episcopalian.

*Military:* U.S. Army, World War II.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1979-91—three special and seven regular sessions; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1981-90.

*Affiliations:* Member, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; National Cattlemen's Association; Battle Mountain Lodge No. 23 F. & A.M.; York Rite Bodies; Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Kerak Temple; Order of Eastern Star, Mountain Star Chapter No. 21.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Past President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; past Chairman, Lander County Planning Commission; past Chairman, Nevada Tax Commission; past Member, Advisory Council to Public Land Law Review Commission.



**JOHN L. NORTON**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly  
District No. 12*

*Business Development Consultant*

*Born:* December 2, 1936, El Dorado, Arkansas.

*Educated:* Transportation Officers Basic School, Ft. Eustis, Virginia; University of Arkansas, B.S./B.A., Business; Loyola University, Masters Studies; U.S. Army Fixed Wing Courses I and II.

*Married:* Jean Robinson.

*Religion:* Protestant.

*Military:* U.S. Army, 1st Lieutenant, 1959-62.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Artist, writing, fishing, hunting.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Screen Actors Guild; Member, Professional Audiovisual Communications Association (PAVCA); Member, Paradise Democratic Club; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; Vice Chairman, Nevada Power's Consumer Advisory Council; Board Member, The Great Escape.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Founder, PAVCA; National Golden Poets Award from the World of Poetry Society; Pilot, U.S. Army Transportation Corps.



**WILLIAM (BILL) ALLEN PETRAK**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 18*

*Retired Lottery Legislative  
Executive*

*Born:* June 19, 1918, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

*Educated:* Fenn College, Cleveland, Ohio; Cleveland College, Cleveland, Ohio; Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio.

*Married:* Phyllis Costello.

*Children:* Bill, Jr.; Maury; Mark; Bob; Loretta; Jim.

*Religion:* Roman Catholic.

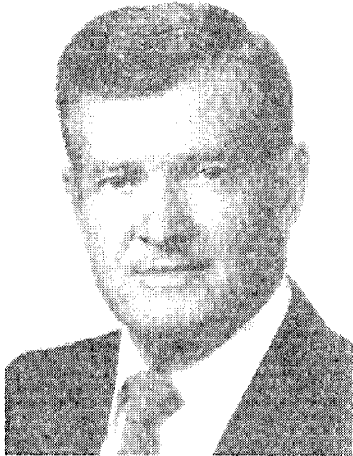
*Military:* Captain, Medical Administration Corps, World War II.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Bowling, professional sports.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Common Cause of Nevada; FOE Las Vegas Aerie No. 1213; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; Member, MOOLS; Member, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers; Unofficial Spokesman of "Notch Babies" for the "Notch" of Southern Nevada.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Cochairman, Ohio State Lottery Issue, 1972.



**J. COY PETTYJOHN**

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 21*

*Retired Military, United States*

*Air Force/Private Consultant*

*Born:* March 14, 1933, Kent, Oklahoma.

*Educated:* Arizona State University, B.S., International Relations.

*Married:* Sonya P. Frazar.

*Children:* Patty, Pam, Jimmy, Jr., Jamie, Jerry.

*Religion:* LDS

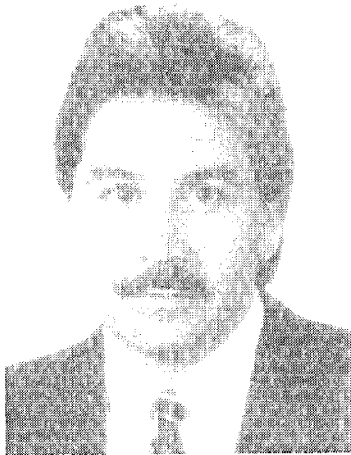
*Military:* U.S. Air Force, retired.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Golf, hunting.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Rotary Club; Boulder Dam Area Council, BSA; Las Vegas Founders Club; Citizens for Responsible Government; Association of Former Intelligence Officers; The Retired Officers Association; Air Force Association; National Intelligence-Counter Intelligence Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Retired Air Force Brigadier General; various military awards and decorations.



GENE T. PORTER

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly  
District No. 8*

*Attorney at Law*

*Born:* July 24, 1956, Nashville, Tennessee.

*Educated:* Ed W. Clark High School; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, B.A., with Distinction, Political Science; Pepperdine University School of Law, J.D.

*Married:* Brenda.

*Religion:* Protestant.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Music, skiing.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-91—one special and three regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1987-88, Member, 1991; Majority Floor Leader, 1991.

*Affiliations:* Member, State Bar of Nevada, State Bar of California, and Nevada Trial Lawyers Association; Instructor, Political Science and Paralegal Orientation, University of Nevada-Las Vegas; Clark County Bar Association Pro Bono Project.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Intern to then Chief Justice John C. Mowbray, Nevada Supreme Court, 1980.



**ROBERT (BOB) E. PRICE**

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 17*

*Electrician/Realtor*

*Born:* May 23, 1936, DeLand, Florida.

*Educated:* Primary schools in Texas, California, Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Pennsylvania; Central High, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

*Married:* Nancy.

*Children:* Randy, Cherie, Amber, Terrie, David, Tommy.

*Religion:* Protestant.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Water skiing, flying, music.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1975-91—three special and nine regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Alternate, 1985-86; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1987-90.

*Affiliations:* Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 357, 1971-74; Executive Board of Southern Nevada Central Labor Council; Trustee, Southern Nevada Building Trades Council, 1972-74; Nevada State Electrical Workers' Association; Clark County Democratic Committee; State Democratic Central Committee; past Treasurer, Operation Bridge of Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council; Governing Board, Clark County Health Systems Agency—State Health Coordinating Council; North Las Vegas Democratic Club; Frontier Girl Scouts; Nevada State Board of Realtors.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Private Pilot, Member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; named "Consumer Legislator of the Year," Nevada Trial Attorneys Association, 1980; appointed to Governor's Gaming Policy Committee by Governor Robert List in 1979; appointed to the Nevada Committee on the Bicentennial of the *United States Constitution* by Governor Richard H. Bryan, 1986; President, National Labor Caucus of State Legislators, 1988-90; appointed by Governor Robert J. Miller to Nevada's 125 Year Celebration Committee.



ROBERT M. SADER

*Democrat*

*Washoe County Assembly  
District No. 32*

*Attorney at Law*

*Born:* August 12, 1948, Compton, California.

*Educated:* Stanford University, A.B., History; Professional Schools: Defense Language Institute, Russian Linguist; Georgetown Law Center, L.L.D.

*Married:* Candice K. Lofthouse.

*Children:* Mae Lee, Clayton Mayo.

*Military:* U.S. Army, Army Security Agency, 1970-73.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1981-91—two special and six regular sessions; Legislative Commission: Member, 1985-88; Vice Chairman, 1989-90; Chairman, 1990-91; Majority Whip, 1983, 1987-91.

*Affiliations:* Past Director and President, Sparks YMCA; Director, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program; Nevada Bar Association; Washoe County Bar Association; Member, State Democratic Central Committee and Washoe County Democratic Central Committee; Director, Nevada Bar Foundation.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Executive Board Member, Assembly Democratic Caucus; Cochairman Washoe County Democratic Convention, 1980; *Who's Who in American Law*; *Outstanding Young Men of America*; Commissioner of Uniform State Laws; past President, Reno-Stanford Alumni Association.





**SCOTT SCHERER**

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly  
District No. 2*

*Attorney at Law*

*Born:* July 5, 1962, Las Vegas, Nevada.

*Educated:* Ed W. Clark High School; The John Hopkins University, A.B., Political Science; University of Washington School of Law, J.D.

*Married:* Kay A. Armstrong.

*Children:* Nicholas.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Coaching youth sports, golf, volleyball, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly 1991-.

*Affiliations:* State Bar of Nevada; American Bar Association; Clark County Bar Association; State Bar of Nevada, Young Lawyers' Section (Executive Council 1986-Present); Clark County Republican Central Committee; Nevada State Republican Central Committee; Scholarship Chairman, Southern Nevada Pop Warner Football.

*Personal And Professional Achievements:* Chairman, Young Lawyers' Section, Executive Council, 1989-90; Deputy Attorney General, Gaming, 1987-90, Supervising Deputy, 1989-90.



LARRY L. SPITLER

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 41*

*Executive*

*Born:* June 26, 1943, Freeport, Texas.

*Educated:* University of Oklahoma, B.A.

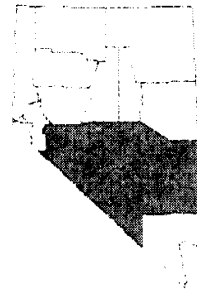
*Religion:* Protestant.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Reading, travel.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* Treasurer, Nathan Adelson Hospice Foundation; State Telecommunications Board; State Communications Board; Friends of the Governor's Mansion; Paradise Democratic Club; Member, Democratic Party State Central Committee; Friends of Channel 10.

*Personal And Professional Achievements:* Chairman, Clark County General Obligation Bonds Committee; Member, Clark County Citizens Committee on Efficiency and Cost Reduction; State Parks Cultural Arts Board; University Library Society.



**GAYLYN J. SPRIGGS**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 36  
(Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral  
and Nye Counties)*

*Computer Analyst,  
Engineering*

*Born:* November 18, 1943, Southgate, California.

*Educated:* Mineral County High School, Hawthorne, Nevada; Hancock College, Santa Maria, California; Capitol Radio Engineering Institute, Washington, D.C.

*Married:* Leroy E.

*Children:* Lois, Terri, David, Gary.

*Religion:* Christian.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Prospecting, gem collecting.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1985-91—one special and four regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Member, Nevada Miners and Prospectors Association; Member, Nevada Mining Association; Member, Assessors' Association of Nevada.



## PHIL STOUT

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly  
District No. 22*

*Executive Director,  
Nonprofit Organizations*

*Born:* September 1, 1941, Cedar City, Utah.

*Educated:* Basic High School, Henderson, Nevada; University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Political Science.

*Married:* Benay Morgan.

*Children:* Timothy, Michael.

*Religion:* Protestant.

*Military:* United States Navy, 1959-63.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Swimming, golf, reading.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* American Legion; Henderson Chamber of Commerce; Clark County Republican Central Committee; Member, 11 National, State and Local Government Boards and Commissions.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Henderson City Councilman and Mayor pro Tem; Founder and First President of Big Brothers of Southern Nevada; Presidential Outstanding Community Achievement Award for Viet Nam Era Veteran; Nevada State Crusade Chairman; American Cancer Society; Outstanding Young Nevadan; Nevada Jaycees.



## MYRNA T. WILLIAMS

*Democrat*

*Clark County Assembly  
District No. 10*

*Public Relations, Social  
Worker and Writer*

*Born:* August 26, 1929, Chicago, Illinois.

*Educated:* University of Nevada-Las Vegas, B.A., Social Work; A.A., Law Enforcement.

*Married:* David E.

*Children:* Indy; grandson: Matthew.

*Religion:* Jewish.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Reading, music.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1985-91—one special and four regular sessions;

*Legislative Commission:* Alternate, 1985-86; Interim Finance Committee: Member, 1989-90; Speaker pro Tempore, 1989-91.

*Affiliations:* President, Women's Democratic Club, Clark County; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; Vegas Valley Business and Professional Women; EPSCOR Committee, University of Nevada System; Jewish Family Service Agency; Paradise Democratic Club; Community Planning Council—United Way of Southern Nevada; Nevada Alliance for Arts, Education—Affiliate of Kennedy Center; Nevada Conference of State Legislatures\*, Assembly on the Legislature, Children, Families and Social Services Committee.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Appointee, Governor Mike O'Callaghan, State Welfare Board; *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*; Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; Board of Directors, Musicians' Federal Credit Union, 1967-69; Writer, Danny Thomas' St. Jude Hospital National Telethon, 1980; Member, Nevada Humanities Committee, 7 years, Executive Committee, 11 years; Member, Department of Social Work, UNLV, 1969-80.



## WENDELL P. WILLIAMS

*Democrat*  
*Clark County Assembly*  
*District No. 6*  
*Teacher*

*Born:* May 6, 1950, St. Joseph, Louisiana.

*Educated:* Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. B.S.; M.Ed.

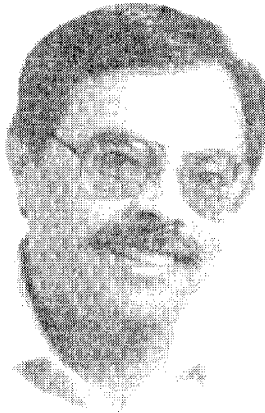
*Religion:* Baptist.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Reading, book collecting, jogging.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1987-91—one special and three regular sessions.

*Affiliations:* Elks Lodge; Kappa Phi Kappa; Omega Psi Phi; Martin Luther King Committee of Las Vegas; Las Vegas Jaycees; Cochairman, Governor's Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday; Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America; Member, Governor's Commission on Educational Excellence.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Founder of Martin Luther King Committee of Las Vegas; Leadership Award presented by United States Senator Harry Reid.



ROBERT (BOB) ALLEN WONG

*Republican*

*Clark County Assembly*

*District No. 15*

*Self-Employed*

*Born:* December 13, 1940, Cleveland, Ohio.

*Educated:* Fenn College; Baldwin Wallace College, B.A., Akron University College of Law.

*Married:* Caroline Kormos.

*Children:* Paul, Juli, Mike.

*Religion:* Catholic.

*Hobbies/Special Interests:* Muscle cars, golf, bowling.

*Legislative Service:* Nevada Assembly, 1991-.

*Affiliations:* American Association of Retired Persons; National Hot Rod Association.

*Personal and Professional Achievements:* Probation Officer Award for Outstanding Service, Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.





**CHAPTER II**

**LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE,  
FINANCIAL OPERATION  
AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES**



## CHAPTER II

# LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE, FINANCIAL OPERATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In American politics, a legislature is a body of elected representatives of the people empowered to make authoritative and binding decisions concerning the way society is governed. The policies formulated and the resources allocated by legislatures affect virtually every aspect of human existence in which the community as a whole has an interest. Thus, it is important that the function of legislatures be clearly understood and that legislative actions find continued sanction among the people. This brief introduction to the Nevada Legislature is designed to acquaint both legislators and the public with the basic procedures through which laws are enacted in The Silver State.

## GLOSSARY OF LEGISLATIVE TERMS

The legislative process has acquired a vocabulary of its own over the years. Often these words have a precise and definite meaning which varies considerably from the same word when used in common conversation. This legislative terminology may also vary in meaning from one state legislature to another.

Much of the vocabulary listed hereafter is defined in *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, and that manual also contains terms which are not included in the following list. However, an attempt is made to define the words most commonly in use in the Nevada Legislature as well as those which will assist in a clear understanding of the various subjects and procedures described in this publication.

## GLOSSARY

Act.....	A bill passed by both Houses.
Action .....	Any step of parliamentary procedure upon a proposed law or resolution.
Adjournment .....	The ending of a legislative day; regular adjournment sets the date for the next meeting. Adjournment <i>sine die</i> literally means "adjournment without a day"; it marks the end of the legislative session since it does not set a time for reconvening.
Administration measure.....	Bill proposed by the Governor.

Amend .....	To alter formally by modification, deletion or addition.
Apportionment .....	A division of the state into districts from which members of the Legislature are elected.
Appropriation .....	A legislative grant of money for a specific purpose.
Assembly .....	The branch of the Legislature with more members, each member representing fewer people than a member of the Senate.
Attaché .....	An employee of the Assembly or the Senate.
Authorized Expenditures Act .....	An omnibus act authorizing and limiting, except under certain conditions, the expenditure of special or dedicated revenues for government departments and programs.
Bicameral legislature .....	A two-house legislature.
Biennial .....	Occurring every 2 years; applied to the scheduled regular session of the Legislature.
Bill .....	A draft of a proposed law presented for enactment.
BDR .....	A bill draft request submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau by a legislator, an executive agency or a member of the judiciary and assigned a two-part number, the first part the title number of NRS, the second part a unique sequence number for a session.
Boilerplate .....	Standard bill drafting language common to various subjects and designed to maintain the legal consistency of the language of the NRS.
Bond .....	A certificate of indebtedness issued by the government in return for money it has borrowed.
Budget .....	Estimate of the receipts and expenditures needed to carry out programs for a fiscal period.
By request .....	Introduction of a measure by a legislator for some private individual or group.
Calendar .....	List or docket of bills awaiting action, entered in order reported.
Calendar day .....	Each consecutive day on the calendar for the duration of the legislative session whether or not the Houses convene.
Caucus .....	Conference of legislative party members to decide on party policies and action, or a meeting of the legislators from a particular county or group of counties.
Closing budgets .....	The process whereby final action is taken by the money committees on individual budgets.
Conference committee .....	A joint meeting of a committee on conference from each of the two Houses whose function is to arrive at a single version of a bill that has passed both Houses in somewhat different form.
Consent calendar .....	A list of bills, of a noncontroversial nature, which is voted on as a single roll call vote without roll calls on each bill on the list.

Constitution .....	The written instrument agreed upon by the people of the United States, or of a particular state, as the absolute rule of action and decision for the government.
Engrossment .....	The preparation of a bill or resolution for third reading including the incorporation of all amendments adopted and proofreading.
Enrollment.....	The final printing of a bill or resolution after enactment by both Houses.
Executive budget.....	Program of expected revenues and proposed expenditures comparing current, future and past completed years for existing programs and projecting revenues and expenditures of new programs for future years. The executive budget is proposed by the Governor and the Budget Administrator of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration.
Ex officio .....	Holding two offices; holding another office by virtue of or because of the holding of the first office.
First reading .....	Introduction of a bill in either House of the Legislature by giving it a number and reading it before the full House by title before it is referred by the presiding officer to the appropriate committee.
Fiscal note—state government .....	Analysis required by statute to be prepared by an executive agency estimating revenue or expenditure changes which would be entailed by the passage of a proposed bill.
Fiscal note—local government.....	Analysis required by statute to be prepared by the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to accompany any bill which reduces the revenues or increases the expenditures of a local government.
Floor .....	Recognition by the Chair for the purpose of discussion, debate or remarks while a House is in session.
General Appropriation Act.....	An omnibus act appropriating funds for government departments or programs, usually from the general fund.
General File.....	The third reading file of bills and joint resolutions due for consideration in the Houses.
General law .....	A law of general, or potential general, application throughout the state.
Gerrymandering .....	Legislative district boundary lines drawn to obtain partisan or factional advantages.
Grandfather clause.....	A provision in a bill making it nonapplicable to activities or personnel involved prior to the enactment of the new legislation.
Hearing .....	A session of a legislative committee at which witnesses present testimony on matters under consideration by the committee.
History .....	A cumulative daily listing of actions on all measures in the Houses.

Impeachment .....	A formal accusation against a public official by the Assembly. After the Assembly has impeached, the Senate tries the person.
Initiative .....	A procedure which enables a specified number of voters to propose, by petition, a law or constitutional amendment, and to secure its submission to the electorate for approval.
Interim .....	The period from the adjournment <i>sine die</i> of one regular legislative session to the convening of the next regular session.
Introduction .....	The presentation of a bill or resolution for consideration by a House.
Journal .....	Record of daily proceedings in the Houses.
Law .....	Bill passed by both Houses and approved by the Governor, or if vetoed by the Governor, the veto overridden by a two-thirds vote of each House.
Leadership .....	Includes the presiding officers of both Houses (President of the Senate and President pro Tempore; Speaker of the Assembly and Speaker pro Tempore) and the floor leaders of both Houses (Majority and Minority Leaders, Assistant Majority Leaders, and Assistant Minority Leaders).
Legislative day .....	Each day that the Houses actually convene. These do not necessarily coincide in number with calendar days.
Legislative rules .....	The methods of procedure determined by the Legislature at the beginning of a session.
Lobbyist .....	A representative of a special interest who attends sessions to oppose or support the enactment of legislation.
Majority Leader .....	A member of either House chosen by the members of the majority party in that House as their spokesman.
Minority Leader .....	A member of either House chosen by the members of the minority party in that House as their spokesman.
Money committees .....	The committees in each House that hear all appropriations requests and recommend the appropriations bills, specifically the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance.
Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) .....	The compilation of all effective, permanent regulations adopted by Nevada state agencies, except those of certain exempted agencies, after review by the Legislative Commission.
Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) .....	The statutory law of Nevada of a general nature enacted by the Legislature, with such law arranged in an orderly manner by subject, and updated after every regular legislative session.
Preamble .....	The introductory part of a bill or resolution that states the reasons and intent of the measure.
President of the Senate .....	Lieutenant Governor as presiding officer of the Senate.

President pro Tempore.....	A senator chosen by the Senate to preside in the absence of the President.
Presiding officer.....	The person in each House who chairs the conduct of business before the body and guides and directs the proceedings of the body.
Quorum.....	The number of members of a House or of a committee who must be present for the body to conduct official business.
Recall.....	Requesting the return of a measure from the Governor or the other House by a resolution.
Recede.....	Withdraw from an amendment in which the other House refused to concur.
Redo.....	The redrafting of a bill by the Legislative Counsel Bureau prior to its introduction.
Refer.....	Send a measure to a committee for study and consideration.
Referendum.....	The principle or practice of submitting a law to popular vote after the filing of a petition expressing the wish of the people to vote on such law.
Regular session.....	Period during which the Nevada Legislature meets biennially, in odd-numbered years.
Relief bill.....	A bill, usually appropriating money, for the reimbursement of persons who have a claim against the state.
Reprint.....	Versions of a bill or resolution subsequent to the introduced version which reflects amendments adopted by either House.
Resolutions.....	One-house resolution — expresses facts, principles, opinions and purposes of one House. Concurrent resolution — expresses facts, principles, opinions and purposes of the two Houses and authorizes the creation of joint committees. Joint resolution — memorializes federal officials to engage in an action, or proposes amendments to the state constitution or ratifies amendments to the <i>United States Constitution</i> .
Roll call.....	Recording of the presence of members or a tally by individual votes on a bill or joint resolution.
Second reading.....	When a bill, after it has been reported from committee, is read for the second time before the full House. Committee amendments or amendments from the floor are adopted or rejected by simple majority vote of the members present and voting.
Second Reading File.....	File of bills for second reading and consideration of amendments in the Houses.
Senate.....	The branch of the Legislature with fewer members, each member representing more people than does a member of the Assembly. Sometimes called the Upper House.
Seniority.....	Length of legislative service. Seniority is often used to assign committee positions and political rank.
Speaker of the Assembly.....	The presiding officer of the Assembly.

Speaker pro Tempore .....	A member of the Assembly chosen by the Assembly to preside in the absence of the Speaker.
Special law .....	A law of local or limited application.
Special session .....	A meeting of the Legislature convened on the call of the Governor and restricted to the subjects stated in the Governor's call.
Standing committee .....	A committee of either the Senate or Assembly which is created by legislative rule and is responsible for considering legislation in a certain subject area.
Statute .....	Bill passed by both Houses and approved by the Governor, or, if vetoed by the Governor, the veto overridden by a two-thirds vote of each House.
Statutes of Nevada .....	The bound compilation of all general and special laws and resolutions enacted in a specific year.
Summary .....	A brief and unofficial resumé of the contents of a bill or resolution.
Third reading .....	When the bill, reprinted with any adopted amendments, is debated by the full House on another day after the second reading. It may be passed, rejected or further amended, in which case final action on the newly amended version is taken on a later day. If the bill is passed, it is sent to the other House; it is sent to the Governor if passed in identical form by both Houses.
Title .....	An official resumé of the contents of a bill or resolution.
Unicameral legislature .....	A one-house legislature.
Veto .....	Governor's formal disapproval of a bill or joint resolution.

## THE LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT

Nevada has a bicameral Legislature consisting of a Senate and an Assembly. The two Houses jointly are designated by the state constitution as "The Legislature of the State of Nevada."<sup>1</sup> The Legislature is one of three separate and distinct branches of government at the state level, the other two being the executive branch (headed by the Governor) and the judicial branch. According to Article 3, Section 1, of the *Nevada Constitution*, " \* \* \* no persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any functions, appertaining to either of the others \* \* \*" except in certain specified instances.<sup>2</sup>

However, it is important to realize that,

The legislature is part of a larger political system. Its ability to act and to make its decisions stick is affected by the actions of other institutions and by the happenings and circumstances in the political process at large. Its linkages with other political institutions stand out clearly. No matter how specific the intent of the legislature, its decisions will require interpretation and implementation by executive officials; no matter how



unambiguous its legislative purposes, its laws may come under review in the judicial process. In dealing with the executive branch and the courts, the legislature may have neither the first word, as represented in the origination of ideas for legislation, nor the last word, as represented in the determination of the constitutionality of its legislation.<sup>3</sup>

### Size

Unlike some states, Nevada does not fix the number of its Senators and members of the Assembly in its constitution. Instead, the constitution sets a maximum limit of 75 legislators from the combined total of the two Houses.<sup>4</sup> No minimum limit is set on the size of the Legislature, but “\* \* \* the number of senators shall not be less than one-third nor more than one-half of that of the members of the assembly.”<sup>5</sup> As a result, Nevada could theoretically have a maximum number of 25 Senators, if the Assembly had 50 members, with the number of Senators shrinking to 19 if the Assembly’s size were to be set at a maximum of 56. The minimum size of the Nevada Legislature, in theory, would be one Senator and two members of the Assembly. The size of the Legislature is set by statute.

At the present time, the Nevada Legislature is composed of 21 Senators and 42 members of the Assembly, for total membership of 63.<sup>6</sup> The constitution states that Senators and members of the Assembly must be apportioned among the several counties of the state or among legislative districts in accordance with law.<sup>7</sup> The United States Supreme Court has held that both houses of state legislatures must be apportioned on a population basis.<sup>8</sup>

### Apportionment

Membership in both Houses of the Legislature is geographically apportioned throughout the state on the basis of population. Normally the Legislature redistricts every 10 years, immediately after the federal decennial census, as required by the state constitution.<sup>9</sup> Nevada legislators, during the 1981 regular legislative session, reapportioned state Senate and Assembly districts. Maps A through J on the following pages describe the current boundaries of Nevada legislative districts. Additional, detailed maps of every district are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau’s Publications Office. Also available are 1980 census statistics by legislative districts. The Nevada Legislature will be reapportioned during the 1991 legislative session.

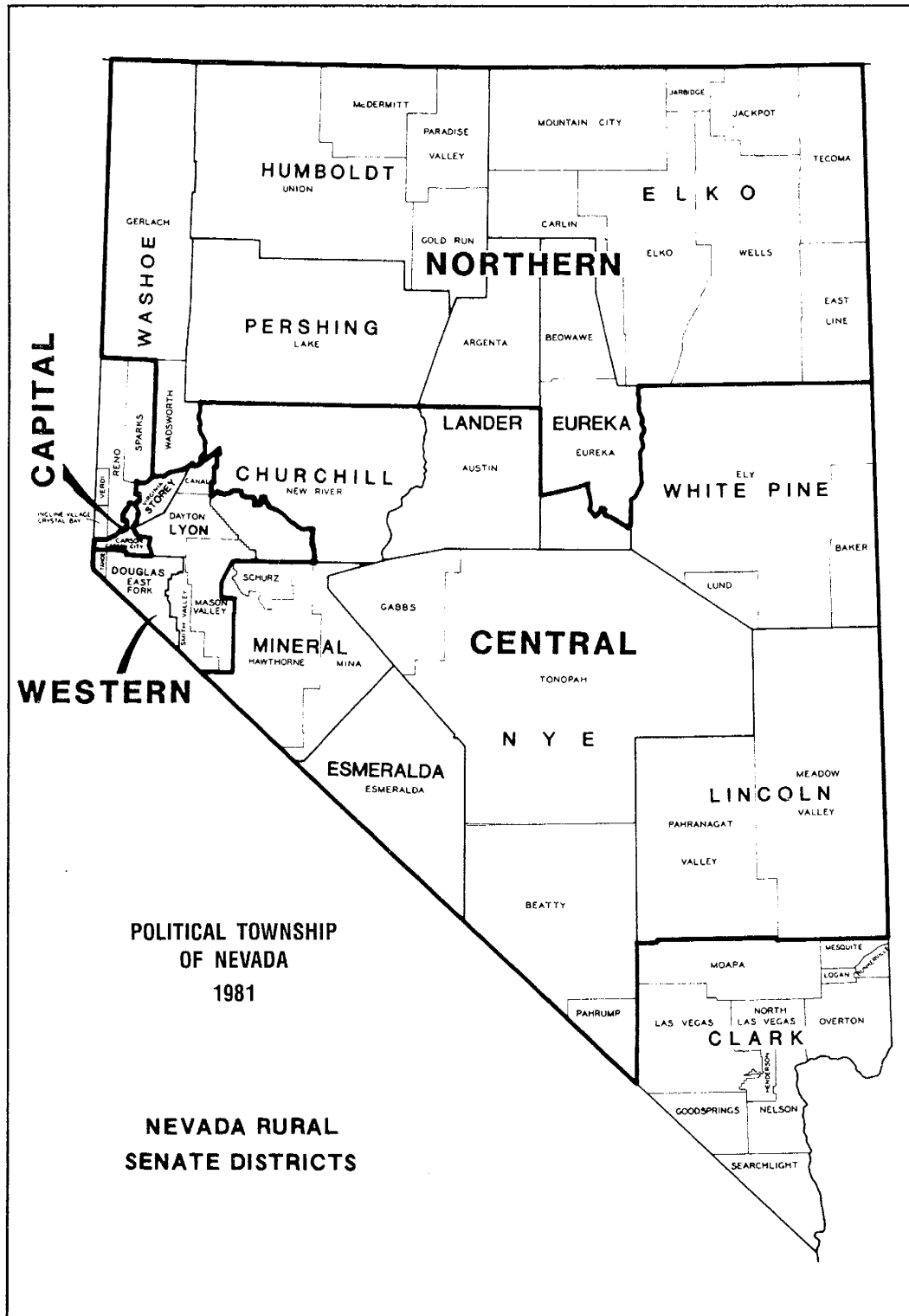
All Assembly districts are single-member. There are 42 districts and 42 Assemblymen. There are seven single-member Senate districts and seven two-member Senate districts. In Clark County, there are two single-member Senate districts and five two-member districts. In Washoe County, there is one single-member Senate district and two two-member districts. The rest of the state comprises four single-member Senate districts. In two-member districts, only one seat is filled in each election with the other seat up in the next

election. There is no distinction between Senators elected from single-member districts and those representing two-member districts.

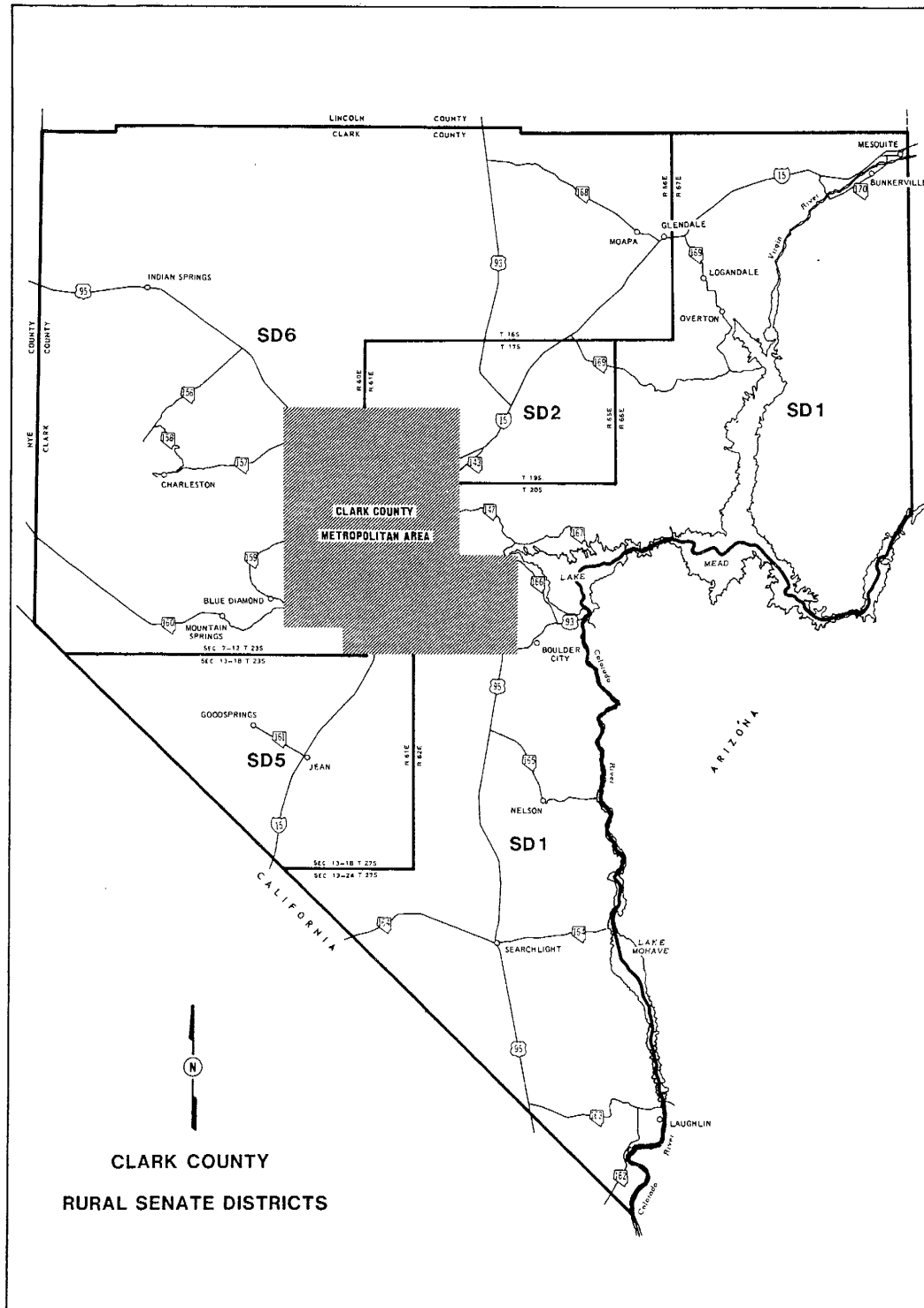
The ideal Assembly district based on 1980 state population is about 19,000. The ideal single-member Senate district is about 38,000. Every district created by the 1981 Legislature is within 5 percent, plus or minus, of the ideal. This deviation is within the limits accepted by the U.S. Supreme Court.

With one small exception, two complete Assembly districts comprise a single-member Senate district and four complete Assembly districts comprise a two-member Senate district. The Assembly districts are numbered 1-42 without reference to the county. Districts 1-22, 41 and 42 are in Clark County. Districts 23-32 are in Washoe County. Districts 33-40 are in the balance of the state. Senate districts are numbered within Clark and Washoe counties with reference to the county, i.e., Clark 1, Washoe 1. The other four Senate districts have descriptive names: Northern Nevada, Central Nevada, Western Nevada and Capital districts. Outside of Washoe and Clark counties, all Senate districts contain more than a single county. With the exception of Douglas County and Carson City, each of which contain an entire Assembly district, rural Assembly districts contain more than a single county.

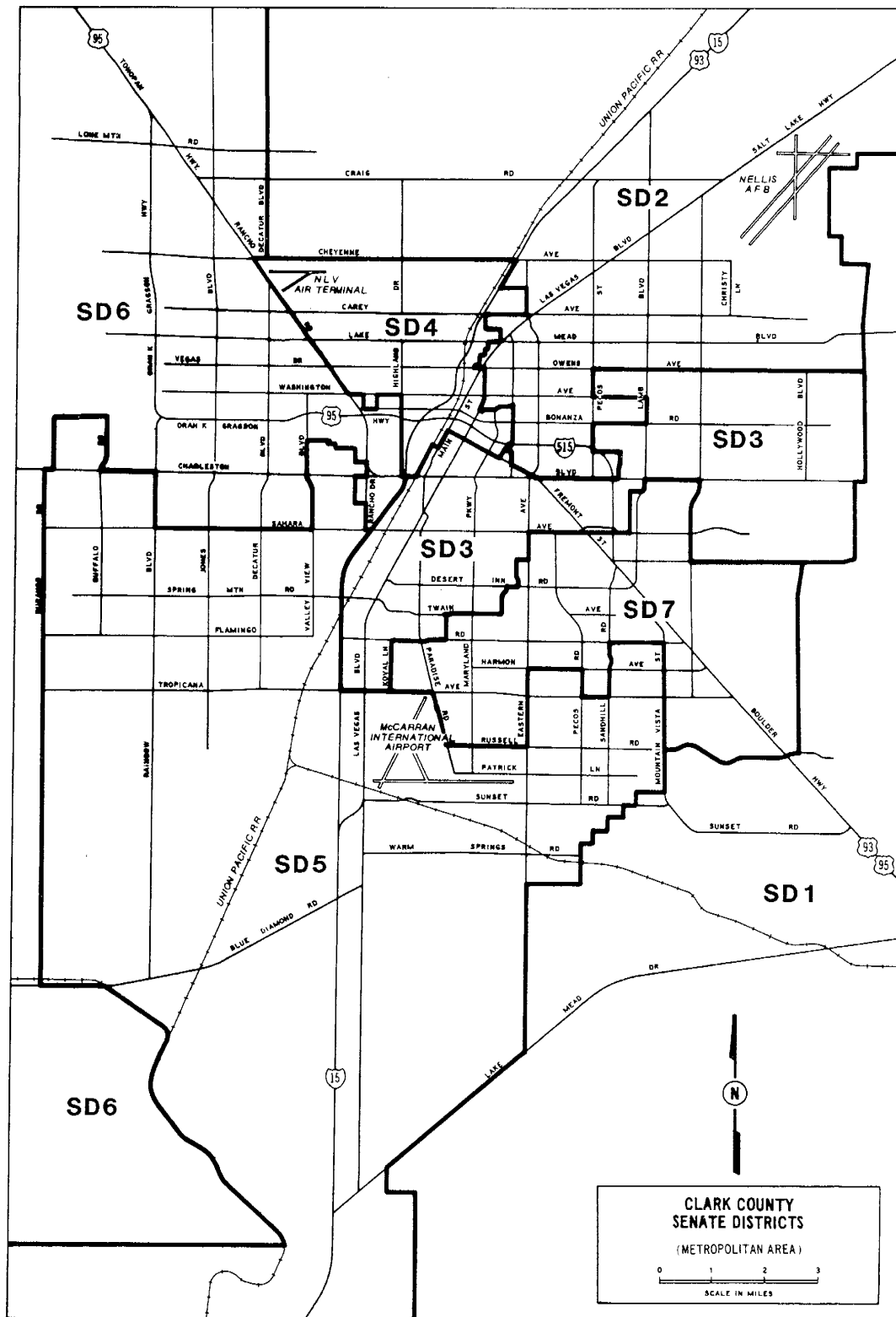
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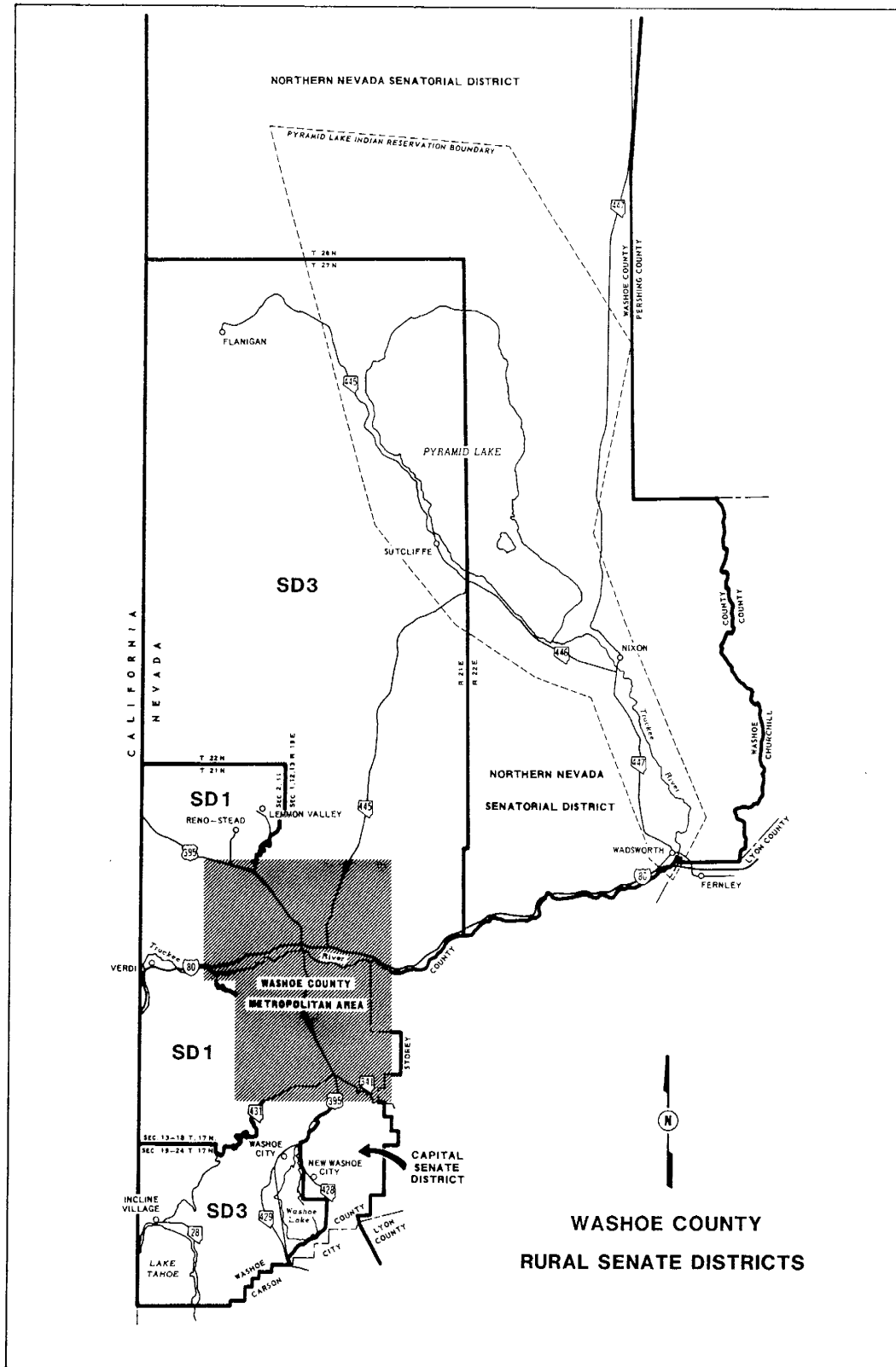
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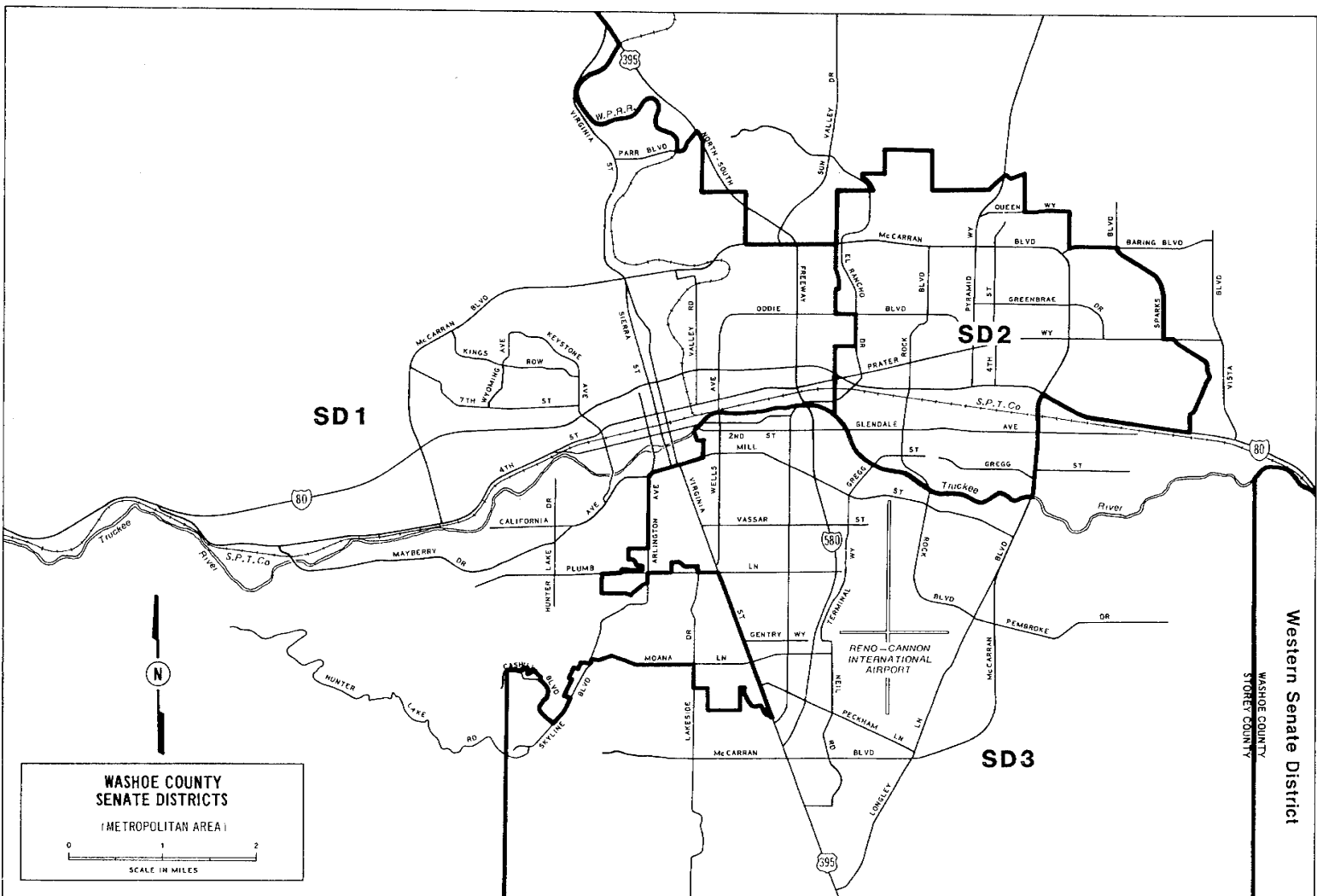
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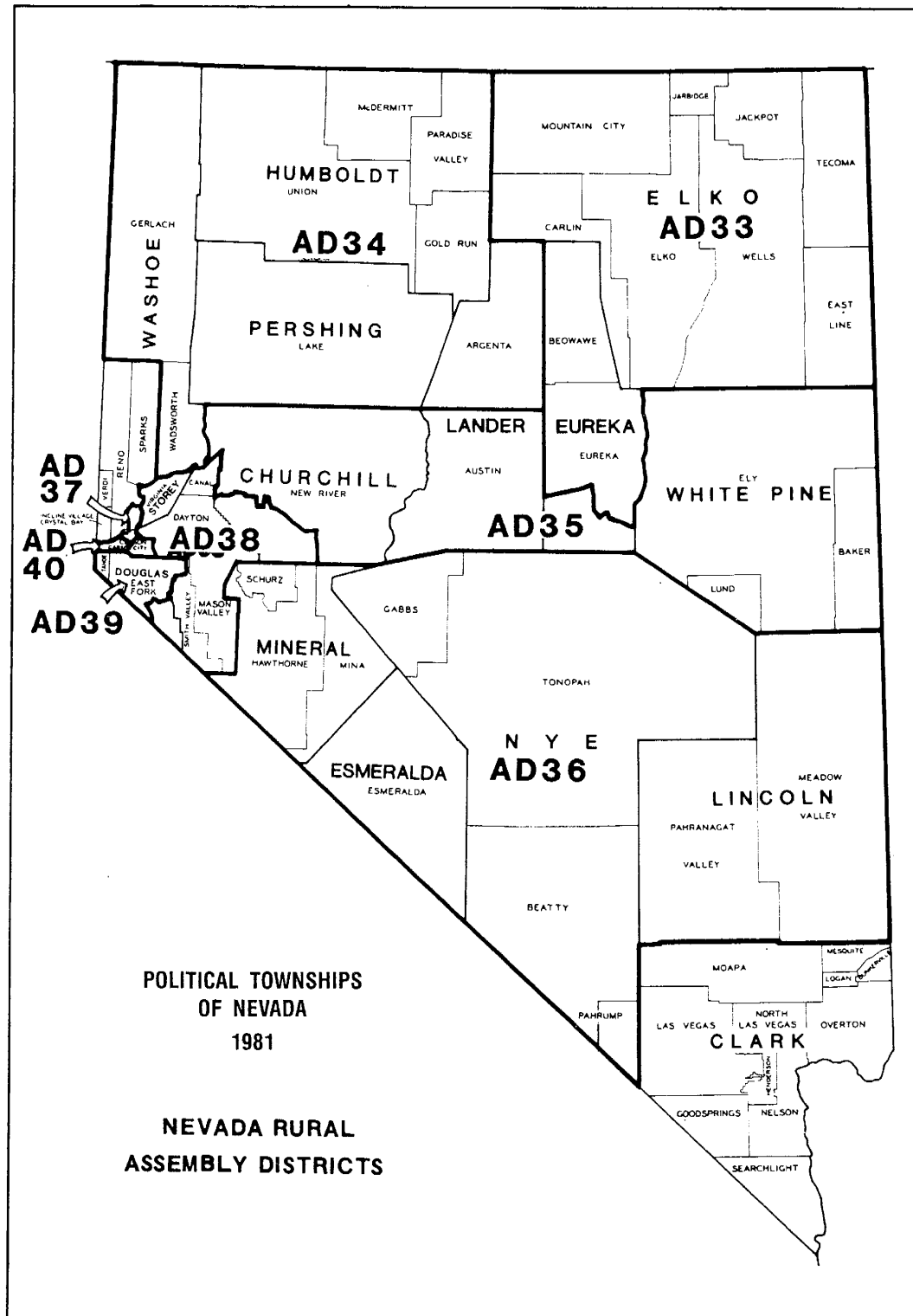
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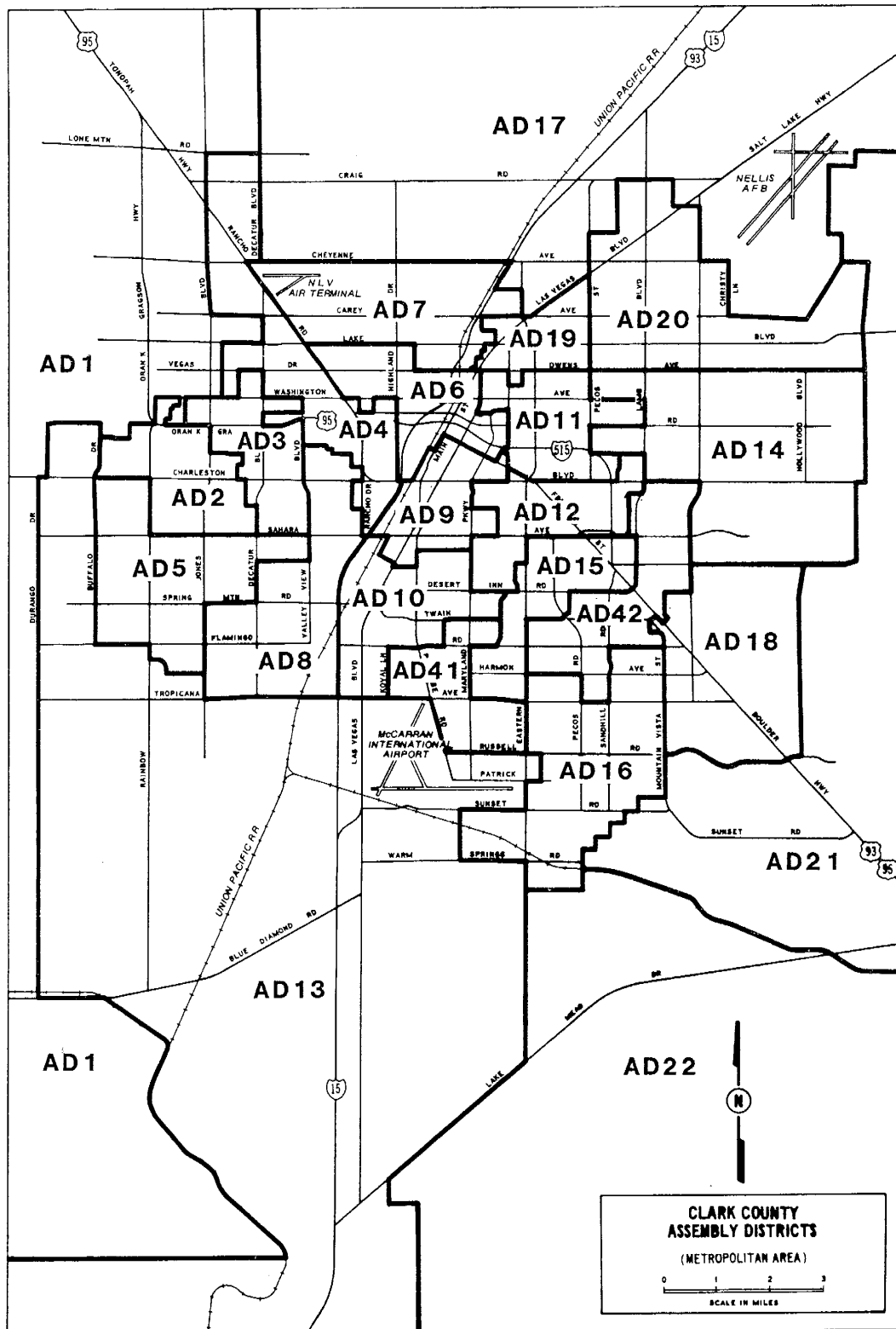




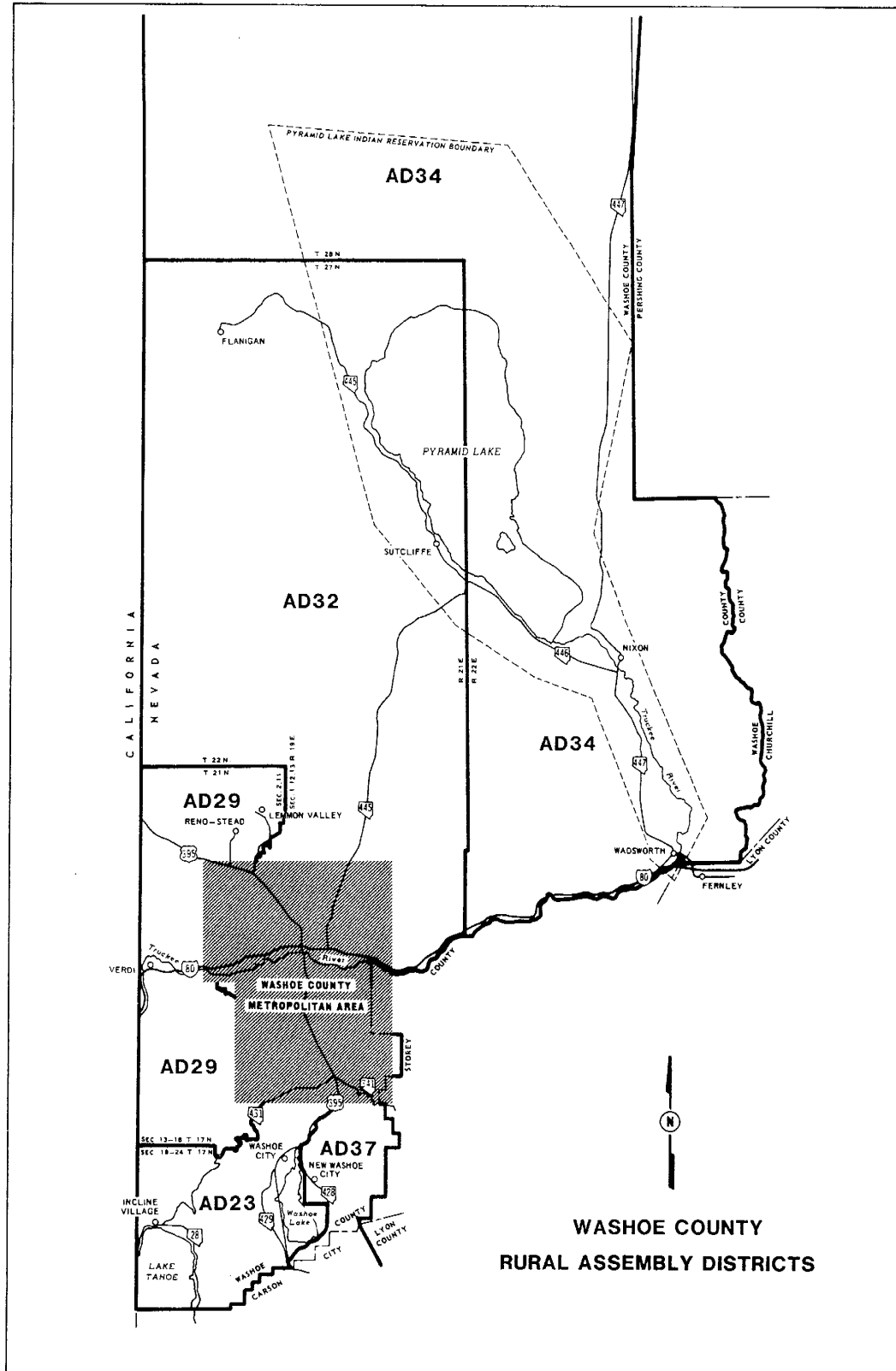
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- Towns and Locations:** Indian Springs, Charleston, Blue Diamond, Mountain Springs, Goodsprings, Jean, Nelson, Searchlight, Boulder City, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Laughlin, Mesquite, Bunkerville, Logandale, Overton, and Moapa.
- Highways:** Routes 95, 15, 63, 69, 78, 79, 89, and 93 are shown.
- Geography:** The Colorado River and various smaller rivers are depicted.
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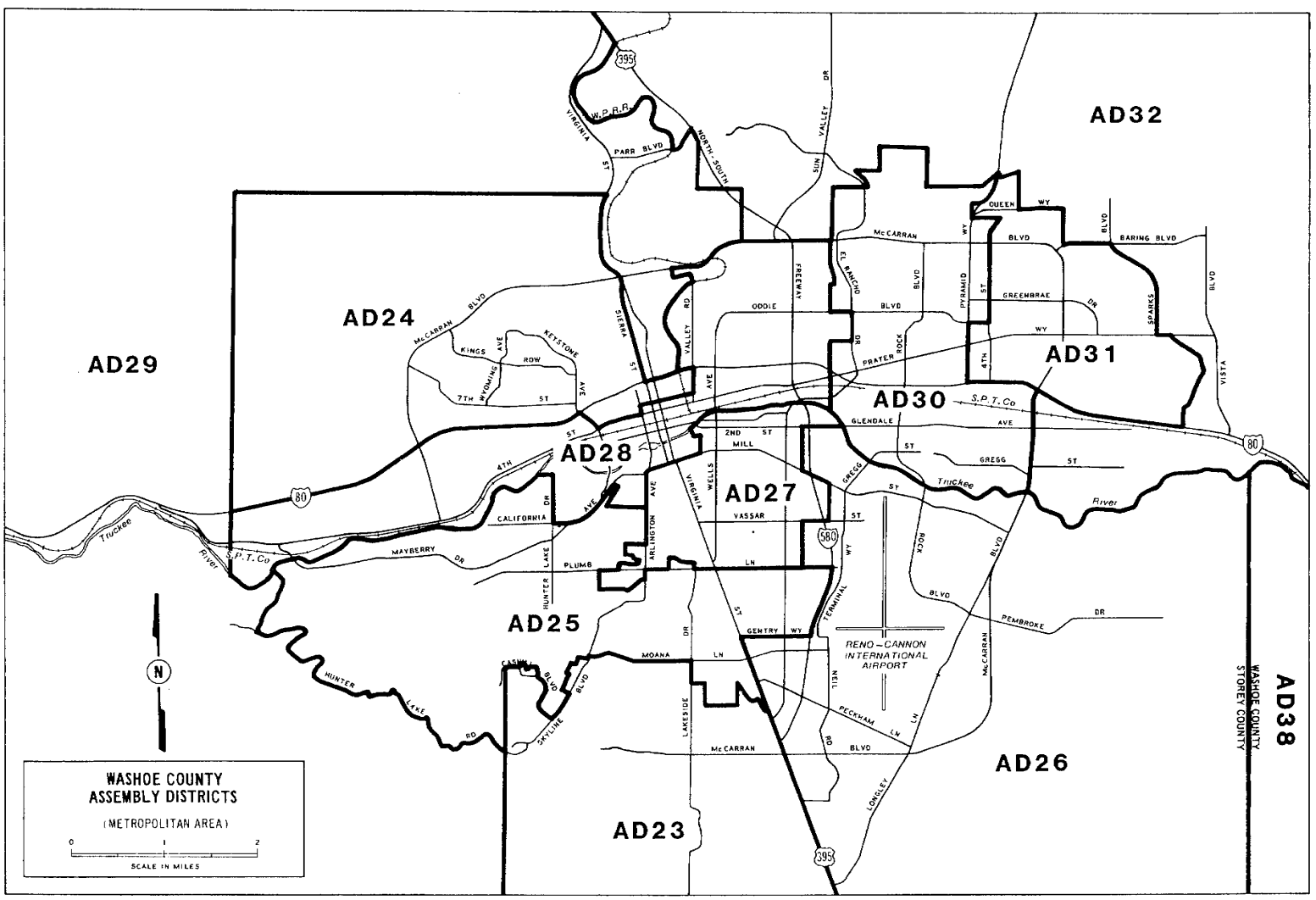
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### Membership Qualifications

Members of the Assembly are elected every 2 years by the qualified electors in their respective districts. Senators, on the other hand, serve for 4-year terms, which are staggered so that, as near as possible, one-half of the number of Senators is elected every 2 years. Members of both Houses are elected on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of even-numbered years, at intervals of 2 or 4 years, depending upon the House in question. They assume office on the day following their election.<sup>10</sup>

To be eligible to serve as a Senator or member of the Assembly, a person must be at least 21 years of age, a qualified elector in his respective county and district and a citizen resident of Nevada for a minimum of 1 year next preceding the election.<sup>11</sup> However, the state constitution declares that, "Each House shall judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its own members \* \* \* and with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected, expel a member."<sup>12</sup> Thus, theoretically, a House could seat someone who failed to meet the statutory requirements (or deny a seat to someone who met all of the legal requirements for membership in the Legislature) by a two-thirds vote of the elected membership.

No person holding a federal office of profit (with the exception of postmasters earning less than \$500 per year or commissioners of deeds) or a lucrative office under any other power may serve as a legislator.<sup>13</sup> Persons are also disqualified from holding legislative office if they have been convicted of embezzlement of public funds or bribery in the procurement of election or appointment to office.<sup>14</sup> A legislator may not be appointed to any civil office of profit in the state which was created, or the salary for which was raised, during his term of office, for a period of 1 year after the expiration of his term.<sup>15</sup>

### Vacancies

If a legislator dies or resigns from office (he must deliver his resignation to the Governor to resign) during a regular or special session of the Legislature, or at a time when no biennial election or regular election is scheduled between the time the vacancy occurs and the date of the next legislative session, the Board of County Commissioners from the legislator's district is required to appoint a person of the same political party as the former incumbent to fill the unexpired term. If the Senator or Assemblyman was elected from a district comprising more than one county, the appointment is required to be made by the county commissioners of each county within or partly within the legislator's district. Each Board of County Commissioners first meets separately and determines the single candidate it will nominate to fill the vacancy. Then the boards meet jointly and the chairmen on behalf of the boards cast a proportionate number of votes according to the percent which the population of its county is of the population of the entire district. The

person who receives a plurality of these votes is appointed to fill the vacancy. If no candidate receives a plurality of the votes, the various Boards of County Commissioners each select a candidate. The appointee is then chosen by drawing lots from those candidates nominated by the boards voting separately.<sup>16</sup>

## Committees

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Each House of the Nevada Legislature has its own standing committees, the members of which are appointed by the presiding officer in accordance with current standing rules.<sup>17</sup> The number of members is determined by these rules, and many times there are changes made, especially in the Assembly, at the beginning of each session. In the Senate, the composition and leadership of the committees is usually determined in party caucuses. In the Assembly, the Speaker, who is invariably a member of the majority party or a coalition, makes the committee appointments and uses such appointments as part of his campaign to be Speaker. The Speaker also designates the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each committee.<sup>18</sup> Usually, minority party memberships in Assembly committees are determined in caucuses of the minority party, and the Speaker appoints the members as agreed in such caucus. With some exceptions, the general practice is for the majority party to have a bare majority of the members in each committee when total membership of a House is closely divided between both political parties. When there is a substantial margin of majority party members, however, this practice has been modified to allow a predominance of majority party members on each standing committee. Basic rules for the functioning of committees are contained in the standing rules of the Houses and *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, which has been adopted by both Houses as the basis of parliamentary practice in all cases in which it is applicable and in which it is not inconsistent with the standing rules of the Houses.<sup>19</sup>

The names and memberships of Senate and Assembly standing committees for the 1989 session are listed in Chapter I of this manual.

Committees are the workshops of the Legislature. Visitors to the two chambers are often amazed at the rapidity with which business is dispatched, little realizing that long hours in committee sessions have transpired prior to any floor action on a bill. It is in committee that hearings are held, testimony from interested parties is taken and bills are analyzed line by line for their legal and societal merits.

Committees make several types of recommendations on legislative measures that come before them for consideration. By use of a standard form containing several preprinted recommendations, an Assembly committee may report a bill back to the whole House with a: (1) "Do pass," "Amend, and

do pass, as amended” or a “Do pass, as amended” recommendation. Such recommendations mean that a committee considers a bill to have sufficient merit to justify its enactment, either as introduced or with appropriate amendments; (2) recommendation that it be passed and re-referred, or amended and re-referred, to a specified committee; (3) recommendation that the bill “Do not pass” in which case the committee is recommending its rejection by the whole House; and (4) “Do pass, and place on consent calendar” recommendation. The consent calendar procedure is discussed later under the heading “Consent Calendar” in Chapter III of this manual.

A committee may also report a bill “Without recommendation,” or “Amend, but without recommendation,” which means that the committee was unable to reach a conclusion on what it believes should be the action to be taken by the whole House. On occasion, a committee will report a bill to the floor with both a majority and minority recommendation.

Three Assembly Rules (46, 47, 48) require that records be kept of committee votes on bills or resolutions and of committee proceedings. Furthermore, these records, minutes and documents are required to be filed in the offices of the Legislative Counsel Bureau upon adjournment *sine die*.<sup>20</sup>

Standing committees may perform other functions besides considering legislation. For example, Senate Rule 54 encourages each standing committee of the Senate to plan and conduct a general review of selected programs of state agencies or other areas of public interest within the committees’ jurisdiction.<sup>21</sup>

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

In addition to standing committees, which continue in existence throughout a session, there are two other types of committees used by the legislature in Nevada—Committees of the Whole and select committees. A Committee of the Whole is a committee composed of the entire membership of one of the Houses. It is usually convened so that the House can consider proposed legislation informally, without being bound by the requirements on formal consideration set out in the constitution, statutes and legislative rules, such as limitations on debate and the necessity for maintaining a quorum. It is a procedural device for expediting House action. When the Senate dissolves itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Senator who made the motion for the Committee of the Whole is required to name a Chairman to preside over the committee. In the Assembly, the Speaker names a Chairman to preside. A Committee of the Whole is a temporary or ad hoc committee. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee of the Whole (through its Chairman) normally reports its recommendations back to the House for formal action, in the same manner as standing or select committees.<sup>22</sup>

## SELECT COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

Select committees are also temporary committees, appointed for a special purpose, which may be the consideration of a particular bill or the performance of a ceremonial function (e.g., a committee of escort for the Governor). In Nevada, bills of application or primary concern to particular localities are sometimes referred to select committees composed of the legislative delegation from the area affected.

A particularly important type of select committee is the Committee of Conference. Whenever a bill is passed by both Houses in differing forms because of amendments added by one of the Houses, and the two Houses cannot agree on identical language for the bill in question, each House appoints a number of conferees to meet with conferees of the other House to seek a resolution of the differences existing in the two versions of the bill. In a Committee of Conference, the conferees of one House may agree to amendments adopted in the other House or recede from the amendments adopted by their chamber. Conferees may also decide that new amendments or even new bills are necessary to reach accord. A Committee of Conference may consider the whole subject matter of a bill without restriction to the points in dispute and may make any changes it deems appropriate. Once the conferees reach an agreement, they report back to their respective Houses with their recommendations. The report of a conference committee may be adopted by acclamation, and such action is considered equivalent to the adoption of any amendments or changes recommended in the report; but conference reports themselves are not subject to amendment.

The Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly require that there be but two Committees of Conference on any bill or resolution. The rules also require that a majority of the members from each House on a committee be members who voted for the passage of the measure. No member who served on the first conference committee for a measure may be appointed to the second.<sup>23</sup> If agreement cannot be reached by the second conference committee, the bill or resolution is dead.

**Sessions**

Regular sessions of the Nevada Legislature are held biennially, in odd-numbered years. They convene on the 3rd Monday in January next ensuing the election of members of the Assembly, unless the Governor convenes a session at an earlier date by proclamation.<sup>24</sup>

While there is no limitation on the number of days the Legislature may be in session, the state constitution does limit the number of days for which legislators may receive compensation. The constitution forbids compensation for services to be paid to legislators for more than 60 calendar days for any regular session and 20 days for any special session.<sup>25</sup> Reimbursement for



actual expenses of members, however, may continue for the length of a session, even if it exceeds the maximum time for compensation. After the repeal in 1958 of a constitutional provision setting a 60-day maximum limitation on the duration of a session, there has been only one regular session of less than 60 days, that being the single annual session of 1960, which lasted 55 days. Since 1975, regular sessions in Nevada have run between 113 and 167 days. The 1989 legislative session lasted a record 167 days. Conversely, however, the 1980 special session was the shortest in history, lasting just under 4 hours in the Senate. The 1981 legislative session lasted 137 calendar days; the 1985 session, 135 calendar days; and the 1987 session, 151 calendar days.

Special sessions of the Legislature may only be convened on the call of the Governor.<sup>26</sup> After both Houses have organized in special session, the Governor is required by the constitution to state the purpose for which they have been convened. The Legislature may not enact any bills or joint resolutions pertaining to subjects other than those for which they were convened. The Governor, however, may expand his reasons for calling the Legislature into session at any time during the session, thereby reducing the restrictions on legislative initiative,<sup>27</sup> and the Legislature at times has adopted simple or concurrent resolutions to express its sentiments on matters not contained in the Governor's call.

Legislative activities, including committee hearings, are open to the public. The constitution also requires that neither House may, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than 3 days, nor move to any place other than where it is holding its sessions.<sup>28</sup> The Joint Rules of the Assembly and Senate specify that one or more adjournments, for a duration of more than 3 days, may be taken to permit standing committees, select committees or the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare the matters respectively entrusted to them for the consideration of the Legislature as a whole. The total time taken for all such adjournments is not to exceed 20 days during any regular session.<sup>29</sup> In the case of a disagreement between the two Houses with respect to the time of the Legislature's final adjournment, the Governor is constitutionally empowered to adjourn the Legislature to such a time as he deems proper. He may not, however, adjourn the Legislature beyond the time fixed for the meeting of the next Legislature.<sup>30</sup>

## **Legislative Leadership**

### **LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS: SENATE**

To efficiently perform their proper roles, the two Houses of the Nevada Legislature are authorized by the constitution to choose their own officers (except for the President of the Senate). They may determine the rules of their proceedings and punish their members for disorderly conduct, and with the

concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected, expel a member.<sup>31</sup> From tradition and experience, both Houses have created internal administrative structures which closely parallel one another. There are, however, certain differences in terminology and the assignment of responsibility which lend each of the Houses a uniqueness.

The Lieutenant Governor is the presiding officer, sitting as the *President of the Senate*, is elected by the public for a 4-year term in November of even-numbered years between presidential elections and is the first in the line of succession to the governorship. The Lieutenant Governor is the President of the Senate, but is not a member of it and cannot vote on any question except to break a tie vote, and is not permitted to vote on any measure (bill or joint resolution) requiring a constitutional majority for passage.<sup>32</sup>

The President calls the Senate to order, chairs the conduct of business before the body, and is responsible for the maintenance of decorum in the chamber. In addition, the President recognizes Senators during debate, decides questions of parliamentary procedure, subject to appeal to the whole Senate, and signs all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas. The President has the general direction of the Senate chamber and may name any Senator to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution does not extend beyond an adjournment or authorize the Senator so substituted to sign any document requiring the signature of the President.<sup>33</sup>

The *President pro Tempore* presides over the Senate in the absence of the President. Unlike the President, the President pro Tempore is a member of the Senate and elected by it. As a Senator, the President pro Tempore may vote on all issues, may enter into debate by relinquishing the Chair, and exercises all of the powers and responsibilities of the President.<sup>34</sup> Under the *Nevada Constitution*, the President pro Tempore is the second in the line of succession to the governorship, immediately after the Lieutenant Governor.<sup>35</sup>

If both the President of the Senate and the President pro Tempore are absent or unable to discharge their duties, the Standing Rules of the Senate stipulate that the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations, or if this officer is absent, the committee's Vice Chairman, should preside. In the event that none of the designated officers are able to preside, the rules provide for the Senate to elect one of its members as the presiding officer for that occasion.<sup>36</sup>

The *Secretary of the Senate* is elected by the members of the Senate to serve as Administrative Officer, Parliamentarian and as ex officio member of the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations. The Secretary coordinates the daily activities of floor sessions, reads official communications to the body, calls roll, tabulates votes, edits the Journals and Histories of the Senate, records all floor action, oversees the processing of bills and resolutions and signs all acts passed by the Legislature. The Secretary also interviews and recommends to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations persons to be considered for employment by the Senate and

supervises a cadre of assistant clerks and secretaries. At the end of each working day, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, the Secretary transmits to the Assembly those bills and resolutions upon which the next action is to be taken by that body.<sup>37</sup>

The *Sergeant at Arms* of the Senate is responsible for keeping order in and around the chambers, ensuring that only authorized persons are permitted on the floor and handling other duties as directed by the President. The Sergeant at Arms is also responsible for upkeep of the Senate's chamber, private lounge, and meeting rooms for committees.<sup>38</sup> The chief assistant to the Sergeant at Arms acts as the Senate *Doorkeeper*<sup>39</sup> and provides other assistance to the Sergeant at Arms.

In addition to these major Senate officers, there are a number of employees hired to perform miscellaneous functions. *Pages*, *clerks* and other *attachés* are appointed to their positions via a one-house resolution. Both Houses have such employees, appointed in exactly the same manner. The number of officers and employees of the Senate and the Assembly is determined each session by each respective House.<sup>40</sup>

#### LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS: ASSEMBLY

The presiding officer of the Nevada Assembly is the *Speaker*. Unlike the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly is elected from among the membership of the Assembly. The Assembly Standing Rules provide that the Speaker shall, among other things: (1) preserve order and decorum and have general direction of the chamber; (2) decide all questions of order, subject to each member's right to appeal; (3) have the right to assign the duties of the Chair to any member for up to 1 legislative day; (4) have the power to accredit the persons who act as representatives of the news media and assign their seats; (5) sign all bills and resolutions passed by the Legislature and all subpoenas issued by the Assembly or any committee thereof; and (6) vote on final passage of a bill or resolution. The Speaker is not required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings except where his vote would be decisive. In all aye and nay votes, the Speaker's name is required to be called last.<sup>41</sup> The Speaker is third in the line of succession to the governorship, behind the Lieutenant Governor and President pro Tempore of the Senate.<sup>42</sup> The tenure of the President pro Tempore and the Speaker continues beyond the end of the session and until their successors are designated after the general election.<sup>43</sup>

It has been customary for the Assembly to elect a *Speaker pro Tempore* to preside in the temporary absence of the Speaker. This officer's duties are comparable to those of the President pro Tempore of the Senate, exclusive of the right of succession to the governorship. Assembly Standing Rule 1 requires that if a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, the Assembly shall select a new Speaker.<sup>44</sup>

The Assembly also elects a *Chief Clerk*, who functions in the same fashion as the Secretary of the Senate.<sup>45</sup> The law permits the Senate and Assembly to invite ministers of the different religious denominations to officiate alternately as Chaplains of the respective Houses.<sup>46</sup> By custom, the Chaplains are usually selected from the local association of ministers and clergymen. Occasionally, however, ministers or clergymen from other locations serve as Chaplains.

#### FLOOR LEADERS

In addition to the formal leadership in the two Houses of the Legislature, the partisan complexion of the chambers has necessitated the use of party leadership positions to manage the legislative workload. In both Houses, Majority and Minority Floor Leaders of their respective parties are selected during party caucuses, and their election is announced from the floor of the Houses. The Senate and Assembly have also, by custom, established the positions of Assistant Majority Leader, Assistant Minority Leader, and Majority Whip. Floor leaders are not legal officers of the Houses, since their offices do not exist under provisions of law.<sup>47</sup> In Nevada, the Senate Majority Leader is the actual leader of the Senate, with powers similar to those of the Speaker of the Assembly.

Usually, the Majority Floor Leader in each House refers to committee those bills which are received from the other House and works closely with the presiding officer on parliamentary operations involving legislation being considered on the floor. Thus, it is obvious that a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure is an important attribute of a competent Majority Floor Leader.

Floor leaders are party officials in the Legislature and are responsible for maintaining party discipline in their respective Houses. Straight party voting is relatively uncommon in the Nevada Legislature, as members customarily exercise wide latitude in voting. But in certain critical areas (as in the organization of the Assembly), the Majority and Minority Leaders are expected to call a caucus to determine their party's stance on an issue. Once a position is agreed upon, the floor leaders act as "whips" to solidify partisan support for the caucus decision. The tenure of the floor leaders extends during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature and until the election of their successors after the general election.<sup>48</sup>

#### Interest Groups and Media

##### PRESS

The news corps is an important adjunct to the Legislature. Public awareness is vital to the democratic process, and it is the function of the press to present, analyze and interpret the news so that the public is informed and can,

therefore, more effectively express itself to and through its elected representatives.

Press representatives are granted official accreditation in each chamber through adoption of a simple motion to accredit named individuals at the beginning of the session or at selected times during the session. Space in each chamber is provided for members of the news media to televise or otherwise cover legislative proceedings.

#### LOBBYISTS

Legislative agents or representatives, commonly known as “lobbyists,” represent various organizations, interests and causes before the Legislature. Like the news media, they are important to the legislative process as sources of information, channels of communication between constituents and their representatives and as major protagonists in efforts to influence legislation. They frequently point out faults in bills, suggest amendments, provide valuable testimony and, in general, assist the Legislature in assessing the merits of proposed legislation.

The activities of lobbyists in Nevada are controlled by the “Nevada Lobbying Disclosure Act.”<sup>49</sup> The law requires lobbyists to register with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and provide various information about themselves and the groups or individuals they represent. A lobbyist must file a report each month during the legislative session and within 30 days after the close of the session concerning his or her lobbying activities. Each lobbyist must file a monthly report with the Director and, if the lobbyist had expenditures of \$50 or more during the month, the report must detail expenditures for entertainment, gifts and loans, and other expenditures directly associated with legislative action. Data on personal expenditures for food, lodging and travel expenses or membership dues are not required in the monthly reports. Violation of the Lobbying Disclosure Act is a misdemeanor.

Other sections in NRS also address improper influence exerted upon legislators. For example, any person who interferes with the legislative process is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.<sup>50</sup> Any person who improperly obtains money or other things of value to influence a member of a legislative body in regard to any vote or legislative action is also guilty of a gross misdemeanor.<sup>51</sup> Moreover, both the giving of a bribe to a legislator and receiving a bribe are crimes against the legislative power which are subject to severe punishments under the law.<sup>52</sup> Lobbying on the floor of the Assembly at any time is prohibited by that body’s standing rules.<sup>53</sup> Lobbyists, however, may appear before any committee of the Legislature.

## FINANCIAL OPERATION OF THE LEGISLATURE

### Legislative Fund

The Legislative Fund is the source of money for all financial operations of the legislative branch of government. At each session, the Legislature appropriates from the General Fund sufficient monies to carry on its activities. These financial resources are deposited in a fund which is used to pay the necessary operating expenses of the Senate, the Assembly and the Legislative Counsel Bureau.<sup>54</sup> Expenses paid out of the Legislative Fund include such items as salaries of legislators and legislative employees, and legislative printing costs and operating costs of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

### Compensation of Legislators

Senators and members of the Assembly receive a salary of \$130 per day for 60 days of a regular session. Beyond the 60th day, their salaries cease and the legislators may only draw upon their expense allowances. During special sessions, salaries are paid for up to 20 days. Thus, at a regular session the maximum salary for a legislator would be \$7,800 while he could receive up to \$2,600 for service during a special session.<sup>55</sup>

In addition to salary, however, legislators are entitled to be reimbursed for the financial demands placed upon them as a result of their legislative duties. For example, they receive the greater of \$44 or the federal rate in effect for Carson City per diem to cover their expenses for each day of the legislative session. They are paid per diem and travel expenses in coming to and returning from a legislative session or a presession orientation conference. Legislators also have a special supplemental travel allowance of up to \$6,800 which they may use during the regular session and \$1,000 which they may use during a special session.<sup>56</sup> They are entitled to use up to \$60 worth of postage and stationery and are permitted to receive specified amounts of stationery, envelopes and business cards from the State Printing and Micrographics Division of the Department of General Services. Finally, a legislator receives a telephone allowance of \$2,800 for his use during a regular session and \$300 during a special session.<sup>57</sup> Because of their added duties and responsibilities, the chairmen of standing committees and certain legislative leadership positions receive additional allowances for postage, telephone calls and other communication charges.<sup>58</sup> The Speaker of the Assembly and the Lieutenant Governor receive an additional \$2 per day during the time of their actual attendance as presiding officer.<sup>59</sup>

Depending on the activity, when the Legislature is not in session each Senator and Assemblyman is entitled to receive a salary of \$130 a day, and the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided by law for each day of attendance at a conference, meeting, seminar or other gathering at which he officially represents the State of Nevada or its Legislature.<sup>60</sup>

### **Legislators' Retirement**

Members of the Nevada Legislature must participate in the Legislators' Retirement System. The minimum requirement for retirement with monthly benefits is 10 years of accredited service at the age of 60 years. A lapse in service as a legislator is not just cause for forfeiture of any retirement rights accrued prior to such lapse.

A legislator entering into retirement receives a monthly retirement allowance of \$25 for each year of service up to 30 years, with fractions of years prorated. This allowance is subject to the same cost-of-living increase received by the retirees and beneficiaries of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

The Legislators' Retirement System permits survivor benefits for a legislator's dependents, allows several conversion options to be exercised by a legislator at the time of his retirement, permits purchase of previous creditable service performed in the Legislature if such service was performed prior to the creation of the system, allows purchase of up to 5 years of out-of-state service performed with any federal, state, county or municipal public system if that service is no longer creditable in the other system and provides for coordination with other retirement systems. All of the provisions relating to legislative retirement are specified in the "Legislators' Retirement Law."<sup>61</sup>

### **Compensation of Officers and Employees**

During the 1991 legislative session, the officers and employees of the Legislature are paid the following:

#### **Senate**

Assistant Director of Bill Services .....	\$61
Assistant Secretary .....	91
Assistant Sergeant at Arms .....	68
Bill Clerk .....	52
Committee Secretary .....	74
Director of Bill Services .....	66
Director of Clerical Services .....	84
History Clerk .....	84
Journal Clerk .....	84
Minute Clerk .....	84
Page .....	52
Senior Committee Secretary .....	80
Sergeant at Arms .....	86
Stenographer .....	66
Typist .....	57

## Assembly

Assistant Chief Clerk .....	\$91
Assistant Sergeant at Arms .....	68
Assistant Supervisor of Bill Clerks .....	61
Bill Clerk .....	52
Committee Secretary .....	74
History Clerk .....	84
Journal Clerk .....	84
Minute Clerk .....	84
Page .....	52
Secretary .....	66
Senior Committee Secretary .....	80
Sergeant at Arms .....	86
Supervisor of Bill Clerks .....	66
Supervisor of Secretarial Staff .....	84
Typist .....	57

During periods of adjournment to a day certain, employees of the Legislature whose service is required are required to perform duties as assigned and are entitled to be paid the amount specified for each day of service.<sup>62</sup>

## LEGISLATIVE POWERS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Privileges and Immunities

Members of the Legislature are immune from arrest on civil process for 15 days prior to and during the course of a session.<sup>63</sup> Subpenas served on legislators and the Lieutenant Governor by administrative bodies are ineffective during legislative sessions.<sup>64</sup> The statutes also protect legislators by prohibiting employment contracts which work a loss of seniority on any person by reason of his absence from regular duties or place of employment while attending a legislative session.<sup>65</sup>

### Limitations on the Legislative Power

While the Nevada Legislature has far-ranging authority to enact legislation dealing with social and political concerns, it is not without certain constitutional restrictions that circumscribe its powers. The Legislature shall not pass any local or special laws covering the following cases:

1. The regulation of the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace and constables or the fixing of their compensation;
2. Punishments for crimes and misdemeanors;



3. The regulation of the practices of courts of justice;
4. Any changes in venue of civil or criminal cases;
5. The granting of divorces;
6. The changing of names of persons;
7. Vacating roads, town plots, streets, alleys and public squares;
8. The summoning and impaneling of grand and petit juries, and the provision for their compensation;
9. The regulation of county and township business;
10. The regulation of the election of county and township officers;
11. The assessment and collection of taxes for state, county and township purposes;
12. The regulation of the opening and conducting of elections of state, county and township officers, and the designation of places of voting;
13. The sale of real estate belonging to minors or other persons laboring under legal disabilities;
14. Giving effect to invalid wills, deeds or other instruments;
15. Refunding money paid into the state treasury or into the treasury of any county; or
16. The release of the indebtedness, liability or obligation of any corporation, association or person to the state or its subdivisions.<sup>66</sup>

These restrictions, however, do not deny the power of the Legislature to establish and regulate the compensation and fees of certain county officers, to authorize and empower the Boards of County Commissioners of the various counties of the state to establish and regulate the compensation and fees of township officers, to establish and regulate the rates of freight, passage, toll and charges of railroads, toll roads, ditch, flume and tunnel companies incorporated under the laws of this state or doing business in the state.<sup>67</sup> The Legislature must exercise its powers through general laws of uniform operation. Laws cannot be specifically directed to special or local instances.<sup>68</sup>

In addition, the state's constitution prohibits the Legislature from authorizing a state-operated lottery in Nevada.<sup>69</sup> It must establish a uniform system of county and township government throughout the state.<sup>70</sup> It may not abolish any county without the approval of the electors residing within the county's jurisdiction.<sup>71</sup> Individual freedoms, as enumerated in Article 1 of the *Nevada Constitution*, may not be abridged by the Legislature. These rights include such things as the freedom of speech, press, religion and assembly and prohibitions against bills of attainder, ex-post-facto laws and laws infringing the obligation of contracts. The list is varied, but most of the rights spelled out in Article 1 of the *Nevada Constitution* are included in the *United States Constitution* and, hence, are doubly safeguarded from legislative encroachment.<sup>72</sup> The *Nevada Constitution* also sets a state debt limitation of 2 percent, exclusive of interest, of the assessed valuation of the state<sup>73</sup> and prohibits

state assumption of county, city and corporation debts, unless such debts have been incurred to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or provide for the public defense.<sup>74</sup> The Legislature must provide a uniform rate of assessment and taxation throughout the state and may not permit a total tax levy in excess of 5 cents on the dollar of assessed valuation. Under NRS 361.453, the current limitation on total ad valorem tax levy is set at 3.64 cents on the dollar of assessed valuation. In the case of mines and mining claims, only the proceeds of minerals may be taxed. Personal property in interstate transit may not be taxed in Nevada, and the Legislature may not impose an inheritance tax upon the inhabitants of the state. Business inventories are also exempt from taxation.<sup>75</sup>

Obviously, the Nevada Legislature cannot exercise powers reserved by the *United States Constitution* to the Federal Government, or those preempted by the Congress. The state cannot, for example, establish diplomatic relations with a foreign nation, declare war, or without the consent of the Congress, lay any impost or duties on imports or exports.<sup>76</sup> In some areas, however, the state and the Federal Government may exercise concurrent jurisdiction and the Legislature, in these instances, may exercise its lawmaking powers.

Outside of these, and a few other minor restrictions mentioned in the state constitution, the Legislature may enact any laws it deems necessary to promote the general health, welfare, safety or happiness of the people. Where the exercise of legislative prerogatives is questioned on constitutional grounds, it is within the purview of the courts to determine the legitimacy of any enactment. Until the courts have decided a question, there is a presumption of validity that adheres to all legislative acts.

### **Crimes Against the Legislative Power**

It is unlawful in Nevada to interfere with the legislative process. Disruption of proceedings; defacing official documents or records of the Legislature; withholding, altering or destroying property owned or used by the Legislature; remaining in the legislative chambers or building after being asked to leave pursuant to the law or rule of the Legislature; coercing or attempting to coerce any legislative member or employee to perform any official act or to refrain from doing so; and possessing firearms or deadly weapons in the legislative building all constitute unlawful interferences with the legislative process and are punishable as gross misdemeanors.<sup>77</sup> Similarly, it is a gross misdemeanor to refuse to testify or produce documents when summoned to appear before either House or any legislative committee.<sup>78</sup>

It is a crime to alter legislative measures, enrolled bills or resolutions with fraudulent intent. Conviction may result in a fine of not more than \$5,000, imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 1 year nor more than 6 years, or both fine and imprisonment.<sup>79</sup>

It is unlawful for legislators to have a direct or indirect interest in any contract authorized by the Legislature of which they are members. While they cannot be purchasers or be interested in any purchase or sale made by the Legislature, this prohibition is lifted if a legislator is the only source of supply of that item or commodity within the state. Legislators contracting unlawfully with the state or otherwise violating this law are guilty of a gross misdemeanor and must forfeit their offices.<sup>80</sup>

As mentioned earlier under the section entitled "Lobbyists," anyone offering or giving a bribe or threatening a legislator to influence his vote or to absent himself from the House of which he is a member or a committee thereof must, under the law, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.<sup>81</sup> Any legislator asking or receiving a bribe is liable to the same penalty.<sup>82</sup>

In addition to these penalties, either House may imprison nonmembers for disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Such punishment, however, may not extend beyond the final adjournment of the session.<sup>83</sup>

### **Ethics and Conflict of Interest**

The *Nevada Revised Statutes* expands upon what constitutes legislators' and other public officers' breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest in the "Nevada Ethics in Government Law."<sup>84</sup> This law contains a code of ethical standards for a public officer relative to accepting gifts, preferences or advantages; disclosing significant pecuniary interest in matters under consideration; negotiating or executing contracts in which the public officer has a significant pecuniary interest; accepting compensation from private sources for the performance of public duties; using information acquired through public duties to further the pecuniary interests of himself or other persons or business; and suppressing any governmental report which might tend to affect unfavorably his pecuniary interests.<sup>85</sup>

In addition to the general requirements of the code of ethical standards, the Nevada Ethics in Government Law specifies that a member of the legislative branch should not vote upon, but may otherwise participate in, the consideration of a matter with respect to which the independence of judgment of a reasonable person would be materially affected by: (1) acceptance of a gift or loan; (2) pecuniary interest; or (3) commitment in a private capacity to the interest of others.<sup>86</sup>

The Standing Rules of both Houses also address legislators' ethics. A Committee on Ethics is established under Assembly Rule 23 of the 65th session. This rule states, in part, that, "A legislator who determines that he has a conflict of interest may vote upon, advocate or oppose any measure as to which a potential conflict exists if he makes a general disclosure of such conflict." Senate Rule 44 of the 65th session provides that the Senate Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations shall, among other things, hear

complaints and questions regarding alleged breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest.

### **Reporting of Campaign Contributions and Expenses**

Everyone who is a candidate for any state or local office at any election (primary, general, special or recall) must report the total amount of all campaign contributions and expenses on affidavit forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State. Such reports must be filed with the official with whom the candidate's declaration of candidacy was filed. A candidate may mail the report to that official by certified mail and if certified mail is used, the date of mailing is deemed the date of filing.

Under the law, campaign contributions and expense reports for primary and general elections must be filed not later than:

- (a) Fifteen days before the primary election, for the period from the last election for that office up to 20 days before the primary election;
- (b) Fifteen days before the general election, whether or not the candidate won the primary election, for the period from 20 days before the primary election up to 20 days before the general election; and
- (c) Thirty days after the general election for the remaining period up to the general election.<sup>87</sup>

Subsection 6 of NRS 294A.010 requires separate identification of each campaign contribution in excess of \$500 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of \$500. Similar reporting and identification requirements for expenditures in excess of \$500 by every person who advocates the election or defeat of a candidate are found in Subsection 1 of NRS 294A.041.

### **Financial Disclosure**

Every candidate for the Legislature is required to file financial disclosure statements with the Secretary of State for review by the Commission on Ethics. Such statements must be filed no later than the 10th day after the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office and within 6 months before the expiration of the term of office.<sup>88</sup> The Secretary of State is required to retain the statements for 6 years.<sup>89</sup>

Under the law, statements of financial disclosure are required to contain specified information concerning the candidates: length of residence in Nevada and the legislative district, sources of income, real estate holdings valued at \$2,500 or more (except for a personal residence), and specified creditors to whom the candidate, or members of the candidate's household, owe more than \$5,000.<sup>90</sup> A willful failure to file a statement of financial disclosure is a misdemeanor.<sup>91</sup>

## FOOTNOTES

- <sup>1</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 1.
- <sup>2</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 3, Sec. 1.
- <sup>3</sup>William J. Keefe and Morris S. Ogul, *The American Legislative Process: Congress and The States*, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1964, p. 2.
- <sup>4</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 15, Sec. 6.
- <sup>5</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 5.
- <sup>6</sup>*Nevada Revised Statutes* 218.055-218.0795, inclusive. The *Nevada Revised Statutes* are hereinafter cited as NRS.
- <sup>7</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 5.
- <sup>8</sup>*Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533; *Lucas v. 44th General Assembly of Colorado*, 377 U.S. 713; and related cases.
- <sup>9</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 5.
- <sup>10</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4.
- <sup>11</sup>NRS 218.010 and *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 5.
- <sup>12</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 6.
- <sup>13</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 9.
- <sup>14</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 10.
- <sup>15</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 8.
- <sup>16</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 12; NRS 218.040 and NRS 218.043.
- <sup>17</sup>Senate Standing Rule 40, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2341; Assembly Standing Rule 40, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2399.
- <sup>18</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 41, *Statutes of Nevada 1985*, 2315.
- <sup>19</sup>Senate Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1872; Assembly Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.
- <sup>20</sup>Assembly Standing Rules 46 and 47, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1903; Assembly Standing Rule 48, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1904.
- <sup>21</sup>Senate Standing Rule 54, *Statutes of Nevada 1979*, 1977.
- <sup>22</sup>Senate Standing Rule 46, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1651; Senate Standing Rules 47 and 48, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1869; Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1912.
- <sup>23</sup>Joint Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1979*, 1964.
- <sup>24</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2.
- <sup>25</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33.
- <sup>26</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 9.
- <sup>27</sup>*Ibid.*
- <sup>28</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 15.
- <sup>29</sup>Joint Rule 9, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1698.
- <sup>30</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 11.
- <sup>31</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 6.
- <sup>32</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 17; Senate Standing Rule 31, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1650.
- <sup>33</sup>Senate Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2330.
- <sup>34</sup>Senate Standing Rule 2, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2331.

- <sup>35</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 17.
- <sup>36</sup>Senate Standing Rule 2, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2331.
- <sup>37</sup>NRS 218.140; Senate Standing Rule 3, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2331.
- <sup>38</sup>Senate Standing Rule 4, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2331.
- <sup>39</sup>Senate Standing Rule 5, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1866.
- <sup>40</sup>NRS 218.130 and 218.160.
- <sup>41</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1912.
- <sup>42</sup>NRS 223.080.
- <sup>43</sup>Joint Rule 15, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2335.
- <sup>44</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1912.
- <sup>45</sup>NRS 218.170.
- <sup>46</sup>NRS 218.200.
- <sup>47</sup>The Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader of each House are, however, alluded to in NRS 218.221 for the purpose of receiving specified communications expenses.
- <sup>48</sup>Joint Rule 15, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2335.
- <sup>49</sup>NRS 218.900 to 218.944, inclusive.
- <sup>50</sup>NRS 218.544.
- <sup>51</sup>NRS 198.010.
- <sup>52</sup>NRS 218.590 and 218.600.
- <sup>53</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 94, *Statutes of Nevada 1983*, 2152.
- <sup>54</sup>NRS 218.085.
- <sup>55</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33; and NRS 218.210.
- <sup>56</sup>NRS 218.220.
- <sup>57</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33; NRS 218.220 and NRS 218.225.
- <sup>58</sup>NRS 218.221.
- <sup>59</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33.
- <sup>60</sup>NRS 286.113, NRS 218.223, NRS 218.680, NRS 218.682 and NRS 218.6825.
- <sup>61</sup>NRS 218.2371 to 218.2395, inclusive.
- <sup>62</sup>NRS 218.230.
- <sup>63</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 11.
- <sup>64</sup>NRS 218.045.
- <sup>65</sup>NRS 218.044.
- <sup>66</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 20.
- <sup>67</sup>*Ibid.*
- <sup>68</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 21.
- <sup>69</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 24.
- <sup>70</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 25.
- <sup>71</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 36.
- <sup>72</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 1, Secs. 1 through 20.
- <sup>73</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 9, Sec. 3.
- <sup>74</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 9, Sec. 4.
- <sup>75</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 10, Secs. 1 and 2.
- <sup>76</sup>*U.S. Constitution*, Art. 1, Secs. 8 and 10; and various amendments to the Constitution, particularly the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

<sup>77</sup>NRS 218.542 and NRS 218.544.

<sup>78</sup>NRS 218.550.

<sup>79</sup>NRS 218.560 and NRS 218.570.

<sup>80</sup>NRS 218.605.

<sup>81</sup>NRS 218.590.

<sup>82</sup>NRS 218.600.

<sup>83</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 7.

<sup>84</sup>NRS 281.411 to 281.581, inclusive.

<sup>85</sup>NRS 281.481.

<sup>86</sup>NRS 281.501.

<sup>87</sup>NRS 294A.010.

<sup>88</sup>NRS 281.561.

<sup>89</sup>NRS 281.573.

<sup>90</sup>NRS 281.571.

<sup>91</sup>NRS 281.581.





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#### Parliamentary Procedure in the Senate and Assembly

The Senate and the Assembly function in accordance with constitutional and statutory provisions as well as standing rules.

The Senate and Assembly rules stipulate that *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* shall govern in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders and the Joint Rules of the two Houses.<sup>1</sup> Under the Standing Rules of the Assembly, precedence of parliamentary authority is as follows:

1. The *Constitution of the State of Nevada*.
2. The *Statutes of the State of Nevada*.
3. The Standing Rules of the Assembly and the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly.
4. *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*.<sup>2</sup>

The same precedence, while not explicitly stated in its Standing Rules, is followed in the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly serve as parliamentarians for their respective Houses.

#### Time of Meeting

Under the rules of the Senate, the President calls the chamber to order at 11 a.m., each day of sitting, unless the Senate has adjourned to some other hour.<sup>3</sup> The Assembly also meets daily at 11 a.m., unless it has previously adjourned to some other hour.<sup>4</sup>

#### Quorum

The *Nevada Constitution* states that a majority of all members elected to each House constitutes a quorum to transact business. However, a number smaller than this quorum may adjourn from day to day and may compel the attendance of absent members.<sup>5</sup>

**Order of Business**

Each House has an official order of business incorporated into its Standing Rules. In the Senate, the order of business is as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Reading and Approval of the Journal.
5. Report of Standing Committees.
6. Messages from the Governor.
7. Messages from the Assembly.
8. Communications from State Officers.
9. Motions, Resolutions, and Notices.
10. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.
11. Consent Calendar.
12. Second Reading and Amendment of Bills.
13. Business on General File and Third Reading.
14. Unfinished Business.
15. Special Orders of the Day.
16. Remarks from the Floor, Introduction of Guests.<sup>6</sup>

On the Assembly side, the order of business varies slightly:

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading and Approval of Journal.
3. Presentation of Petitions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Select Committees.
6. Communications.
7. Messages from the Senate.
8. Motions, Resolutions, and Notices.
9. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.
10. Consent Calendar.
11. Second Reading and Amendment.
12. General File and Third Reading.
13. Unfinished Business of Preceding Day.
14. Special Orders of the Day.
15. Remarks from the Floor, limited to 10 minutes.<sup>7</sup>

Each item in the official order of business is considered as the House progresses through the day's program of business. From time to time, however, members may request that the presiding officer turn to items of business that are out of the usual order.

## THE LEGISLATURE IN ACTION: A BILL BECOMES A LAW

The steps through which a bill progresses toward enactment are outlined in a chart entitled “Progress of a Bill through the Nevada Legislature,” which is located at the end of this chapter of the manual. The following discussion provides a more detailed description of the process. During the 1989 legislative session, a total of 1,790 bills and resolutions were introduced, and 1,092 were enacted through this process. Two bills were vetoed by the Governor.<sup>8</sup>

### Organizing the Legislature

When the Legislature convenes in January of odd-numbered years, there are no operative rules and, in the Assembly, no presiding officer. The Secretary of State calls the Assembly to order at the beginning of a session and appoints a Temporary Chief Clerk. After roll call, the Secretary of State appoints a Temporary Committee on Legislative Functions, which examines the election certificate of each member of the Assembly and recommends the seating of legislators whose certificates are in order. Once the members of the Assembly have been sworn in by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of State customarily asks for nominations for Speaker. Since the speakership is usually predetermined in caucus, by tradition the procedure is to nominate only one candidate, who is elected unanimously. The Secretary of State then turns the chair over to the new Speaker, who proceeds to conduct elections for Speaker pro Tempore and Chief Clerk in the Assembly. After the Assembly is organized and standing rules are adopted, committees are appointed to inform the Senate and Governor that the Assembly is ready for business.

On the Senate side, the Lieutenant Governor presides over the chamber as President, in accordance with the provisions of the *Nevada Constitution*. The procedures followed, with the exception of the election of a presiding officer (which is dispensed with in the Senate), parallel those of the Assembly. The major difference is that the Senate is not an entirely new body. As near as is possible to one-half of the Senators are elected at each general election, the remainder serving in a holdover capacity.

Shortly after both Houses have organized, they meet in joint session in the Assembly chambers to hear the “State of the State” address of the Governor.<sup>9</sup> In his message to the Legislature, the Governor outlines the major problems confronting the state and proposes legislative solutions for the consideration of the Houses. Under usual circumstances, his speech highlights the most important elements of his party’s legislative program. It constitutes the “action” agenda of the session, for even if the legislative majority party is not of his political persuasion, the Governor’s message will delineate the significant sphere of issues to be resolved.

Long before the Legislature convenes on the 3rd Monday in January of an odd-numbered year,<sup>10</sup> the legislative process is set in motion in subtle and frequently intangible ways. Social problems enter the forum of public debate and, through the exchange of ideas among the citizenry, certain opinions and issues are given the impetus needed to find expression in the legislative arena. Contending positions on public questions are identified, and proposed solutions to problems and conflicts are advocated in the press, among the people, in the academic community, within various interest groups and among concerned governmental agencies and officials. But whatever the source of an idea for resolving a civic issue, that idea must be translated into a concrete legislative proposal for action, a bill or resolution, before it can formally enter the legislative forum for consideration.

In Nevada, only members of the Legislature can introduce bills. Advocates of proposed legislation must secure a legislator-sponsor if they hope to see their ideas enacted into law. Once a sponsor is obtained, a proposal may then be drafted in the form of a bill or a resolution, whichever is appropriate to the matter under consideration. It should be noted that much proposed legislation is initiated by the legislators themselves.

### **Bill Drafting**

Before starting its journey through the Legislature, each piece of proposed legislation must be drafted in suitable form and terminology. Under law, this function for the Nevada Legislature is performed by bill drafters employed by the Legislative Counsel.<sup>11</sup> The Legislative Counsel and his bill drafting staff offer their legal services on a 12-month basis at no charge for all legislators, regardless of political party. The service is confidential, and contents of proposed legislation will not be divulged to anyone without the express consent of the sponsor or sponsors.

After obtaining the facts from a sponsor and determining his policy and objectives, the bill drafter must translate these facts into proper legal terminology, form and style. The bill must be coherent, concise, understandable and free of ambiguity; it must be checked for conformance with the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Nevada Constitution*; court decisions relevant to the legislation must be checked; and the Nevada statutes must be studied to ascertain whether there are conflicts. However, before making anything other than procedural changes in proposed legislation, the Legislative Counsel must obtain the consent of the author of the bill.<sup>12</sup>

The Legislative Counsel, insofar as it is possible, processes legislators' bill drafting requests in the order in which they are received. However, a legislator may designate a different drafting priority for his bills and resolutions. Bill drafting requests from the chairs of committees cannot take precedence over the Legislative Counsel's processing order except where urgency is recognized.<sup>13</sup>

In addition to drafting bills for legislators, the Legislative Counsel also prepares bills for the executive branch when authorized by the Governor or a designated member of his staff. At the written suggestion of any Justice of the Supreme Court or judge of a district court, the Legislative Counsel prepares legislative measures which are transmitted to the Chair of the Judiciary Committee of each House at the next regular session. The Legislative Counsel maintains a record of bill drafting done for the executive and judicial branches of state government and, at a rate set by the Legislative Commission, charges those agencies for this service. After November 1 of the year preceding the next regular session, full priority is given to legislative members' requests for bill drafting, and the Legislative Counsel is not permitted to prepare any proposed legislation during any regular session of the Legislature except upon the written request of either a member of the Legislature or the Governor.<sup>14</sup>

### **Fiscal Notes**

A fiscal note is a document that details the fiscal effect of certain bills, resolutions, and ballot questions and becomes a part of the bill, resolution, or ballot question. The statutory provisions regarding fiscal notes are found in NRS 218.272 through 218.276, inclusive. A bill or joint resolution is required to have a fiscal note if it does not contain an appropriation and meets any of the following criteria: has an adverse fiscal effect of more than \$2,000 on any state agency; has an adverse fiscal effect on any local government; affects premiums for industrial insurance or the state insurance fund; or increases or provides for a term of imprisonment or makes release on parole or probation less likely. Information regarding the necessity of a fiscal note can be found in the bill summary. All ballot questions have fiscal notes.

When a bill or resolution is drafted, the Legislative Counsel consults with the Fiscal Analysis Division to determine the appropriate information. The Fiscal Analysis Division, when appropriate, then informs the party requesting the bill draft that a fiscal note is required and requests written permission to begin preparing the fiscal note. If the requesting party does not give permission, the preparation of the fiscal note is started automatically upon introduction of the bill. Although a bill can be introduced without a fiscal note, the legislative committees may not hear nor act on the measure until the fiscal note is attached.

During the preparation of the fiscal note, the Fiscal Analysis Division releases the contents of a bill on a need-to-know basis only and does not release the name of the party requesting the bill. State agencies have 5 working days from the date of request to prepare the fiscal information, send it to the Department of Administration for review and comments and return it to the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division may grant a 10-day extension if the subject requires extensive research. Fiscal information

prepared by the State Industrial Insurance System is returned directly to the Fiscal Analysis Division and is not subject to administration review. Local government fiscal notes are prepared by the Fiscal Analysis Division after consulting with appropriate local government agencies.

Any legislator may request that a fiscal note be done or redone on any bill while it is before the House of the Legislature to which the legislator belongs or a standing committee of that House. Upon receiving the request, the presiding officer of the full House or the committee may direct the Fiscal Analysis Division to prepare a fiscal note. A fiscal note is required only on the original bill or joint resolution unless an amendment by either House invalidates the original fiscal note and the presiding officer directs the Fiscal Analysis Division to obtain a new fiscal note showing the effect of the amended bill or joint resolution.<sup>15</sup>

### **Introduction and First Reading**

After a bill has been drafted, it is ready for introduction in the Legislature. Under the *Nevada Constitution*, any bill may originate in either House, and all bills passed by one may be amended in the other.<sup>16</sup> This is a significant departure from the practice in the United States Congress where bills raising revenue must originate in the House of Representatives. But in Nevada, as in Congress, bills originating in one House must be sponsored by a member of that House. A Senator cannot introduce a bill in the Assembly, nor can a member of the Assembly introduce a bill in the Senate. An executive agency has no means for introducing a bill except through a legislator.

In the Senate, at least 1 day's notice must be given prior to the introduction of a bill, unless two-thirds of the membership consent to immediate introduction or the bill is introduced by a committee in the discharge of its duty.<sup>17</sup>

The Senate and the Assembly have a joint rule which places a time limit on legislators' requests for the drafting of bills and resolutions. After a regular legislative session has convened, each member of the Assembly is entitled to five and each Senator is entitled to 10 requests for the drafting of a bill or resolution. With the exception of the aforementioned, the rule provides for a cutoff date for bill draft requests after a regular legislative session has convened unless the drafting request is approved by: (1) a two-thirds vote of the members present in the House where it is to be introduced, or (2) a standing committee of that House if the request was approved by two-thirds of all the members of the committee. New introductions are permitted after the first 10 calendar days of a regular legislative session by: (1) a standing committee, (2) a member who had requested the drafting of the bill or joint resolution before the 11th calendar day of the legislative session, or (3) the suspension of the rule by a majority of the members elected to the House where it is to be introduced.<sup>18</sup>



All bills in Nevada, except for those placed on a consent calendar, are required by the constitution to be read by sections in each House on 3 separate days. In an emergency, two-thirds of the House where a bill is pending may order this rule dispensed with on the first and second readings, but the reading of a bill by sections on its final passage cannot be dispensed with.<sup>19</sup> To comply with the constitutional requirements, the Houses do have first, second and third readings on every bill and joint resolution. However, because of the volume of bills processed through the chambers, time considerations have necessitated a liberal interpretation of the meaning of the phrase “to read by sections.” At the time the constitution was framed, printed bills were not available to each legislator for analysis, so that three full readings permitted a greater study and understanding of a bill’s contents and any amendments added to it prior to the vote on final passage. Today, of course, bills are readily available with the latest amendments incorporated into their texts.

The first reading in both Houses is for information only.<sup>20</sup> When the bills are introduced and first read, they are delivered by a legislator or legislative page to the desk of the Chief Clerk or Secretary, as the case may be, who assigns numbers to the bills and gives them first reading by title. In the Assembly, a motion is usually made for referral to committees by the introducer. In the Senate, bills and resolutions are usually referred to committees with jurisdiction over measures affecting specific titles and chapters of NRS as prescribed in its Senate Standing Rule 40 of the 64th session. Although the introducer normally makes a motion to refer a bill to a particular committee, on occasion different committees may be proposed from the floor. In such instances, the whole House votes on the question. The Senate rules stipulate that the question shall be taken in the following order: (1) the Committee of the Whole, and (2) a standing committee.<sup>21</sup> The Assembly rules are silent on this point, but the practice is generally the same. (When a bill, introduced and passed in the first House, is presented to the other House, it is the Majority Leader who refers it to committee.) Shortly thereafter, the duplicate of each bill is sent to photo composition and the triplicate copy is referred to legal counsel.<sup>22</sup> By the following day, printed copies of the bills or resolutions are inserted in the bill books of all members of the Legislature, and the official copies are delivered to the Chief Clerk or Secretary. Immediately thereafter, the official copies are delivered by receipt to the chairs of the committees to which the bills or resolutions were referred.

### **Committee Hearing**

The rules of the Senate require all committees to consider all measures referred to them and report thereon.<sup>23</sup> Committees may also initiate legislation within their sphere of competence. In the Senate, any bill or other matter referred to a committee may be withdrawn from it by a two-thirds vote of the

Senate. The Senate rules require that at least 1 day's notice of a withdrawal motion be given to a committee and specify that no motion for withdrawal is in order on the last 2 days of the session.<sup>24</sup>

At a committee hearing, the proponents and opponents of a measure are given an opportunity to present their cases. Testimony may be taken from lobbyists, academicians, public officials, special interest groups and private citizens. To avoid additional expense and duplication of effort for both witnesses and committee members, joint hearings by committees in both Houses may be held.

In the Assembly, when a measure is referred to two committees, the rules specify that it goes to the first committee named, where it is required to be acted upon. Then, the bill or resolution is required to be passed upon by the second committee named. If the first committee votes to amend the bill or resolution, the rules specify that the measure be reprinted with amendments and sent to the second committee. If one committee reports favorably and the other unfavorably, the measure cannot be reported to the Assembly.<sup>25</sup>

Witnesses summoned to appear before the Senate or Assembly or any of their committees are compensated at the same rate as witnesses required to attend a court of law in Nevada.<sup>26</sup> However, witnesses appearing on their own volition do so at their own expense.

As discussed under the heading "Committees," committees may or may not report bills out to the floor of the Houses for further action, and they may report them out with a variety of recommendations. Minority reports may be submitted where there is disagreement within a committee regarding a proposed course of action. When a committee reports a bill and recommends a certain disposition of it, the bill is then placed on the second reading file for the next legislative day.

### **Notice of Bills, Topics and Public Hearings**

Both Senate and Assembly rules require notice be provided on bills, resolutions and public hearings. The Senate rules require "adequate notice." The Assembly rules require a 5-day notice for committee hearings on "bills, resolutions or topics of high public importance." All other Assembly committee meetings have a 24-hour notice requirement. The standing rules of both the Senate and the Assembly require that notices must include the date, time, place and agenda to be covered and must be: (1) posted conspicuously in the legislative building, (2) published in the daily history, and (3) made available to the press.<sup>27</sup> Both Houses permit suspension of this requirement for an emergency by two-thirds affirmative vote of the committee members appointed.

### Consent Calendar

As a means of processing bills of a noncontroversial nature in a more efficient and less time-consuming manner, both the Rules of the Senate and Assembly, as well as the *Constitution of the State of Nevada*, provide for the use of consent calendars by both Houses of the Nevada Legislature. Bills on a consent calendar are considered for final passage and do not require second or third readings.

The Assembly Standing Rules specify that a standing committee, on or before the 80th calendar day of a regular session, may report a bill out with the recommendation that it be placed on a consent calendar. Such rules require that only a bill which has: (1) been recommended for passage, (2) no amendments recommended for it, and (3) received a unanimous vote by the standing committee to be placed on the consent calendar, may be placed on the consent calendar. The Chief Clerk of the Assembly is required to maintain a list of bills recommended for the consent calendar and this list, including a summary of each bill and various other information pertaining to the bills on the consent calendar, is required to be printed in the daily history. Both the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly are required to cause bills recommended for placement on the consent calendar to be engrossed. The Assembly considers its consent calendars on Monday and Thursday. The Senate does not set aside certain days to consider its consent calendars.

The standing rules of both the Senate and the Assembly require that a bill on a consent calendar must be transferred to the second reading file if any member objects to the bill's inclusion on the consent calendar or requests such bill's removal from the consent calendar.<sup>28</sup>

### Second Reading

Committees cannot amend bills; they can only suggest amendments for adoption by their respective Houses. In fact, the rules of both chambers state that "no bill shall be \* \* \* amended until twice read."<sup>29</sup> Assembly rules require bills reported from committee to be held over to the next legislative day unless a different day is designated by motion.<sup>30</sup> If the committee recommends amendment, or individual legislators propose amendments, copies of the amendments must be placed on the members' desks prior to actual adoption or rejection of the amendments proposed. Although the Senate rules are silent on this point, the practice is generally the same.

On second reading, the Chief Clerk or Secretary usually reads the history of the bill, its title, the various sections by number only and the amendments by number only. Assembly rules require, however, that amendments be read in full if a member so moves.<sup>31</sup> Committee amendments or amendments from individual legislators are then adopted or rejected by simple majority vote of the members present and voting. Voting on amendments is normally by voice

vote, although other methods, including roll calls, may be employed on demand of three members present or in order to determine the prevailing side.<sup>32</sup> If a bill is amended on second reading, the presiding officer orders the bill reprinted, engrossed and placed on the general file for third reading and final action.

If a bill is not amended, it is ordered engrossed and to third reading for the next legislative day. The rules of both Houses require that bills or joint resolutions originating in the House in which they are being considered be proofread (engrossed) before being placed on the general file for third reading.<sup>33</sup>

### **General File and Third Reading**

At the end of each day's session, the bills or joint resolutions placed on the general file for third reading and final passage are posted on the boards in the Houses and, along with the second reading file and committee notices, the general file is printed in the daily history. When the order of business "general file and third reading" is reached on the following day, the bills are considered in their proper order, unless a motion is made and approved to move certain bills to a different position on the general file. The Chief Clerk or Secretary reads the bill by title, enacting clause, and each section.<sup>34</sup> If new amendments are proposed and adopted, the process stops immediately, and the bill is sent back for reprinting and goes through the aforementioned reprinting and engrossment process once more. If there are no amendments, the merits of the bill are discussed and then the roll is called.

In debate, a legislator rises and addresses the chair ("Mr. Speaker," "Madam President"). The legislator is expected to observe decorum at all times, to speak only on the subject under consideration and to avoid all references to personalities.<sup>35</sup> The presiding officer must recognize a speaker before he is entitled to the floor, and, when two or more legislators rise at the same time, it is the prerogative of the presiding officer to name the one to speak first. However, in doing so, it is customary to give preference to the mover or introducer of the subject under consideration.<sup>36</sup>

In debate, a legislator may not speak more than twice (except for explanation) during the consideration of any one question on the same day, nor a second time without leave of the body when others who have not spoken desire the floor. Incidental or subsidiary questions are not considered the same question.<sup>37</sup> In closing debate, the author of the bill, resolution or main question customarily has the privilege of speaking last, unless the previous question has been sustained.

In order for a bill or joint resolution to pass, the constitution requires that a majority of the members elected vote for the measure. All votes on final passage are by roll call and are recorded in the journal of the chamber taking the action.<sup>38</sup> If the bill passes, it is transmitted to the other House after

adjournment for the day. It cannot be transmitted immediately because the standing rules provide that notice of reconsideration may be given on the day in which the bill is passed.<sup>39</sup>

Notice of reconsideration must be made by a legislator voting on the prevailing side on the same day on which the final vote was taken. Reconsideration itself may not take place on the day on which the final vote was taken, except by unanimous consent, since normally 1 day's notice of a member's desire to reconsider a bill must be given. A motion to indefinitely postpone may not be reconsidered. Motions to reconsider a vote upon amendments may be made immediately after the vote.<sup>40</sup>

After a bill has passed on third reading and been transmitted to the other House, the House of origin has relinquished control over the measure. To take further action on it, the House of origin must either petition the other chamber, through a concurrent resolution, to return the bill or wait until it has finally passed in the other House and is returned for final disposition.

### **In the Other House and Conference Committees**

Each bill must go through the entire process all over again when it is transmitted to the other House. If a bill is passed by the other House without amendment, it is sent back to the originating House for final enrollment and delivery to the Governor. If the other House amends the bill, then it is necessary for the originating House to concur or not to concur with the amendments. If the originating House concurs in the amendments, the bill is ready for enrollment. If it does not concur and the other House does not recede, the bill must go to a conference committee, composed of an equal number of members from the Senate and the Assembly, for settlement of its final form. (See the section entitled "Committees" ["Select Committees and Committees of Conference"] in Chapter II of this manual for a discussion of the composition and duties of conference committees.)

### **Enrollment**

After the bill has passed both Houses in identical form, it is transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly (depending upon the House in which the bill originated) to the Legislative Counsel to be enrolled.<sup>41</sup> The Legislative Counsel then prepares the passed bill for the final printing (enrollment). The Superintendent of the State Printing and Micrographics Division is required to print one enrolled copy of the bill on bond paper. It is inserted in a white cover which contains blanks for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the Assembly, the President and Secretary of the Senate, the Governor and Secretary of State. After final printing, the bill is returned to the Legislative Counsel who compares the enrolled copy with the engrossed copy. If the enrolled bill is found to be correct, the Legislative Counsel presents the measure to the proper legislative officials for

their signatures.<sup>42</sup> The bill is then delivered by the Legislative Counsel, or his designee, to the Governor for his consideration.<sup>43</sup> At the same time, the official copy of the bill is delivered to the Secretary of State for permanent filing.<sup>44</sup>

### **Gubernatorial Action**

The Governor has the choice of signing bills, vetoing bills or allowing them to become law without signature. If a bill is delivered to him while the Legislature is in session, he has 5 days (Sundays excepted) to make his decision. If it is delivered to him after the Legislature has adjourned *sine die*, he has 10 days to make his decision. If the Governor vetoes a bill during the session, the measure is returned to the House of origin for further action and the veto may be either sustained or overridden by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each House. If the Governor vetoes a bill within 10 days after adjournment (Sundays excepted), he must file the bill, together with his objections to it, in the office of the Secretary of State. When the next session of the Legislature convenes, the Secretary of State must present the vetoed bill to the House of origin for final disposition. If a two-thirds majority of the elected members of each branch of the Legislature vote to override any gubernatorial veto on a recorded roll call vote, the measure becomes law despite the veto. If the Governor does not sign or veto a bill in the allotted time, it becomes law without his signature.<sup>45</sup>

### **Effective Date of the Bill**

If no specific date is included in a bill to indicate when it will become effective (examples — “This act shall become effective upon passage and approval” or “This act shall become effective May 1, 1991”), it automatically becomes effective on October 1 of the year in which the bill is passed (October 1, 1991, for this session of the Legislature).<sup>46</sup>

### **Adoption or Passage of Resolutions**

The constitution requires that bills and joint resolutions be processed and passed in an identical manner,<sup>47</sup> except that joint resolutions amending the constitution are not delivered to the Governor for his signature, but are delivered to the Secretary of State for safekeeping and then returned to the next chosen Legislature for reconsideration.<sup>48</sup> If the next Legislature approves the proposed constitutional amendment, it then must be submitted to the people, “in such manner and at such time as the legislature may prescribe,” for a vote.<sup>49</sup> The law currently requires that this be at the next general election.<sup>50</sup>

Concurrent resolutions must be adopted by both Houses; they may be adopted by a voice vote, and only a majority of the members present are

necessary for the adoption. Concurrent resolutions are not signed by the Governor and are delivered to the Secretary of State for filing.

Simple Senate or Assembly one-house resolutions are adopted by a voice vote, by a simple majority of the members present, and are enrolled and delivered to the Secretary of State. A count of the ayes and nays is required to be taken for both concurrent and one-house resolutions if such is requested by three members present.<sup>51</sup>

### **Petitions and Memorials**

From time to time, the Legislature is presented with petitions from various groups and individuals, as well as memorials from other legislatures. While the essence of these documents may vary from requests to take certain action to expressions of gratitude for courtesies extended, their contents are always made known to the chambers through a statement by the presiding officer or the legislator presenting the material. The petitions or memorials then lie on the table or are referred to committee as deemed appropriate by the chair or the chamber.<sup>52</sup>

The right to petition the government for redress of grievances is a time-honored tradition of our system of government. It is one means by which citizens can voice their opinions on the course of public affairs and, on occasion, have a direct impact on the legislative process.

## **DISTINCTION AMONG TYPES OF LEGISLATION**

Several types of bills and resolutions may be acted upon by the Nevada Legislature. Examples of these types of measures are presented at the end of this chapter.

### **Bill**

A bill is a draft of a proposed statute, which, to become law, must be passed by both Houses of the Legislature on roll call vote and be approved by the Governor.

### **Skeleton Bill**

The introduction of a skeleton bill is permitted by Senate and Assembly rules after the beginning of a session when, in the opinion of the sponsor and the Legislative Counsel, the full drafting of the bill would entail extensive research or be of considerable length. Such a bill is a presentation of ideas or statements of purpose, sufficient in style and expression to enable the Legislature and the committee to which the bill may be referred to consider the substantive merits of the legislation proposed. The committee, if it treats the skeleton bill favorably, must then request the drafting of a completed bill in

such detail as would afford the committee the opportunity of considering the legislative ideas proposed in context with all their necessary ramifications.<sup>53</sup>

### One-House Resolution

A one-house resolution may be adopted by either House to express an opinion, appoint a committee, express regret on the death of a former member of the Legislature or other person, recognize a meritorious service, commemorate a special day or occasion or appoint attachés, and to provide postage and stationery money for the members. Except when three members request a roll call vote, a one-house resolution is acted upon by voice vote.

### Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution must be adopted by both Houses to amend the joint rules, express facts, principles, opinions, and purposes of the Senate and Assembly, establish joint committees of the two Houses, direct the Legislative Commission to conduct interim studies, to request the return of a bill from the other House, and to request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill. It may also be used to memorialize a former member of the Legislature or other distinguished person upon death or to congratulate or commend any person or organization for a significant and meritorious accomplishment. However, any request for drafting the resolution must be approved by the Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions or the Senate Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations before submission to the Legislative Counsel.<sup>54</sup> A concurrent resolution is acted upon by voice vote unless three members request a roll call vote.

### Joint Resolution

A joint resolution is passed by both Houses in the same manner as a bill. It, too, must be signed by the Governor *unless* it is a measure amending the *Constitution of the State of Nevada*. Joint resolutions are used for the purpose of requesting the Congress of the United States, the President, a federal agency, or members of the Nevada congressional delegation to perform some act believed to be for the best interests of the state or Nation. The joint resolution is employed as indicated above to amend the *Constitution of the State of Nevada*, and also to ratify an amendment to the *Constitution of the United States*.<sup>55</sup>

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>Senate Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1872; Assembly Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 100, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1891.

<sup>3</sup>Senate Standing Rule 10, *Statutes of Nevada 1983*, 2104.



- <sup>4</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 10, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1857.
- <sup>5</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 13.
- <sup>6</sup>Senate Standing Rule 120, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*, 2208-2209.
- <sup>7</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 120, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*, 2206.
- <sup>8</sup>“Legislative Box Score, 1989 Session of Nevada Legislature,” *Senate History and Assembly History, Final Volumes*, Nevada Legislature at Carson City, Sixty-Fifth Session, 1989.
- <sup>9</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 10.
- <sup>10</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2.
- <sup>11</sup>NRS 218.240.
- <sup>12</sup>NRS 218.250.
- <sup>13</sup>NRS 218.242.
- <sup>14</sup>NRS 218.245, 218.247 and 218.248.
- <sup>15</sup>NRS 218.272 to 215.2758, inclusive.
- <sup>16</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 16.
- <sup>17</sup>Senate Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874.
- <sup>18</sup>Joint Rule 14, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*, 2202, 2361.
- <sup>19</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.
- <sup>20</sup>Senate Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874; Assembly Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1894.
- <sup>21</sup>Senate Standing Rule 49, *Statutes of Nevada 1983*, 2105.
- <sup>22</sup>NRS 218.280.
- <sup>23</sup>Senate Standing Rule 43, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1868.
- <sup>24</sup>Senate Standing Rule 50, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1869.
- <sup>25</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 52, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*, 2205.
- <sup>26</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 140, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1897; Senate Standing Rule 140, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1877.
- <sup>27</sup>Senate Standing Rule 92, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1677; Assembly Standing Rule 92, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1915.
- <sup>28</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18; Senate Standing Rule 110, *Statutes of Nevada 1979*, 1979; Assembly Standing Rule 111, *Statutes of Nevada 1987*, 2328.
- <sup>29</sup>Senate Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874; Assembly Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1894.
- <sup>30</sup>Assembly Standing Rule 110, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1915.
- <sup>31</sup>*Ibid.*
- <sup>32</sup>Senate Standing Rule 32, *Statutes of Nevada 1979*, 1926; Assembly Standing Rule 30, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1879.
- <sup>33</sup>Senate Standing Rule 113, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1652; Assembly Standing Rule 110, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1915.
- <sup>34</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.
- <sup>35</sup>Senate Standing Rule 80, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1871; *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 120 to 127.
- <sup>36</sup>Senate Standing Rule 124, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1877; *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 91.

<sup>37</sup>Senate Standing Rule 80, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1871; Assembly Standing Rule 80, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.

<sup>38</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.

<sup>39</sup>Senate Standing Rule 115, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1876; Assembly Standing Rule 115, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1895.

<sup>40</sup>*Ibid*; Senate Standing Rule 68, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1871; Assembly Standing Rule 68, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.

<sup>41</sup>NRS 218.340.

<sup>42</sup>NRS 218.350; Joint Rule 4, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1656.

<sup>43</sup>NRS 218.380.

<sup>44</sup>NRS 218.370.

<sup>45</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 35.

<sup>46</sup>NRS 218.530.

<sup>47</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.

<sup>48</sup>NRS 218.390.

<sup>49</sup>*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 16, Sec. 1.

<sup>50</sup>NRS 218.390.

<sup>51</sup>Senate Standing Rule 30, *Statutes of Nevada 1979*, 1925; Assembly Standing Rule 30, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1879.

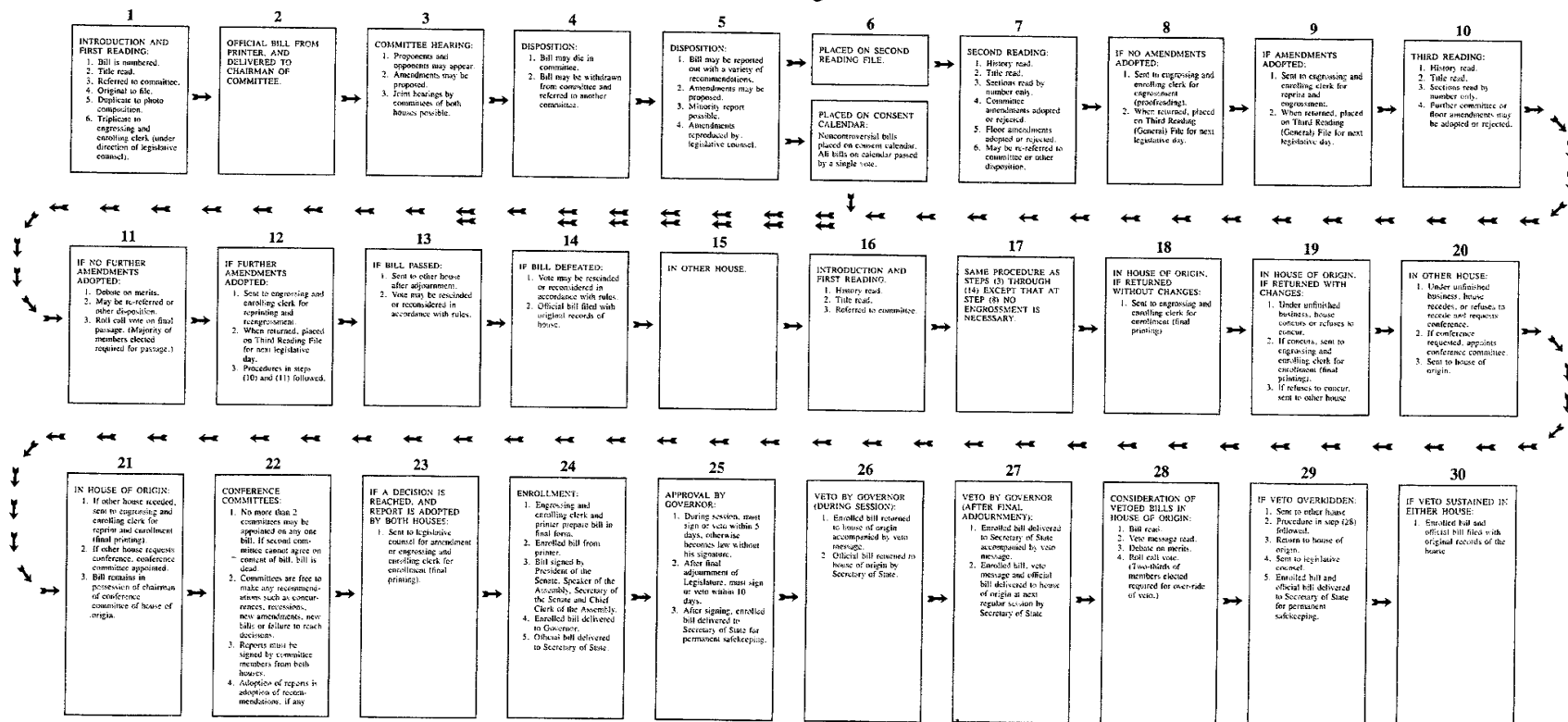
<sup>52</sup>Senate Standing Rule 97, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1873; Assembly Standing Rule 97, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1891.

<sup>53</sup>Senate Standing Rule 106, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874; Assembly Standing Rule 106, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1893.

<sup>54</sup>Joint Rule 7, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*, 2201.

<sup>55</sup>*Ibid*; *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18; NRS 218.380 and NRS 218.390.

## Progress of a Bill Through the Nevada Legislature



### NOTES:

(1) **Emergency Measures.** Under the Constitution, bills must be read 3 times on 3 separate days, unless they are declared emergency measures with a 2/3 vote of the members present. This may occur at any time between steps (11) and (16), and enables the houses to pass bills in one day if necessary.

(2) **Joint Resolutions.** Under the Constitution, joint resolutions must be processed in the same manner as bills. However, joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution

(3) **Concurrent and One-house Resolutions.** There are no requirements that these be read on 3 separate days, but that roll call votes be taken, and that they be approved by the Governor. They are printed, enrolled, and signed by the proper officers of the houses; they are deposited directly with the Secretary of State, and they are included in the bound volumes of the session laws.



*THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL*

6/14/89

**S.B. 438**

## SENATE BILL NO. 438—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MAY 16, 1989

## Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Prohibits use of materials containing certain amount of lead in public water system. (BDR 40-2619)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to water; prohibiting the use in the public water system of solder, flux or pipes containing certain amounts of lead; 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.** NRS 444.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     444.350 1. Any construction, alteration or change in the use of a build-  
3     ing or other structure in this state must be in compliance with the Uniform  
4     Plumbing Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical  
5     Officials in the form most recently adopted by that association before January  
6     1, [1985.] 1989.  
7     2. Any city or county may adopt such modifications as are deemed reason-  
8     ably necessary because of its geographic, topographic or climatic conditions.  
9     Any city or county desiring to make changes to the Uniform Plumbing Code  
10    must, before its adoption, submit the code with the proposed amendments to  
11    the state public works board.  
12    3. *No city or county may allow the use of any solder or flux that contains*  
13    *more than 0.2 percent lead or allow the use of any pipe or pipe fitting that*  
14    *contains more than 8 percent lead in the installation or repair of a public*  
15    *water system or any residence or facility connected to a public water system.*  
16    *As used in this subsection, "public water system" has the meaning ascribed*  
17    *to it in NRS 445.376.*

*THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY BILL*

7/21/89

**A.B. 955**

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 955—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

JUNE 21, 1989

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Extends to all counties authority to select jurors from computerized list.  
(BDR 1-1879)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to juries; extending to the district court in each county the authority to designate a jury commissioner empowered to select jurors from a computerized list; 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.** NRS 6.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2     6.045   1. The district court [in and for any county with a population of
- 3     100,000 or more,] may by rule of court designate the clerk of the court, one
- 4     of his deputies or another person as a jury commissioner, and may assign to
- 5     the jury commissioner such administrative duties in connection with trial
- 6     juries and jurors as the court finds desirable for efficient administration.
- 7     2. If a jury commissioner is so selected, he shall from time to time
- 8     estimate the number of trial jurors which will be required for attendance on
- 9     the district court and shall select that number from the qualified electors of the
- 10    county not exempt by law from jury duty, whether registered as voters or not.
- 11    The jurors may be selected by computer whenever procedures to assure
- 12    random selection from computerized lists are established by the jury commis-
- 13    sioner. He shall keep a record of the name, occupation and address of each
- 14    person selected.

*THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE RESOLUTION***S.R. 7**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—SENATORS RAGGIO, JACOBSEN, BEYER, COFFIN, GETTO, HICKEY, HORN, JOERG, MALONE, MELLO, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, RAWSON, RHOADS, SHAFFER, SMITH, TITUS, TOWNSEND, VERGIELS AND WAGNER

MARCH 22, 1989

Read and adopted

SUMMARY—Creates Senate Hall of Fame and inducts Senator James I. Gibson as first member.  
(BDR R-2780)

EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

SENATE RESOLUTION—Creating a Senate Hall of Fame and inducting Senator James I. Gibson as the first member.

- 1     WHEREAS, Certain past state Senators have distinguished themselves with  
2     their exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada and in their business and  
3     private lives; and  
4     WHEREAS, It has been recognized that life-long public service is one of the  
5     more noble callings; and  
6     WHEREAS, Certain persons with ability, virtue and dedication have served  
7     as state Senators and distinguished themselves in guiding the Senate in its  
8     deliberations and in its judgments through the years; and  
9     WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada wishes to  
10    recognize the contributions of those past Senators who have ably and unself-  
11    ishly served in the Senate and whose performances have been exceptional in  
12    nature; now, therefore, be it  
13    RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That there is hereby  
14    established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members shall be selected by  
15    leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction; and be  
16    it further  
17    RESOLVED, That Senator James I. Gibson, who exemplified the highest and  
18    best standards of elected office and who led this body by his example, is  
19    hereby inducted as the first member of the Senate Hall of Fame of the  
20    Legislature of the State of Nevada.

*THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION***A.R. 21**

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 21—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

JUNE 27, 1989

Read and adopted

SUMMARY—Designates certain assemblymen as regular and alternate members of legislative commission. (BDR R-2987)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Designating certain assemblymen as regular and alternate members of the legislative commission.

- 1     RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That pursuant to
- 2     the provisions of NRS 218.660 and the joint rules of the legislature, the
- 3     following assemblymen are designated regular and alternate members of the
- 4     legislative commission to serve until their successors are designated: Messrs.
- 5     Joseph E. Dini, Jr., John E. Jeffrey, Robert M. Sader, Danny L. Thompson,
- 6     Louis W. Bergevin and James W. McGaughey are designated as the regular
- 7     assembly members; Mr. Ernest E. Adler and Mr. Gary A. Sheerin are
- 8     designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Mr.
- 9     Joseph E. Dini, Jr.; Mr. Morse Arberry, Jr. and Mrs. Jane A. Wisdom are
- 10    designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Mr.
- 11    John E. Jeffrey; Mr. Leonard V. Nevin and Mrs. Vivian L. Freeman are
- 12    designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Mr.
- 13    Robert M. Sader; Mrs. Eileen B. Brookman and Mr. Gene T. Porter are
- 14    designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Mr.
- 15    Danny L. Thompson; Mrs. Joan A. Lambert and Mr. Bruce R. Bogaert are
- 16    designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Mr.
- 17    Louis W. Bergevin; and Mrs. Gaylyn J. Spriggs and Mr. Joseph M. McGinnis
- 18    are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively,
- 19    for Mr. James W. McGaughey.



*THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION***S.C.R. 6**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6--SENATORS HORN, BEYER, GETTO, NEAL, HICKEY, O'DONNELL, RAGGIO, COFFIN, VERGIELS, RAWSON, SHAFFER, SMITH, TITUS, MELLO, MALONE, JOERG AND JACOBSEN

JANUARY 18, 1989

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY--Directs state public works board and state fire marshal to use certain standards when dealing with historic resources. (BDR R-208)



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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION--Directing the state public works board and the state fire marshal to use certain standards when dealing with historic resources.

- 1 WHEREAS, The preservation of Nevada's historic resources is of utmost
- 2 concern to residents of Nevada; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Care must be taken not to destroy or damage needlessly
- 4 Nevada's treasures from the past through carelessness or lack of knowledge;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, To ensure preservation of Nevada's historic resources for
- 7 future generations, all available precautions must be taken; now, therefore,
- 8 be it
- 9 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CON-
- 10 CURRING, That the state public works board and the state fire marshal division
- 11 in the department of commerce are hereby directed to use the Uniform Code
- 12 for Building Conservation and the United States Secretary of the Interior's
- 13 Standards for Historic Preservation when dealing with the state's historic
- 14 resources; and be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
- 16 forthwith by the Secretary of the Senate to the state public works board and
- 17 the state fire marshal.

*THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION***A.C.R. 17**

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17--ASSEMBLYMEN ARBERRY,  
BROOKMAN AND PRICE

JANUARY 31, 1989

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY--Urges local governments to revise zoning ordinances and building codes to encourage construction of more affordable housing. (BDR R-192)



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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION--Urging local governments to revise their zoning ordinances and building codes to encourage the construction of more affordable housing.

- 1 WHEREAS, Federal assistance for the provision of affordable housing has
- 2 been drastically reduced since 1980; and
- 3 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that the State of Nevada has 90,000 to
- 4 100,000 families of low income who are currently in need of affordable
- 5 housing; and
- 6 WHEREAS, It is the policy of this state to promote the health and welfare of
- 7 its residents by improving their access to affordable housing; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The construction of more affordable housing could be
- 9 encouraged through the revision of local zoning ordinances and building
- 10 codes; now, therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CON-
- 12 GURING, That the legislature urges local governments of the State of Nevada
- 13 to revise their zoning ordinances and building codes to encourage the con-
- 14 struction of more affordable housing for the residents of this state; and be it
- 15 further
- 16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
- 17 forthwith by the Chief Clerk of the Assembly to all local governments of the
- 18 State of Nevada.

## THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2--RAGGIO, RAWSON, MELLO,  
JACOBSEN, NEAL AND GETTO

JANUARY 17, 1989

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and OperationsSUMMARY--Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to delay starting date and limit length of  
regular legislative session. (BDR C-356)FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION--Proposing to amend the Nevada constitution to delay the  
starting date and limit the length of regular legislative sessions.

1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
2 JOINTLY, That a new section be added to article 4, and section 2 of article 4 of  
3 the constitution of the State of Nevada be amended to read respectively as  
4 follows:

5 *Sec. 29A. The Legislature shall adjourn sine die each regular session not*  
6 *later than midnight in the pacific time zone 100 calendar days following its*  
7 *commencement. Any legislative action taken after midnight in the pacific time*  
8 *zone on the 100th calendar day is void, unless the legislative action is*  
9 *conducted during a special session convened by the Governor.*

10 Sec. 2. The sessions of the Legislature shall be biennial, and shall com-  
11 mence on the [3rd] 1st Monday of [January] March next ensuing the election  
12 of members of the Assembly, unless the Governor of the State shall, in the  
13 interim, convene the Legislature by proclamation.

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*THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION*

**A.J.R. 8**

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 8--ASSEMBLYMAN BROOKMAN

JANUARY 25, 1989

Referred to Committee on Elections

SUMMARY--Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to provide for removal from office of elected public officer who changes affiliation with political party during term of office. (BDR C-487)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



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

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION--Proposing to amend article 7 of the Nevada Constitution to provide for the removal of an elected public officer who changes his affiliation with a political party during his term of office.

- 1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
- 2 JOINTLY, That article 7 of the constitution of the State of Nevada be amended
- 3 by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 4 *Sec. 5. The legislature shall provide by law for the removal from office of*
- 5 *any elected public officer who, during his term of office, changes the designa-*
- 6 *tion of his affiliation with a political party on an affidavit of registration as a*
- 7 *voter.*

## THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FISCAL NOTE

## FISCAL NOTE

BDR 40-603  
 A.B. 146  
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## \* STATE AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared February 6, 1989Agency Submitting Division of Health, Dept of Human Resources

Items of Revenue or Expense or both	Fiscal Year 1988-89	Fiscal Year 1989-90	Fiscal Year 1990-91	Continuing
Salaries		1,682	1,766	+5% Each year
Operating		39,974	41,973	+5% Each year
Total		\$41,656	\$43,739	+5% Each year

**Explanation (Use Additional Sheets or Attachments, if required)**

Section 1, para 3, requires state health laboratory to provide tests free of charge to the public. The cost to the state could range from a low of approximately \$14,500 per year to a high of \$130,000. The cost is dependent on the number of women using the free service. The projected cost is based on assumption 30 percent of those women seen during the second trimester would have tests sent to the state laboratory to be processed at no charge.

Attachment provides summary of cost determination.

Effect on Local Government Yes ☒ No ☐

Signature [Signature]  
 Title Adm.

## \* DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date 2/18/89

The agency's estimate for operating is based on an assumption that 4,834 tests would be completed in FY 1989-90 by the State Health Laboratory and 5,075 in FY 1990-91 at approximately \$8.27 per test. Salary costs identified by the agency may or may not occur, depending on whether overtime is required to complete the tests.

Signature [Signature]  
 Title Director

\* FISCAL EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(Legislative Counsel Bureau Use Only)Date February 21, 1989

The bill newly imposes a sentence and/or reduces the possibility of probation or parole. Therefore, local governments will incur the costs of enforcement and prosecution and, upon conviction, the costs of incarceration, probation or parole.

Signature [Signature]  
 Title Deputy Fiscal Analyst



**CHAPTER IV**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU**  
**AND**  
**LEGISLATIVE BUILDING**





## CHAPTER IV

# LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

Writing in 1968 in *The American Legislative Process: Congress and the States*, William J. Keefe stated, “The most significant contribution to legislative renewal in this century is found in the creation and development of service agencies to provide legislators with information and assistance.”<sup>1</sup> This statement, although it minimizes the impact of reapportionment, the professionalization of legislatures and the general resurgence of state government in the federal system, is still a convincing assessment.

The legislative service agency as we know it today came into being in order to free legislators from their almost total dependence upon lobbyists representing those who could afford to pay them, and from the executive branch of state government. With service agencies, a legislator is not dependent upon a lobbyist or a governor to draft a bill for him, to provide him with research data or to keep him informed about his state and other states with similar problems. The more developed and expert the service agency staff, the less the dependence upon sources of support which, by definition, are biased.

Many states, including Nevada, use the basic legislative council pattern providing for a body composed of legislators from each house and from each party empowered to function during the interim between sessions, either annual or biennial. Powers and responsibilities vary among the states, but basically councils carry out functions assigned by the full legislatures. These functions range from simple administrative duties to extensive powers of legislative oversight, policy research and emergency appropriations.

The Nevada Legislature in March of 1945 recognized a need for more information and assistance in order to deal with increasingly complex tasks. This situation was clearly pointed out in the preamble to the bill creating the Legislative Counsel Bureau:

At each biennial session of the legislature, that body is confronted by requests for legislation expanding and changing the functions of and increasing the appropriations of numerous offices, departments, institutions, and agencies of the state government; and...not withstanding the information provided by the messages and budgets of the governor and

the reports of public officers, it is impossible for the legislature or its committees to secure sufficient information to act advisedly on such requests in the time limited for its sessions.<sup>2</sup>

The 1945 law establishing the bureau charged it with assisting the Legislature in finding facts concerning government, proposed legislation and various other public matters.<sup>3</sup>

During the next several years, the duties of the bureau and its staff were modified and expanded. However, the next major change in the bureau came 18 years later.

In 1963, the Nevada Legislature undertook a major overhaul of the Legislative Counsel Bureau which gave it a structure and responsibilities very similar to those it has today.<sup>4</sup> One part of this change was the incorporation of the Statute Revision Commission into the Legislative Counsel Bureau as the Legal Division of the bureau. The Statute Revision Commission was originally created under the Supreme Court in 1951 and became involved in bill drafting as an adjunct to its statute revision work. Another change was the separation of the bureau staff into divisions. In addition to the Legal Division, already noted, a Fiscal and Audit Division and a Research Division were established.

Today, the Legislative Counsel Bureau consists of the Legislative Commission, an Interim Finance Committee, a Director, an Audit Division, a Fiscal Analysis Division, a Legal Division, a Research Division and an Administrative Division.<sup>5</sup> The following sections of the manual describe the activities of these units of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

### **Legislative Commission**

The Legislative Commission consists of 12 legislators who exercise general policymaking and supervising authority over the operations of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. At every regular session of the Legislature, the Senate and the Assembly each designate six members and six alternates to serve on the commission. The Legislature is required to determine, by joint rule at each regular session in odd-numbered years, (1) the method of determining the majority and minority party regular and alternate membership on the commission, (2) the method of filling vacancies on the commission, (3) the terms of office of the commission members, (4) the method of selecting the chairman, and (5) the term of office of the chairman.<sup>6</sup> These provisions are currently enumerated in Joint Rule 11.

Members of the Legislative Commission serve until their successors are appointed, even though their legislative terms may have expired. However, retiring legislators, or those who have been defeated for reelection, serve only until the day after the general election. The resulting vacancies are filled in the same manner as vacancies arising from other causes.<sup>7</sup>

For each day's attendance at a meeting of the Legislative Commission or while engaged in official Legislative Counsel Bureau business, commission members receive a salary of \$130 plus the standard per diem and travel allowances. An alternate who attends a meeting of the commission, but does not replace a regular member, is entitled to travel expenses, but not salary.<sup>8</sup>

The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau acts as the nonvoting Recording Secretary of the Legislative Commission, which meets periodically, as the accumulation of business requires, on call of the Chairman or by decision of a majority of the commission. Seven members of the commission constitute a quorum.<sup>9</sup>

The Legislative Commission is designated by law as Nevada's Commission on Interstate Cooperation. In this capacity, the commission is charged with the responsibility of working with The Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures in the exchange of ideas and information with other states, so that the Legislature may have the benefit of the latest thinking on matters falling within its purview. Nevada is a member of The Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures, and its annual dues for membership in these organizations are paid by the commission out of the legislative fund.<sup>10</sup>

The commission, which is designed to assist the Legislature in maintaining its independent and coordinate status with the executive and judicial branches of the state government, may investigate and inquire into any area within the competence of the Legislature. Normally, the investigative responsibilities of the commission are delegated to subcommittees of the commission which are assisted by the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. When it holds hearings, the commission is required to receive recommendations and suggestions for legislation or investigation from state and local governments, officers and legislators, and may receive recommendations and suggestions from specified private groups or any citizens desiring to report to it.<sup>11</sup> It also has the subpoena power and may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents necessary to the discharge of its duties.<sup>12</sup>

The commission appoints the Nevada representatives to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws<sup>13</sup> and other interstate bodies, formulates proposals for interstate compacts and agreements and, in general, facilitates Nevada's contacts with the other states, the Federal Government and with local units of government.<sup>14</sup>

Between sessions of the Legislature, the Legislative Commission fixes the work priority of all studies and investigations assigned to it by concurrent resolutions of the Legislature. Normally, such studies are carried out by subcommittees of the commission or counsel bureau staff under the direction and supervision of the commission. The commission may, between sessions, authorize the initiation of additional studies or investigations not specifically requested by the Legislature at the preceding session.<sup>15</sup>

### Interim Finance Committee

In 1969, the Legislature created the Interim Finance Committee to function within the Legislative Counsel Bureau between sessions and administer a contingency fund. This fund was set up to provide provisional funds for state agencies when the Legislature is not in session. To obtain funds, agencies must submit their requests to the State Board of Examiners for review and recommendation. If the board finds sufficient justification for the requests submitted to it, it must make a recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee by transmitting it to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, who is required to notify the Chairman of the Interim Finance Committee of it. Upon receiving the recommendation, the Chairman of the committee must call a meeting to act upon the agency requests. The Interim Finance Committee is not bound to follow the recommendation of the State Board of Examiners. The committee, by resolution, may allocate an amount for the purposes requested. In authorizing an allocation, the committee directs the State Controller to transfer the approved amount from the contingency fund account to the appropriate agency account.<sup>16</sup>

The Interim Finance Committee also reviews state agency requests to accept certain gifts and grants, to modify legislatively approved budgets, and to reclassify state merit system positions in certain circumstances. Legislation approved by the 1979 Legislature requires that state agencies receive prior approval of the Interim Finance Committee before they: (1) accept federal grants in excess of \$50,000 or accept any federal grant which involves the employment of additional staff; (2) accept gifts or donations of a monetary value over \$10,000; (3) amend legislatively approved budgets by either increasing or decreasing a budget category by the lesser of 10 percent or \$25,000; or (4) convert, or reclassify, a merit system position to another type of position when this conversion significantly changes the job scope or job duties of the position as budgeted by the Legislature.<sup>17</sup>

In 1983, the Legislature passed legislation which requires that the State Public Works Board consult with the Interim Finance Committee before approving final plans for capital improvement projects including new construction, major repairs and landscaping.<sup>18</sup>

In 1985, the Legislature gave the Interim Finance Committee the responsibility for approving allocations from the supplemental city/county relief tax emergency fund. This duty formerly was accomplished by the Nevada Tax Commission. The fund is an annual allocation of \$2.5 million which can be made available to local governments to meet emergency situations under special circumstances.<sup>19</sup>

The Interim Finance Committee is composed of the members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance during the immediately preceding session. Chairmanship of the Interim Finance Committee alternates between immediate past

chairmen of the two legislative committees. Membership on the committee terminates at the beginning of the next legislative session for any legislator who retires or is defeated for reelection.<sup>20</sup>

In voting on matters before the Interim Finance Committee, a vote is taken of the Senate and Assembly members separately. No action can be taken unless a majority of both groups votes in the affirmative.<sup>21</sup>

### **Director**

The Director functions as the executive head of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and supervises all of its daily administrative and technical activities.<sup>22</sup> The Legislative Commission appoints the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and sets the compensation for the position. The Director, in turn, appoints the chiefs of the divisions, subject to the approval of the Legislative Commission.<sup>23</sup>

The Director employs staff for the bureau at salaries within the limits of legislative appropriations and the salary schedule approved by the Legislative Commission, and authorizes claims against the legislative fund.<sup>24</sup> In that capacity he signs payroll checks and checks for the special intergovernmental account and makes the necessary deductions and contributions for legislators' retirement.<sup>25</sup> The Director, in his assigned capacity as Chief of the Administrative Division, is ex officio legislative fiscal officer.<sup>26</sup> His other duties and responsibilities are discussed in the section on the Administrative Division.

As noted in this chapter of the manual in the section entitled "Legislative Commission," the Director serves as Secretary to the Legislative Commission. He is also required to report inventory and purchases of supplies for each session and to assign space in and supervise the upkeep of the legislative building, other buildings used for legislative purposes, and the legislative grounds.<sup>27</sup> With the authorization of the Legislative Commission, the Director may enter into agreements for the acquisition of property necessary to support the Legislature and its staff.<sup>28</sup>

The Director is given the statutory responsibility of registering lobbyists and is charged with receiving and filing administrative regulations.<sup>29</sup> He also serves as Secretary to the Interim Finance Committee,<sup>30</sup> provides a secretary for the Interim Retirement Committee and is a member of the Marlette Lake Advisory Committee. In addition, the Director is the Federal-State Legislative Coordinator for Nevada.<sup>31</sup>

### **Audit Division**

The Audit Division performs postaudits of all accounts, books and other financial records of all state departments, agencies and officials using or managing public funds. The Audit Division must get Legislative Commission approval prior to starting an audit. The Audit Division, with the approval of

the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission, also performs specialized audits of state agencies to determine compliance with federal regulations. These audits are primarily accomplished by private accounting firms under contract with the Legislative Auditor.<sup>32</sup>

Reports written by the Audit Division or contract auditors are furnished to audited agencies and discussed with their officials on a confidential basis. The head of an agency has 10 days to submit to the Legislative Auditor a written statement of explanation or rebuttal. Any statement submitted is then included in the final report issued by the Audit Division. After a report has been submitted to the Legislative Commission, or the Audit Subcommittee if the audit was conducted solely to determine compliance with federal regulations, copies are made available to all members of the Legislature and other appropriate state officers and officials.<sup>33</sup>

All state agencies must provide the Audit Division with any books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information requested by the Legislative Auditor for inspection.<sup>34</sup>

The Legislative Auditor prepares a biennial report, for the members of the Legislature and the Governor, which analyzes the audit program and recommends necessary improvements to the financial operations of state government. The biennial report includes a summary of changes made in the agencies' systems of accounts and records included in the audits presented in the past biennium and specific recommendations to the Legislature for the amendment of existing laws or the enactment of new laws.<sup>35</sup>

Under NRS 218.850, the Legislative Commission may direct the Legislative Auditor to make special audits or investigations it considers necessary to assist the Legislature in the proper discharge of its duties. The Legislature itself may direct the Legislative Auditor to conduct special audits or investigations.

The Audit Division is headed by the Legislative Auditor, who must be a Certified Public Accountant or a Public Accountant qualified to practice public accounting in Nevada. He must have at least 5 years of progressively responsible experience in governmental accounting and auditing, and have a comprehensive knowledge of the principles and practices of public budgeting, governmental accounting, finance, auditing standards, statistical methods and operational analysis.<sup>36</sup> The Legislative Auditor serves as Secretary to the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission.<sup>37</sup>

Annually, the Legislative Auditor must count the money in the state treasury; and he also must verify the increase in taxable revenue for the purpose of determining if the contribution rates to the Public Employees' Retirement System must be increased.<sup>38</sup>

Copies of the annual audit reports on professional boards and commissions are required to be filed with the Legislative Auditor.<sup>39</sup> If a contract audit is performed on a state agency, a copy of the report also must be furnished to

the Legislative Auditor. Such audit reports received are enumerated in a special report issued every 6 months.

### Legal Division

The Legal Division, with a staff of lawyers and technicians, is responsible for the publication and indexing of *Nevada Revised Statutes*, *Nevada Administrative Code* and several compilations of selected portions of *Nevada Revised Statutes*.<sup>40</sup> The staff also drafts bills and resolutions, issues legal opinions, staffs interim studies, reviews administrative regulations, assists the public and provides certain other assistance when requested.<sup>41</sup> As legal adviser to the Legislature, the Legislative Counsel or Legal Division staff on direction of the Legislative Commission may appear in, commence, prosecute, defend or intervene in any action, suit or other judicial or administrative proceeding to protect the official interests of the Legislature or any of its committees.<sup>42</sup>

Upon request, the Legal Division prepares or assists in the preparation of legislative measures for members of the Legislature, state agencies and departments, the Governor, local governments and members of the judiciary. However, the division cannot prepare or assist in the preparation of any measures proposed by the executive branch unless a request has been approved by the Governor and is received before September 1 preceding the convening of a session. The limit for local governments is the same. During regular sessions, the division can only work on legislative measures upon the written request of a legislator or the Governor.<sup>43</sup>

The preparation of bills and resolutions entails research into the legal effect of proposed changes in existing laws, the development of sufficient background information to enable the bill drafter and the legislative sponsor to understand fully the ramifications of the suggested legislation, and the actual drafting of the measures in proper form and style. The staff of the division, as well as other officers and employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, is prohibited from urging or opposing any legislation and is bound to observe the confidentiality of all matters within the work assigned unless those matters have become public records or the sponsor has granted consent for release.<sup>44</sup>

Before introduction, every request for a bill must be delivered to the Legal Division to be put in the proper form. The Legislative Counsel may correct any clerical errors in a proposed bill or resolution, but if a correction might change the substance of a measure, permission of the measure's author must be obtained before making the change.<sup>45</sup> All bills or resolutions of both Houses designated for reprinting, engrossment, reengrossment or enrollment must be routed directly through the Legal Division, so that amendments which have been adopted may be inserted preparatory to engrossment or enrollment.<sup>46</sup>

The Legal Division is headed by the Legislative Counsel, who must be an attorney licensed to practice law in one of the United States. The Legislative Counsel must be versed in: political science, parliamentary practice, legislative procedure and the methods of research, statute revision and bill drafting.<sup>47</sup> The Legislative Counsel is one of Nevada's commissioners on uniform state laws.<sup>48</sup>

The Legislative Counsel is the legal adviser to the legislative branch of government and provides legal counsel for legislative committees and subcommittees. He may issue legal opinions which may influence the construction and application of statutes. Just as the Attorney General responds to requests within the executive branch, the Legislative Counsel only issues opinions upon the request of a member or committee of the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.<sup>49</sup> Neither the opinions of the Attorney General nor those of the Legislative Counsel have any binding force but are intended to guide public officials in the absence of an authoritative decision rendered by a court of law.

The Legislative Counsel through the staff of the Legal Division performs engrossing and enrolling for the Legislature. Whenever a bill or resolution has passed both Houses of the Legislature, the measure is transmitted to the Legislative Counsel for enrollment, at which time he must issue a receipt to the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly bearing the date of delivery. When the measure is delivered to the Governor, the Legislative Counsel must note this fact over the Legislative Counsel's signature as a part of the bill's history.<sup>50</sup> The official engrossed bill is then delivered to the Secretary of State.<sup>51</sup> The Legislative Counsel also makes recommendations to the Legislature for the clarification of specific statutes, the elimination of obsolete sections of *Nevada Revised Statutes* and the resolution of conflicting portions of the law.<sup>52</sup>

The Legislative Counsel is responsible for revising *Nevada Revised Statutes* and all other authorized publications of the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Additional responsibilities of the Legislative Counsel include indexing *Nevada Revised Statutes*, *Statutes of Nevada*, and other publications and legal materials of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The Legal Division is also responsible for preparing the *Nevada Administrative Code*.<sup>53</sup> This requires examining all regulations adopted by the agencies of the executive branch, except those exempted from the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act, determining which provisions are current and arranging them in logical sequence. Every proposed regulation must also be examined and revised, if necessary, to fit into the existing regulations. The code is designed to present the regulations in clear and concise language and make those on a particular subject easy to find. The Legislative Counsel also provides legal advice to the Legislative Commission in its review of adopted administrative regulations for compliance with legislative intent.<sup>54</sup>



The Legislative Counsel hires and directs the staff of attorneys and other members of the Legal Division engaged in the legal work of the bureau.

### **Research Division**

The Research Division is the general information arm of the Legislature.<sup>55</sup> It conducts research into a wide variety of subjects at the request of legislators, standing committees, other state and local officials and citizens of Nevada. It also responds to inquiries concerning Nevada's government, laws and public policy issues from residents, counterpart agencies and public officials in other states.

Most of the statutory duties of the division and its director are described in NRS 218.731 and NRS 218.735, and include:

1. Providing the Legislature and the members and committees thereof with comprehensive and accurate reports and background information on subjects of legislative interest.
2. Analyzing and evaluating the long-range planning activities and programs of the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions when authorized by the Legislature, the Legislative Commission or the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
3. Analyzing and evaluating the public policies of the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions and making appropriate recommendations regarding those policies when authorized by the Legislature, the Legislative Commission or the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
4. Advising the Legislature and the members and committees thereof regarding matters relating to the resources and procedures which are necessary to conduct research.
5. Preparing publications relating to the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
6. Providing necessary personnel to standing and interim committees as assigned by the Director, the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.
7. Maintaining the library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
8. Providing information and assistance to the Legislature and the members and committees thereof concerning the apportionment of legislative districts and any other political districts the boundaries of which are determined by the Legislature.
9. Performing such other functions as may be assigned by the Legislature, the Legislative Commission or the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The Research Division also is required to work with the Legal Division in the preparation of language which appears on the ballot regarding proposed constitutional amendments and other statewide measures which must be voted on by the people.<sup>56</sup>

The general function of the Research Division is the provision of information. The work of the division is determined, to a large degree, by the legislative cycle. Throughout the cycle, however, a major responsibility is the preparation of responses to requests from individual legislators for information and assistance.

During the months prior to the legislative session, the division prepares the *Nevada Legislative Manual*. This manual includes short biographies of members of the Legislature, copies of the rules of each House, a roster of public officials, and other useful information about how the Legislature works. The manual is widely used by legislators, staff members, lobbyists and citizens. The division also prepares background papers on issues which are likely to be prominent during the legislative session and a brochure entitled "*The Nevada State Legislature*" which is designed for public distribution.

During legislative sessions, Research Division personnel serve as the primary professional staff for all standing committees except the appropriations and revenue committees which are served by the Fiscal Analysis Division. Research staff are assigned to standing committees to assist the chairmen and other members by providing information and research on bills and related matters which are considered by the committees. Division personnel also assist individual legislators in developing ideas for legislation and preparing bill analyses and summaries.

Following the legislative session, the Research Division summarizes all the bills which have been enacted and compiles these summaries into the *Summary of Legislation*. This summary provides a convenient guide to the actions of the Legislature during the previous session. The division also compiles sponsor lists, showing the bills sponsored by each legislator and each legislative committee, and a comprehensive end-of-session presentation.

During the period between sessions, the staff of the Research Division is assigned to subcommittees on various interim legislative studies. The staff members prepare background material for the subcommittees, arrange subcommittee hearings, and prepare each subcommittee's final report to the Legislative Commission. The recommendations from all the interim study subcommittees are compiled in the *Summary Bulletin* which also is prepared by the Research Division.

The research staff is available to individual legislators to do research and prepare written analyses on specific topics throughout the year. The staff also assists legislators in preparing for speeches and other public presentations. In addition to assisting legislators, the division answers requests for information from state agencies, legislative staff in other states, businesses and the general public.

The Research Library endeavors to maintain a collection of materials which are of immediate use to legislators and legislative staff in answering questions which arise during the legislative process. These materials include a full set of Nevada's session laws, *Nevada Reports*, the *Journals of the Senate and*

*Assembly*, legislative research bulletins, and bills from previous sessions. The library also contains standard reference works, legal codes from surrounding states, statistical compilations, periodicals and writings on subjects of significance to the Legislature. In addition, the library acts as custodian of the minutes and tapes for legislative proceedings for the last two sessions. The Research Library also maintains subject files containing the results of previous research prepared by the division staff and files of current newsclippings on topics of interest to the Legislature.

In summary, the primary function of the Research Division is to provide Nevada legislators and others with all types of information regarding legislative issues which are not specifically fiscal or legal in nature.

The Research Director, or his designee, is the nonvoting Recording Secretary of the Nevada Legislature's Committee on Public Lands.<sup>57</sup>

### **Fiscal Analysis Division**

The Fiscal Analysis Division provides the Legislature with the capability for independent review and analysis of budgetary and fiscal matters. It examines the *Executive Budget* and suggests possible changes; provides expenditure and revenue projections to aid the legislative money committees; and assists the Legislature in the interpretation of factual data related to the fiscal aspects of the operation of state and local government.

Other duties of the Fiscal Analysis Division are (1) analyzing the past history and probable future trends of the state's financial position in order that a sound fiscal policy may be developed and maintained for the state, (2) analyzing appropriations bills, revenue bills, and bills having a fiscal impact upon the operation of the government of the State of Nevada or its political subdivisions, and (3) compiling and disseminating budget and financial information on local governments within the state.<sup>58</sup>

After each legislative session, the division prepares and publishes "*The Appropriations Report*" which describes in some detail the fiscal actions of the Legislature, all appropriation and authorization acts, and changes to the state tax and revenue structure. This publication highlights legislative budget actions and serves as a valuable reference document.

Because of the critical importance of adequate financial data on which to base legislative decisions, the Fiscal Analysis Division is an indispensable adjunct of the Legislature. The services it provides help the Legislature to set economically sound policies for the state, anticipate future needs and objectively analyze budgetary requests submitted to it.

### **Administrative Division**

The Administrative Division is responsible for providing support to the other divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and to the Legislature. The

division is responsible for accounting; communications equipment; control of inventory; data processing; janitorial services, maintenance of buildings, grounds and vehicles; purchasing; security; shipping and receiving; photocopying; utilities and warehouse operations.<sup>59</sup>

The Director of the division is ex officio Legislative Officer and maintains a complete set of accounting records and reports for all legislative operations. The payroll records for all legislators and employees of the legislative branch of government are maintained by the Director.

### Summary

Through the organizational structure outlined above, the Legislative Counsel Bureau meets the basic needs for assistance to legislators. The demand for increased governmental services, as well as competition among governmental units for revenue to finance their programs, makes it increasingly important that policymakers be thoroughly and impartially informed regarding public issues.

The staff services of the Legislative Counsel Bureau are furnished throughout the year for any legislator. Legal advice, fiscal information and spot research are furnished upon request, but services of a more extensive nature are executed when the Legislature so orders by means of a law or resolution. Between sessions, such projects can be requested through the Legislative Commission.

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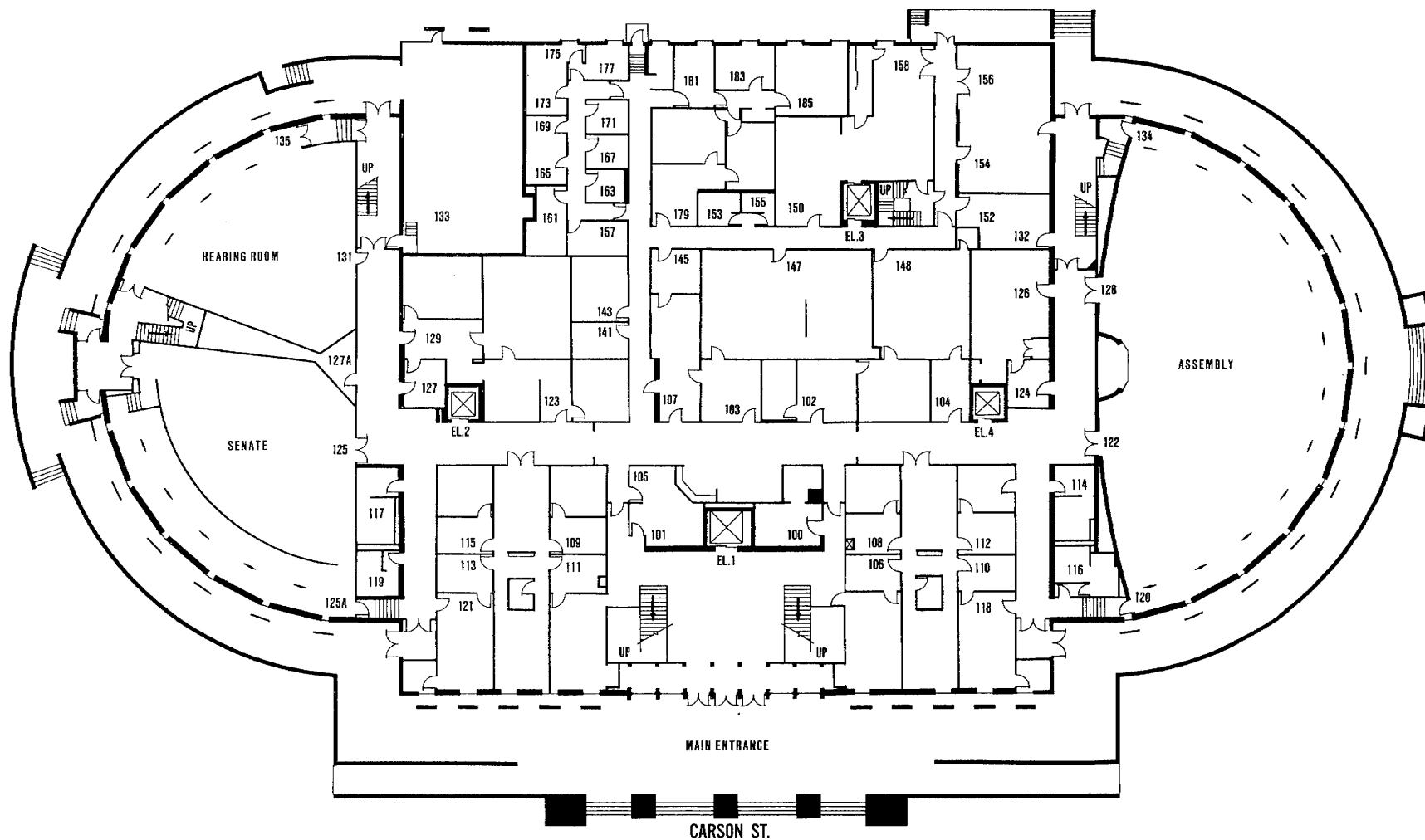
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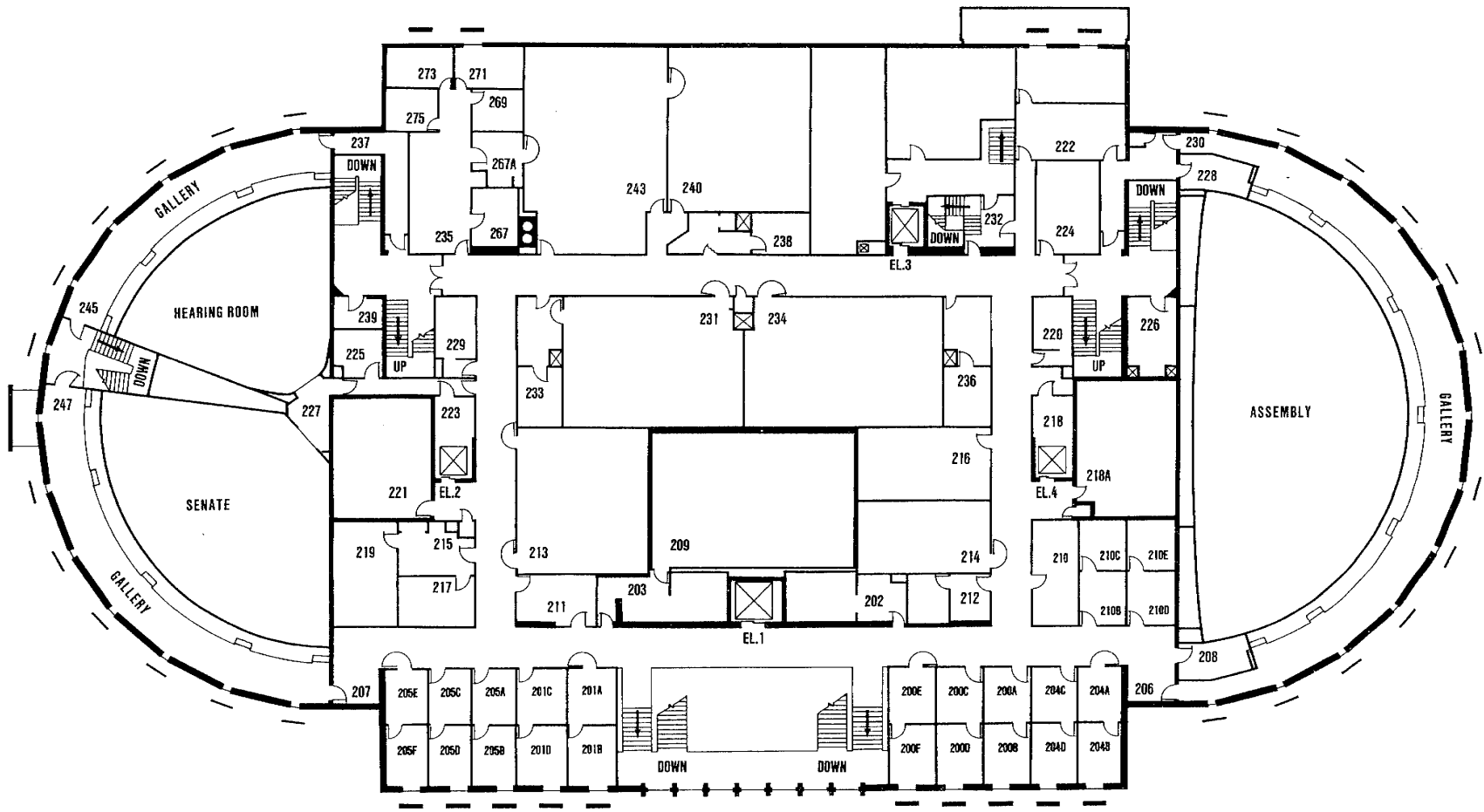
## LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

Located on the Legislative Mall, which covers an area of seven former city blocks, south of the Capitol, the Legislative Building contains 96,000 usable square feet and facilities for the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Included within the building are equipment and accommodations for the public and the Legislature which make the building one of the finest in the Nation for its purpose.

## STAFF OFFICE BUILDING

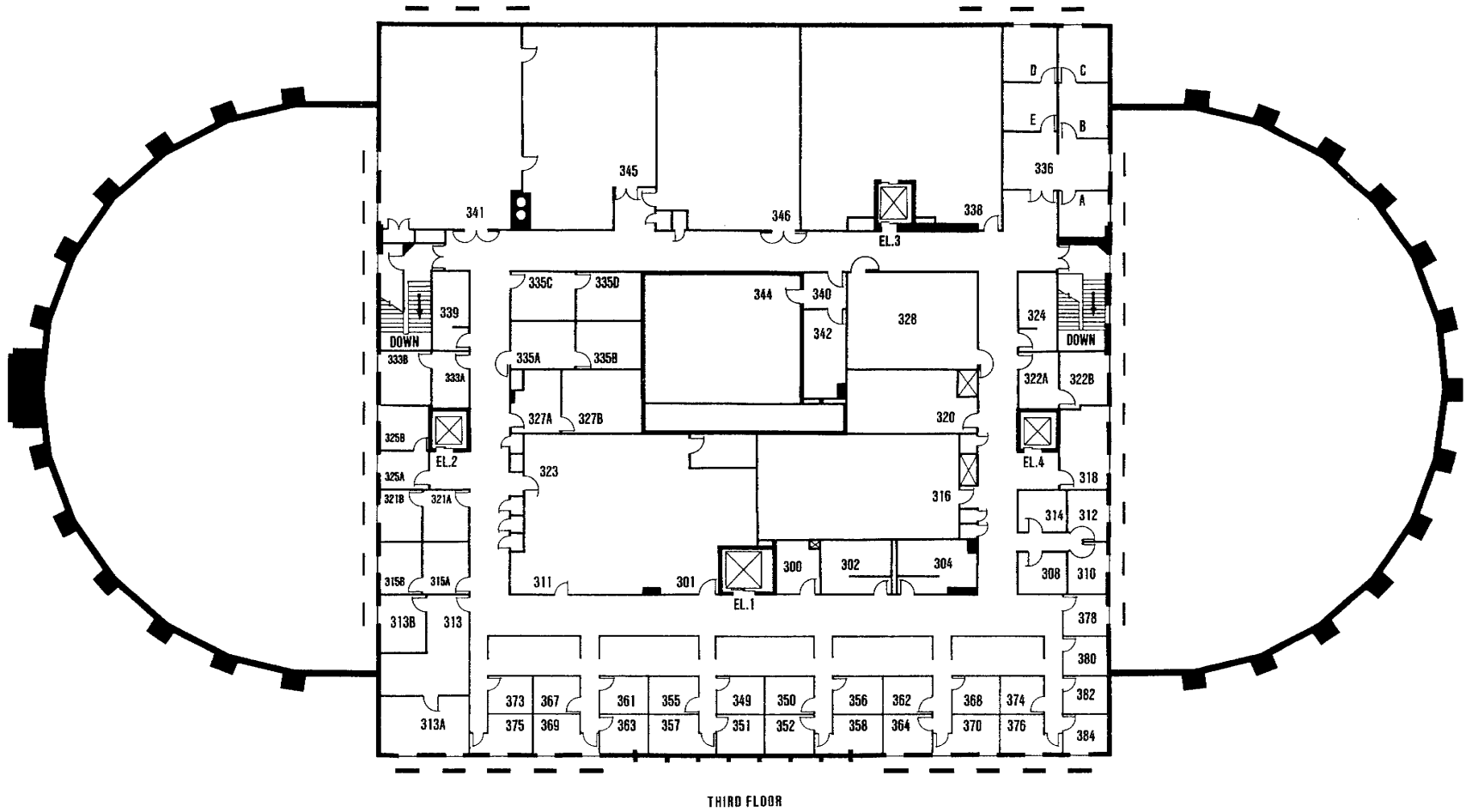
The Staff Office Building is located south of the Legislative Building on the corner of 5th and Stewart Streets. This three-story structure houses the Legislative Library and the offices of the Audit, Fiscal Analysis, Legal, and Research Divisions.





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## TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

Three basic types of telephone communications services are available in the legislative building as follows:

State Capitol Telephone Service  
State Legislature Message Center  
Coin Telephone

### State Capitol Telephone Service

The telephones in the offices of legislators and staff within the legislative building are part of the "CENTREX" (Centralized Exchange Telephone Service) system. CENTREX offers direct in-dialing, station-to-station calls within the system, and direct out-dialing.

The public can reach a legislator or staff in the legislative building directly by dialing a seven-digit telephone number. The way of handling direct calls to legislators' offices when they are not in the office is discussed below under the heading "State Legislature Message Center."

In 1987, the state CENTREX system adopted a new statewide dialing network. Station-to-station calls within the CENTREX network may be completed by dialing the last 6 digits of the telephone number. State agencies included in this network are identified as follows:

Carson City:  
687-3000 thru 687-6999

Las Vegas:  
486-3000 thru 486-7800

Reno:  
688-1000 thru 688-2999  
789-0100 thru 789-0600

Direct out-dialing to reach numbers outside of the CENTREX system is also available. Local calls (Carson City, Reno, Sparks, Crystal Bay-Incline Village, Dayton and Virginia City) may be placed by dialing "9" and the desired 7-digit telephone number.

A new computerized least cost routing long distance dialing system allows legislators to place calls directly from their offices on a 24-hour per day basis. Long distance calls may be placed as follows:

To call within the state CENTREX network:  
Dial the last 6 digits of the telephone number.

To call all other areas in Nevada, outside the state CENTREX network:

Dial 9 (Dial Tone)

Dial 1

Dial 7-digit number.

To call all areas outside Nevada:

Dial 9 (Dial Tone)

Dial 1

Dial Area Code

Dial 7-digit number.

Calls made from legislators' offices are automatically billed to their office telephone number.

Special calls (credit card, collect, "800" and non-7-digit numbers) cannot be placed through the computerized least cost routing system. These types of calls should be placed in the same manner as they are from any other telephone in the state. However, the caller must dial "9" to obtain an outside line before placing these special calls.

### **State Legislature Message Center**

Calls for legislators will go directly to the legislators' secretaries. If the telephone is not answered by the fourth ring, the call will forward automatically to the message center, located on the first floor of the Legislative Building. All telephone messages for legislators will be taken by this message center. Messages will be delivered to the legislators' secretaries. After hours, messages will be placed in the legislators' mailboxes in the respective Sergeants at Arms' offices.

The message center is also provided as a public service for the convenience of the general public for receiving telephone calls during the legislative session. The number for the message center is 687-4848. The message center opens daily no later than 7 a.m., and closes at 7 p.m.

### **Coin Telephones**

Coin-operated pay telephones are located throughout the Legislative Building. All outgoing calls (local and long distance) made by the general public must be placed through these telephones. Calling instructions are posted at the coin telephones. Appropriate credit (calling) cards may be obtained from the local telephone company.

### **Billing of Legislators for Telephone Service**

Each legislator receives a \$2,800 telephone allowance during a regular session to help defray telephone charges incurred in the performance of his official duties. Each member is responsible for payment of telephone bills incurred.

Legislators are billed for long distance calls made from their office telephones on a monthly basis by the state's Department of General Services. Charges for calls made on the least cost routing system are based on time and distance and are lower than regular long distance rates. Questions about telephone billing should be discussed with the Accounting Division in the Nevada Department of General Services at 687-3183. Payment of a legislator's state telephone bill should be made to:

General Services Accounting  
Capitol Complex  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

### **Toll Free Services for Constituents**

#### LONG DISTANCE CALLS TO LEGISLATORS

Constituents outside the local calling area may make toll free calls to their legislators from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by dialing 1-800-367-5057 for all of Nevada except Las Vegas. Las Vegas area callers may call 384-2225. All calls will be put through to the legislator's office. If the legislator is not available, the call will automatically transfer to the message center where a message for the legislator will be taken.

#### STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE SERVICE

To receive information concerning legislative bill status, committee hearing dates and the specific activities of the Legislature, constituents outside the local calling area may dial 1-800-367-5057 and ask for extension 5545. Las Vegas area callers should dial 384-2225 and ask for extension 5545. Constituents within the local calling area may call 687-5545. This service is offered by the State Library and Archives Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

#### OPINION POLL

Constituents calling legislators to voice their opinion on bills may dial toll free from anywhere within the state. The number to dial is:

1-800-348-8892. Constituents in the local calling area (Carson City, Reno, Sparks, Crystal Bay-Incline Village, Dayton and Virginia City) may dial 687-3933.

### POSTAL SERVICE

United States Postal Service facilities are available in the Legislative Building at one location. A mailing receptacle for U.S. mail has been placed next to the wall by the message center in the inner lobby on the first floor of the Legislative Building.

Each House of the Legislature independently provides for the distribution of mail to its own members.

Mail chutes throughout the building are for state and interagency mail only—not U.S. mail.

### FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

1. In the event of sounding the fire alarm system, it is to be assumed that the alarm is real and all personnel are to evacuate the building immediately, using the nearest stairs. The elevators are not on emergency power circuits and valuable time might be lost in attempting to use them. If the nearest stairwell is smoke-filled or access to it blocked in any way, then use another stairwell.

2. All doors to the stairwell enclosures, particularly those exiting the main portions of the building, are intended to be closed in the event of fire to protect the enclosure from fire and keep it clear of smoke. If any of these doors are found open on leaving the building, they should be closed. As a general item of information, similar considerations apply to doors to corridors. These doors are sometimes found to be blocked open. If a fire occurs in a room, all doors to the room should be closed in order to contain fire and smoke within the room and prevent its further spread in the building.

3. After evacuating the building, reentry will not be made until the fire department has specifically determined that this is permissible.

4. These procedures will also be followed in other buildings used for legislative purposes.

### Emergency Telephone Numbers

Fire:	9 + 911
Ambulance:	9 + 911
First Aid:	687-6812
Sheriff:	9 + 911
Legislative Police:	687-6812
or:	Dial "0" for Operator

## Elevator Telephones

Each elevator in the Legislative Building is equipped with an emergency telephone. In the event of fire, a stalled elevator or any other emergency, assistance may be obtained by dialing 687-6812.

## FOOTNOTES

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<sup>2</sup>*Statutes of Nevada 1945*, 136.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup>*Statutes of Nevada 1963*, 1011.

<sup>5</sup>NRS 218.620.

<sup>6</sup>NRS 218.660.

<sup>7</sup>Joint Rule 11, *Statutes of Nevada 1981*, 2147.

<sup>8</sup>NRS 218.680 and NRS 218.210.

<sup>9</sup>NRS 218.670.

<sup>10</sup>NRS 218.682.

<sup>11</sup>NRS 218.681.

<sup>12</sup>NRS 218.6821.

<sup>13</sup>NRS 219.020.

<sup>14</sup>NRS 218.682.

<sup>15</sup>NRS 218.635.

<sup>16</sup>NRS 353.266 through 353.269, inclusive.

<sup>17</sup>NRS 353.220, NRS 353.224, and NRS 353.335.

<sup>18</sup>Senate Bill 168, *Statutes of Nevada 1983*, 1961 and NRS 341.145.

<sup>19</sup>Assembly Bill 627, *Statutes of Nevada 1985*, 2281 and NRS 354.5988.

<sup>20</sup>NRS 218.6825.

<sup>21</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>22</sup>NRS 218.683.

<sup>23</sup>NRS 218.620.

<sup>24</sup>NRS 218.085 and NRS 218.683.

<sup>25</sup>NRS 218.644, NRS 218.641 and NRS 218.2387.

<sup>26</sup>NRS 218.6853.

<sup>27</sup>NRS 218.650 and NRS 331.135.

<sup>28</sup>NRS 218.682.

<sup>29</sup>NRS 218.900 et seq. and NRS 233B.067.

<sup>30</sup>NRS 218.6825.

<sup>31</sup>NRS 218.683.

<sup>32</sup>NRS 218.892.

<sup>33</sup>NRS 218.821 and NRS 218.823.

<sup>34</sup>NRS 218.780.

<sup>35</sup>NRS 218.830.

- <sup>36</sup>NRS 218.740.
- <sup>37</sup>NRS 218.6823.
- <sup>38</sup>NRS 286.465 and NRS 353.060.
- <sup>39</sup>NRS 218.825.
- <sup>40</sup>NRS 220.040 et seq. and NRS 233B.062.
- <sup>41</sup>NRS 218.240 et seq.
- <sup>42</sup>NRS 218.697.
- <sup>43</sup>NRS 218.240 et seq.
- <sup>44</sup>NRS 218.625.
- <sup>45</sup>NRS 218.250.
- <sup>46</sup>NRS 218.315.
- <sup>47</sup>NRS 218.690.
- <sup>48</sup>NRS 219.020.
- <sup>49</sup>NRS 218.695.
- <sup>50</sup>NRS 218.340.
- <sup>51</sup>NRS 218.370.
- <sup>52</sup>NRS 220.080.
- <sup>53</sup>NRS 233B.062 through 233B.065, inclusive.
- <sup>54</sup>NRS 233B.067.
- <sup>55</sup>NRS 218.731 and NRS 218.735.
- <sup>56</sup>NRS 218.443.
- <sup>57</sup>NRS 218.5365.
- <sup>58</sup>NRS 218.686.
- <sup>59</sup>NRS 218.6851.

**CHAPTER V**

**RESOURCES FOR LEGISLATORS**





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During every session of the Nevada Legislature, Senators and members of the Assembly find themselves deluged with official reports, documents and communications. Filtering the significant from the insignificant frequently becomes a sizeable chore. However, there are a few key resources with which legislators should become familiar, for they bear more directly and more constantly on the work of the Legislature than any others likely to cross their desks.

These resources may be described in two categories—basic printed resources and library services. The basic printed materials may be supplemented by additional information which is available through the libraries.

#### BASIC PRINTED RESOURCES

The basic printed resources are primarily issued by the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau. However, at least four documents issued by the executive branch, the *Executive Budget*, the *Recommended Schedule of Priorities for Capital Improvements*, the *Nevada Statistical Abstract*, and the *Biennial Report of Nevada State Agencies* should also receive legislators' scrutiny. The major printed resource tools at the disposal of the Nevada legislators are briefly highlighted below.

##### **Statutes of Nevada**

The *Statutes of Nevada*, sometimes called the session laws, are a bound compilation of all general and special laws and resolutions enacted in a specific year. They have been published for every session since territorial days. Thoroughly indexed, they are normally available within a few months following the close of a session. Between the end of a session and the publication of the *Statutes of Nevada*, a temporary compilation of the session laws, known as the advance sheets, is available to interested parties. This softbound publication contains all of the laws and resolutions adopted at the recently adjourned session in the same order of appearance as in the *Statutes of Nevada* with index and locater tables.

The text of all bills and resolutions enacted at a session appears in the *Statutes of Nevada* in the same form as the enrolled copies filed with the Secretary of State. With some exceptions, new material is printed in italics,

while material enclosed in brackets is struck out of the existing law. Laws are arranged in the *Statutes of Nevada* by chapter number assigned by the Secretary of State on the basis of the time he or she received them from the Governor.

Besides the complete texts of all laws and resolutions adopted during a session, the *Statutes of Nevada* contain indexed copies of the *United States* and *Nevada Constitutions*. There are also several helpful tables useful in determining the current state of law in Nevada prior to the issuance of the looseleaf supplements to *Nevada Revised Statutes* containing the statutory changes adopted at the previous session. These tables are:

1. A table of bills and resolutions passed at the session showing their location in the *Statutes of Nevada*.
2. A table of sections of *Nevada Revised Statutes* amended or repealed at the session.
3. A table of chapters of *Nevada Revised Statutes* amended by the addition of new sections.
4. A table of titles of *Nevada Revised Statutes* amended by the addition of new chapters.
5. A list of selected special and local acts amended or repealed at the session.
6. A table of statutes, or sections thereof, repealed or amended by subsequent action of the same Legislature.
7. A table of contents showing the title and chapter numbers (or file numbers for resolutions) of all the measures enacted during the session.

### **Nevada Revised Statutes**

*Nevada Revised Statutes* is an annotated codification of all statute laws in Nevada of a general, public and permanent nature. Officially cited as NRS, the code consists of 48 looseleaf volumes, softbound indices and comparative tables, and certain special and local acts.

The *Nevada Revised Statutes* is revised and published by the service arm of the Legislature—the Legislative Counsel Bureau. It is organized according to subject matter, but unlike the codes of some states, there is a single, unified system of section numbers running from beginning to end, so that codes, titles and chapters need not be cited. The four broadest divisions are codes:

1. The *Remedial Code*, which deals with court structure and organization and civil procedure and remedies.
2. The *Civil Code*, which deals with relationships between persons.
3. The *Penal Code*, which encompasses crimes and punishments and criminal procedure.
4. The *Political Code*, which relates to the structure and organization of state and local governments and with the services rendered and the regulation exercised by government.

Within the codes are the titles, numbered consecutively from 1 through 58, with each title embracing a major subject area of law. The titles, in turn, are broken down into chapters, and within the chapters are the specific provisions of the law set forth as sections which are given identifying numbers. In citing a law contained in NRS, the numbers preceding the decimal point indicate the chapter in which the provision is located, while those following the decimal pinpoint the specific section referred to in the citation. Hence, a citation reading NRS 218.340 would mean that the law in question is found in Chapter 218 of *Nevada Revised Statutes*, while 340 indicates its place in that chapter. The system is truly decimal; that is, NRS 218.5333 lies between NRS 218.533 and 218.534.

The numbers, dates and symbols at the conclusion of each NRS section refer to the statutory history of the sections and permit the quick location of their statutory antecedents. An explanation of the code employed is contained in the Legislative Counsel's Preface in Volume 1.

The rules of Nevada's courts are also printed in NRS. Volume 1 contains the rules of Nevada's Supreme Court and the district courts. These rules, and all the court rules, are not assigned chapter numbers and are arranged simply in numerical order by rule. They may be cited as "Supreme Court Rule 4" or "District Court Rule 17." The *Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure* and the *Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure* are contained in Volume 3, and the *Nevada Justices' Courts Rules of Civil Procedure* are found in Volume 5. Citations for these rules may be given as N.R.C.P. 65(a), N.R.A.P. 1(a) or N.J.R.C.P. 73(a).

Volume 41 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* contains the Nevada admission acts, the *Nevada Constitution* and the *United States Constitution* with its index, as well as the final portion of the *Political Code*. Volumes 45 and 46 contain a selection of local and special acts which appear to have a continuing effect and which apparently have a significant degree of public interest. Major inclusions are city charters, water and sewer districts, convention centers and other special acts. Volumes 42 through 44 comprise the comprehensive index to NRS, while Volume 47 provides comparative tables relating NRS sections to those found in the compilation superseded by NRS and to new sections added to NRS by statutes enacted subsequent to the adoption of NRS as the law of Nevada. Also included is a table of all sections repealed or replaced in revision since the enactment of NRS. The last volume of NRS, Volume 48, contains an alphabetical list of Nevada Supreme Court cases and their citations.

At each session of the Legislature, numerous changes are made in the existing body of law contained in NRS. To keep NRS current, the Legislative Counsel prepares biennial supplements which contain all changes made in NRS at the immediately preceding session.

*Nevada Revised Statutes* currently sell for \$525 per set and may be ordered through the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Legislators desiring to obtain a

personal set of NRS may order it directly from the Legislative Counsel Bureau at a cost of \$50. This fee entitles a legislator to a complete set of the code, along with sets of replacement or supplementary pages as issued during his term of office, without additional charge.

The *Nevada Revised Statutes* contain annotations which are designed to assist in interpreting the meaning of statutory language appearing in NRS. The annotations contain six basic aids to understanding Nevada law:

1. *Reviser's Notes.* The Reviser's Notes explain the reasons for omissions, changes of wording and reorganizations made during the revision of NRS. They also set forth preambles, legislative policy statements and other provisions of law having more than temporary effect which are not included in NRS. In a few instances, they provide additional information about the source or effective date of a provision.
2. *Legislative Histories.* The legislative histories appearing in Volume 46 of NRS trace the enactment, amendment and repeal of various provisions existing before the enactment of NRS. The dates given refer to the *Statutes of Nevada* for the years cited. The numbers following the dates locate the statutory provision by page within the *Statutes of Nevada* for the year listed. This information permits one to review the evolution of the body of law that comprises *Nevada Revised Statutes*.
3. *Notes of Opinions of the Attorney General.* Where appropriate, the annotations contain brief notes on pertinent Opinions of the Attorneys General of the State of Nevada since 1865. These are identified by the citation prefix "AGO," followed by the number of the opinion and its date of issuance.
4. *References to Nevada Constitutional Debates and Proceedings.* Annotations to the *Constitution of the State of Nevada* contain references to the *Debates and Proceedings in the 1864 Constitutional Convention of the State of Nevada*, as reported by Andrew J. Marsh and published in 1866.
5. *Notes of the Advisory Committees of the Nevada Supreme Court.* The annotations to *Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure*, *Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure* and *Nevada Justices' Courts Rules of Civil Procedure* contain notes as prepared by the respective advisory committees appointed by Nevada's Supreme Court.
6. *Relevant Judicial Decisions.* The annotations contain notes and citations for decisions of Nevada's Supreme Court, federal courts and courts of other jurisdictions which bear upon the provisions of *Nevada Revised Statutes*. Also included are statements of holdings in cases decided under former statutes which were substantially the same as the provisions in *Nevada Revised Statutes*.

### **Nevada Administrative Code**

It is the policy of the State of Nevada that every regulation adopted pursuant to law by a state agency be made easily accessible to the public and expressed in clear and concise language. To assist in carrying out this policy, every permanent regulation is incorporated in the *Nevada Administrative Code*, and every emergency or temporary regulation is distributed in the same manner as the *Nevada Administrative Code*.

The *Nevada Administrative Code* is available for review in the state and legislative libraries, and also may be purchased, in individual volumes or in its entirety, from the Publications Office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

### **Daily Histories**

The Nevada Legislature considered 1,790 legislative measures during the 1989 session. Keeping track of the progress of such a massive number of bills and resolutions would tax the energies of any legislator if he had to trace their current status himself; but fortunately this service is provided through the *Assembly Daily History* and the *Senate Daily History*.

The daily histories list each bill and resolution introduced in the respective chambers for which they are reporting in numerical sequence by bill number or the number of the resolution. Following the bill number is the name of the introducer and the date of introduction of the measure. Below this information there is a brief summary of the measure and the number of the bill drafting request. Then, in chronological order, the measure's legislative history is traced up to the date of publication. Thus, at a moment's glance, a legislator or interested citizen can locate any bill or resolution and determine its status.

Daily histories, which are printed each day the Legislature is in session and are also printed in cumulative volumes every 2 weeks (on an alternating basis between the Senate and Assembly), record all action taken on bills and resolutions.

They also contain a complete listing of the daily files scheduled during the day and a notation of committee meetings.

At the conclusion of each session, final volumes of the *Assembly History* and the *Senate History* are printed and made available upon request. These volumes contain the legislative history of each measure through the last day of the session and are arranged in the same fashion as the daily histories. Measures enacted into law are traced through the date of the Governor's signature (or the date on which they became law without his signature), with notations citing their assigned chapter number in the *Statutes of Nevada* and their effective dates, unless vetoed, in which case the date of veto is noted. The final volumes include additional relevant information on the personnel of the session, committee assignments, a legislative box score and other items of general interest.

### **Index of Bills and Resolutions**

The index to Senate and Assembly bills and resolutions is a document which may be used to determine if a measure has been introduced on a particular subject area. The index, which shows all introduced bills and resolutions by subject matter, is printed each week during the session. Bills approved by the Governor are indicated by asterisks, and a final edition of the index is printed shortly after adjournment.

### **Legislative Journals**

Each House of the Nevada Legislature publishes a daily journal of its proceedings. While the journals are not verbatim transcriptions of floor activity, they do record all official action taken on measures pending before the chambers and frequently include the text of remarks made by legislators, as well as gubernatorial messages. Journals for the preceding day are distributed to the legislators in their respective chambers at the beginning of each day's session.

After the Legislature has adjourned *sine die*, the daily journals are gathered together, indexed and bound in permanent publications. Hardbound copies of the journals also contain certain ancillary information relating to the legislative calendar and the personnel of the Legislature.

### **Nevada Statistical Abstract and Biennial Report of Nevada State Agencies**

Each biennium, the Department of Administration compiles the *Biennial Report of Nevada State Agencies* which is newly entitled "Perspectives." The report contains the Governor's most recent "State of the State" message, an organizational chart of state government, an analysis of critical issues and proposed long-term objectives for the executive branch, and a section describing each state agency. For each state agency, a mission statement is presented followed by a description of its organizational structure, major programs and performance indicators, as well as a list of recent publications.

The Department of Administration also publishes the *Nevada Statistical Abstract*. This document contains statistical tables, graphics and analyses about the people, economy and environment of Nevada. By statute, the *Biennial Report of Nevada State Agencies* and the *Nevada Statistical Abstract* are made available without charge to each state elected official, the members of the Legislature, each executive branch state agency, county and city clerks, and each public library in the state. Remaining copies are sold to recover printing costs.

### **Political History of Nevada**

One of the most comprehensive historical reference works on Nevada state government and politics is the *Political History of Nevada*, the eighth revised edition of which was issued by the Secretary of State in the fall of 1986.

The political history contains background data on the historical development of the state (including the texts of many rare and important documents), descriptive material on the state symbols and mottoes, lists of territorial and state elective officials, maps and complete statewide election returns for every special, primary and general election since 1864. A special section entitled "Legislatures—Today and Yesterday," highlights valuable information regarding apportionment of the Nevada Legislature since 1861 and lists the membership of each session of the territorial and state legislatures.

### **Audits of State Agencies**

The Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau periodically issues audits and other reports of value to legislators. Because of the technical nature and complexity of these reports, it is recommended that interested legislators consult with the Legislative Auditor for assistance in obtaining and interpreting audit reports.

Every legislator receives a copy of the *Biennial Report of the Legislative Auditor* which summarizes audit reports on state agencies and money counts of the state treasury. This report also includes specific recommendations to the Legislature for laws to improve the efficiency and to reduce the cost of state government.

### **Legislative Videocassettes**

The Legislative Counsel Bureau provides a videocassette, entitled "The Nevada Legislature," produced by the Public Broadcasting System's TV Channel 5 of Reno. It is about 24 minutes in length and is suitable for viewing by all age groups. The videocassette is available for checkout to legislators.

The National Conference of State Legislatures also provides several videocassettes on various legislative topics. For specific information, contact the Research Library, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada 89710.

### **Recommended Schedule of Priorities for Capital Improvements**

Section 331.191 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* requires the State Public Works Board to recommend to the Governor and to the Legislature a schedule of priorities for the construction of proposed capital improvements. The *State Administrative Manual* requires all institutions and departments to submit to the State Public Works Board for consideration and recommendation their requests for all new construction and remodeling projects that cost in

excess of \$25,000. The publication containing the long-range perspective of the capital construction needs and ultimate level of financing required is *Recommended Capital Improvement Program for 1991-1993*.

The recommended schedule assigns each proposed capital improvement project a project number and title. This information is followed by a cost estimate and description of the project. In appropriating funds to carry out a program of capital improvements, the Legislature normally makes reference in the Appropriations Act, or in supplementary materials to this act, to the project numbers assigned to various projects by the State Public Works Board in its recommended schedule. Hence, the recommended schedule is the key to understanding the capital improvements Appropriations Act and the state's capital improvement program.

### **Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure**

The standing rules of both Houses of the Nevada Legislature designate *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* as the parliamentary authority to be followed in the absence of any constitutional provisions, statutes or standing rules governing the conduct of proceedings in the chambers. *Mason's Manual*, because of its official standing, is thus one of the major printed resources for legislators.

The manual contains a complete outline of parliamentary laws and rules, explaining questions of precedence of motions, the conduct of debate, methods of voting and other intricacies of procedure. Citations to collateral parliamentary authorities permit indepth analysis of specific issues, while the narrative itself (which is organized by topical sections for purposes of citation) offers a statement of general principles applicable in most given situations.

In addition to an extensive table of contents, the manual has an index, a brief index and a table of cases cited. A limited number of copies of *Mason's Manual* is available for checkout from the Research Library. Copies are also available for purchase by legislators at \$30 per copy from the Publications Office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

### **Nevada Legislative Manual**

Each legislator is provided with a copy of the *Nevada Legislative Manual* which contains information regarding the structure and processes of the Legislature. The manual also includes information to assist new legislators in adjusting to legislative life.

### **Legislative Counsel Bureau Publications**

The Legislative Counsel Bureau issues several reports and publications which legislators should find useful. These publications are the: *Legislative*



*Appropriations Report, Summary of Legislation*, Legislative Counsel Bureau bulletins and various background papers.

1. *Legislative Appropriations Report*. This report, produced biennially by the Fiscal Analysis Division, details all the appropriations made by the Legislature for the operation of Nevada state government. It is distributed to all members of the Legislature as soon as possible after the adjournment of the legislative session.

2. *Summary of Legislation*. This report, produced biennially by the Research Division, summarizes all legislation enacted during the most recent session.

3. *Legislative Counsel Bureau Bulletins*. The Legislative Commission, responding to directions contained in concurrent resolutions, normally assigns a number of interim studies on legislative problems to its subcommittees, the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, or both.

Upon their completion, these studies, together with recommendations for appropriate legislative action, are published by the Legislative Counsel Bureau and distributed to the members of the next session of the Legislature. Each publication is given a bulletin number. A complete listing of LCB bulletins issued to date is included as one of the appendices in this *Nevada Legislative Manual*. The numbering system for bulletins was changed in 1976 so that a bulletin now has a two-part number. The first part is the year of the regular session to which the report was made and the second part is a sequence number for that session. Thus, the first bulletin to the 1991 session is 91-1.

While an attempt is made to maintain a sufficient supply of each bulletin to accommodate requests for additional copies, certain numbers are now out of print. Persons wishing to review the contents of out-of-print bulletins may do so by consulting the issues retained by the Legislative Counsel Bureau in its Research Library.

4. *Background Papers*. These reports, which are produced prior to each legislative session by the Research Division as part of its requirements under NRS 218.731, discuss subjects which may be of major legislative interest during legislative sessions. The division welcomes legislators' suggestions for topics to be covered in the background papers. As noted under the section titled "The Legislative Counsel Bureau" in Chapter IV of this manual, the Research Division also handles a wide assortment of research assignments for legislators upon request.

### **Executive Budget**

The major fiscal document used by legislators in Nevada is the *Executive Budget*, which contains revenue projections, actual appropriation and expenditure figures for past fiscal years, agency requests for the future biennium and the gubernatorial recommendations which endorse or modify agency

budgetary requests. Included in the budget document are program statements which preface the detailed fiscal information for the various departments, boards, commissions and other agencies of the state. The program statements describe the major functions and requirements of the agencies in narrative form and offer explanations for any unusual budget items requiring clarification. The budget document is organized functionally, by agency. It provides details relating to personnel requests, i.e., it describes the number and type of positions being budgeted by agency, the salaries involved and the secondary costs to the state (insurance, retirement and other fringe benefits) for the actual and contemplated work forces included within each agency's projected budget.

The introductory materials located at the front of the budget document provide general interest data relating to the Nevada economy, taxation, employment, traffic flow, personal income and fiscal trends. This information is useful in understanding the factors involved in calculating budget projections, but it is equally useful as a statistical reference work on the State of Nevada.

## **LIBRARY SERVICES FOR LEGISLATORS**

### **Nevada's State Library and Archives**

Nevada's State Library and Archives was established in 1861 as the territorial library for service to attorneys and justices. Today it provides programs of library and information services to all Nevadans. The State Library and Archives acts as the information service center for all functions of state government as well as coordinating many activities for public libraries in the state.

Among the full range of information services to all Nevadans provided by the State Library and Archives, the following are of special use to members of the Legislature:

#### **PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Reference/research/interlibrary loan and circulation services from indepth collections of public administration, business, education, human resources, taxation and census are available. Also available are Nevada materials including historical documents and current newspapers. Comprehensive collections of statistical and demographic information, telephone and other directories, and locator types of reference sources enable quick access to information essential to legislative action.

The reference staff answers questions of a general or special nature, performs manual and database literature searches, compiles bibliographies or lists of information sources on subjects, and obtains difficult-to-find materials

through interlibrary loan from other libraries in and out of state. To keep legislators informed on current developments in government-related interests, the reference staff will selectively survey periodicals, newspapers and other sources for pertinent information. In addition, a telecommunications network connecting computer databases of Nevada's public and academic libraries provides information transfer statewide.

The State Publications Distribution Center, created within the state library by the 1971 Legislature, has organized Nevada state and local agency publications for use at the State Library and Archives with depository service points at Elko, Clark and Washoe county libraries and the University of Nevada, Reno and Las Vegas campuses. Reference service is provided from the state and local government documents collection as well as the special LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE offered to state agencies and to the general public during the legislative session. The hotline answers questions concerning bill status, committee hearing dates and other requests specific to the activities of the Legislature.

The State Library and Archives is a federal documents depository, maintaining a current and historical collection of 250,000 federal documents which includes congressional bills, statutes, hearings and reports as well as executive publications. A limited collection of out-of-state and intergovernmental documents is also available. Full reference service, computer search services, photocopy and microform reader-printer services are available for all collections.

The Talking Book Program offers library service to the blind and physically handicapped on a statewide basis. Legislators are invited to inspect the operation of this program and the unique and varied materials and equipment utilized.

The Technical Services Section coordinates library services on a statewide basis relating to cataloging library materials and information sharing. The section develops and maintains a statewide computer database for the interlibrary loan network and coordinates the development of circulation databases.

#### LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The Library Development Division provides consultation on library and information services to localities and state institutions; promotes coordination and improvement of library services on a statewide basis; collects data and publishes statistics and directories; monitors, evaluates and assists with administration of state and federal grants for library development; assists with development of library automation projects statewide; and develops training and continuing education activities for library staff members and public library trustees.

## DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

The Division of Archives and Records houses territorial and state records having research value, including many records of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government, as well as some local government records. The staff provides research, retrieval and photocopying of records housed at the State Library and Archives and referral services to government records and other historical material maintained elsewhere. Records management services are provided for all state executive agencies.

Hours for all divisions of the State Library and Archives are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Nevada's Supreme Court Law Library**

Located in the basement of the Supreme Court Building, the Supreme Court Law Library provides legal information and research services to legislators, including reference, interlibrary loan and photocopy. The law library is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Legislators may identify themselves to Court Security and be admitted between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: 687-5140; for paging: 687-5183.

**Research Library—Legislative Counsel Bureau**

The Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau maintains a Research Library which is located on the first floor of the Staff Office Building. This library contains current materials of interest to legislators and Legislative Counsel Bureau staff. Documents cover a wide range of topics and are cataloged according to the same title and chapter system used in the *Nevada Revised Statutes*. In addition to materials on the shelf, the library maintains a current clipping file of relevant newspaper articles. The library's periodicals cover legislative activities across the Nation as well as specific topics of interest. The library houses a master set of *Nevada Revised Statutes*, standing committee minutes and tapes for the last two sessions, and bill books which contain all bills and reprints introduced in the Legislature from 1911 to 1989. The library has computer access to several online databases for responding to research requests. Legislators may obtain assistance from the librarians.

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## **SENATE STANDING RULES**



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[Current through Adjournment Sine Die of the 1989 Legislative Session]

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### I. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

#### Duties of Officers

##### 1

#### **President.**

The President shall take the chair and call the Senate to order precisely at the hour appointed for meeting, and if a quorum is present shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read. He shall preserve order and decorum, and in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct within the Senate Chamber, shall order the Sergeant at Arms to suppress it, and may order the arrest of any person creating any disturbance within the Senate Chamber. He may speak to points of order in preference to members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Senate by two members, on which appeal no member may speak more than once without leave of the Senate. He shall sign all acts, addresses and joint resolutions, and all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the Senate; all of which must be attested by the Secretary. He has general direction of the Senate Chamber.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1865; A 1977, 1649; 1987, 2330]

##### 2

#### **President pro Tem.**

The President pro Tem has all the power and shall discharge all the duties of the President during his absence or inability to discharge the duties of his office. In the absence or inability of the President pro Tem to discharge the duties of the President's office, the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations shall preside. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations shall preside. In the absence of the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations, the Senate shall elect one of its members as the presiding officer for that occasion.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1865; A 1987, 2331]

##### 3

#### **Secretary.**

1. The Secretary of the Senate is elected by the Senate, and shall:

- (a) Interview and recommend to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations persons to be considered for employment to assist the Secretary.
  - (b) See that these employees perform their respective duties.
  - (c) Administer the daily business of the Senate, including the provision of secretaries to its committees.
  - (d) Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, transmit at the end of each working day those bills and resolutions upon which the next action is to be taken by the Assembly.
2. The Secretary is responsible to the majority floor leader.  
[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1649; A 1979, 1925; 1981, 2062; 1987, 2331]

## 4

**Sergeant at Arms.**

- 1. The Sergeant at Arms shall attend the Senate during its sittings, and execute its commands and all process issued by its authority. He must be sworn to keep the secrets of the Senate.
- 2. The Sergeant at Arms shall:
  - (a) Superintend the upkeep of the Senate's chamber, private lounge, and meeting rooms for committees.
  - (b) Interview and recommend to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations persons to be considered for employment to assist the Sergeant at Arms.
- 3. The Sergeant at Arms is responsible to the majority floor leader.  
[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866; A 1979, 1925; 1981, 2062; 1987, 2331]

## 5

**Assistant.**

The Assistant Sergeant at Arms shall be doorkeeper and shall preserve order in the Senate Chamber and shall assist the Sergeant at Arms. He shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the Senate.  
[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

## 6

Reserved.

The next rule is 10.

**II. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS**

## 10

**Time of Meeting.**

The President shall call the Senate to order each day of sitting at 11:00 o'clock a.m., unless the Senate has adjourned to some other hour.  
[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866; A 1983, 2104]

## 11

**Call of Senate—Moved by Three Members.**

A call of the Senate may be moved by three Senators, and if carried by a majority of all present, the Secretary shall call the roll and note the absentees, after which the names of the absentees shall again be called over. The doors shall then be closed and the Sergeant at Arms directed to take into custody all who may be absent without leave, and all Senators so taken into custody shall be presented at the bar of the Senate for such action as to the Senate may seem proper.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

## 12

**Absence—Leave Required.**

No Senator shall absent himself from the service of the Senate without leave, except in case of accident or sickness, and if any Senator or officer shall so absent himself his per diem shall not be allowed him.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

## 13

**Open Meetings.**

1. Except as provided in the constitution of the State of Nevada and in subsection 2 of this rule, all meetings of the Senate and its committees shall be open to the public.

2. A Senate committee meeting may be closed if, in an open meeting of the committee, two-thirds of the members of the committee determine that such action is in the public interest and vote to close the meeting for the hearing of specified testimony. Final action on a bill or resolution shall not be taken at a closed meeting.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1880]

The next rule is 20.

**III. DECORUM AND DEBATE**

## 20

**Points of Order.**

If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Senate, the President shall, or any Senator may, call him to order, and when a Senator shall be so called to order he shall sit down and shall not proceed without leave of the Senate; which leave, if granted, shall be upon motion, "That he be allowed to proceed in order," when he shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personality. Every decision of points of order by the President shall be subject to appeal, and no discussion of a question of order shall be allowed, except upon appeal of two Senators,

and in all cases of appeal the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?"

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867]

21

**Breaches of Decorum.**

In cases of breaches of decorum or propriety any Senator, officer or other person shall be liable to such censure or punishment as the Senate may deem proper, and if any Senator be called to order for offensive or indecorous language or conduct, the person calling him to order shall report the language or conduct excepted to, which shall be taken down or noted at the Secretary's desk, and no member shall be held to answer for any language used on the floor of the Senate if business has intervened before exception to the language was taken.

Indecorous conduct or boisterous or unbecoming language shall not be permitted in the Senate Chamber.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867]

The next rule is 30.

IV. QUORUM, VOTING, ELECTIONS

30

**Recorded Vote—Three Required to Call For.**

A recorded vote must be taken upon final passage of a bill or joint resolution, and in any other case when called for by three members, and every Senator within the bar of the Senate shall vote "aye" or "no" or record himself as "not voting," unless excused by unanimous vote of the Senate, and the votes and names of those absent or recorded as "not voting" must be entered on the Journal, and the names of Senators demanding the recorded vote must also be entered on the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867; A 1979, 1925]

31

**President to Decide—Tie Vote.**

A question is lost by a tie vote, but when the Senate is equally divided on any question except the passage of a bill or joint resolution, the President may give the deciding vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867; A 1977, 1650]

32

**Manner of Election—Voting.**

In all cases of election by the Senate the vote shall be taken viva voce. In other cases, if a vote is to be recorded, it may be taken by oral roll-call or by electronic recording, and no Senator or other person may remain by the



Secretary's desk while the roll is being called or the votes are being counted. When a recorded vote is taken, no Senator may vote except when at his seat, nor upon any question in which he is in any way personally or directly interested, nor explain his vote or discuss the question while the voting is in progress, nor change his vote after the result is announced, and the announcement of the result of any vote shall not be postponed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867; A 1979, 1926]

**The next rule is 40.**

## V. LEGISLATIVE BODIES

### 40

#### **Standing Committees.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the standing committees of the Senate and their respective jurisdiction for the reference of bills and resolutions are as follows:

(a) Commerce and Labor, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Titles 52–57, and chapters 461, 461A, 489, 703–704A and 707–712 of NRS, except measures affecting primarily state and local revenue.

(b) Finance, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures primarily affecting chapters 286 and 387 of NRS, appropriations, operating and capital budgets, state and federal budget issues and bonding, except measures affecting primarily state and local revenue, and over any measures carrying or requiring appropriations and favorably reported by any other committee unless such reference is dispensed with by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

(c) Government Affairs, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily the districts from which members of the legislature are elected, the Colorado River Commission, and Titles 18–22, 24, 25, 27–31 and 36 and chapters 281–285, 287–289 and 407 of NRS, except measures affecting primarily state and local revenue, state and federal budget issues, the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact and the Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency.

(d) Human Resources and Facilities, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures primarily affecting Titles 33, 37–39 and 42 and chapters 385, 386, 388–397, 439–444, 446–460 and 583–585 of NRS, except measures affecting primarily state and local revenue.

(e) Judiciary, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Titles 1–16 and 41 of NRS, except measures affecting primarily state and local revenue.

(f) Legislative Affairs and Operations, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Title 17 of NRS, except the districts from which members of the legislature are elected, and the operation of the legislative session, except measures affecting primarily state and local revenue.

(g) Natural Resources, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures primarily affecting Titles 26 and 45–50 and chapters 445, 488, 581, 582 and 586–590 of NRS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact and the Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency, except measures affecting primarily the Colorado River Commission and state and local revenue.

(h) Taxation, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Title 32 of NRS and state and local revenue.

(i) Transportation, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Title 44 and chapters 403–406, 408–410, 481–487, 705 and 706 of NRS, except measures affecting primarily state and local revenue.

2. The chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance may assign any portion of a proposed executive budget to any of the other standing committees of the Senate for review. Upon receiving such an assignment the standing committee shall complete its review expeditiously and report its findings and any recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance for its independent evaluation.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1855; A 1977, 1682; 1979, 1926; 1981, 2063; 1983, 2104; 1985, 2318, 2327; 1987, 2332, 2341; Senate Resolution No. 1 of 1989 Session (File No. 7); Senate Resolution No. 2 of 1989 Session (File No. 8)]

41

Reserved.

[R 1977, 1653]

42

### **Committee Expenses.**

No committee shall employ assistance or incur any expense, except by permission of the Senate previously obtained.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1868]

43

### **Duties of Committees.**

The several committees shall fully consider all measures referred to them and report thereon. They shall acquaint themselves with the interests of the State specially represented by the committee, and from time to time present such bills and reports as in their judgment will advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people of the State, and shall fully consider and report their opinion upon any matter committed or referred to them by the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1868]

44

### **Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations.**

The Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations shall recommend by resolution the appointments of all attachés and employees of the Senate not

otherwise provided for by law. It may suspend any attaché or employee for incompetency or dereliction of duty, pending final action by the Senate. It shall hear complaints on alleged breaches of ethics and conflicts of interests, brought by legislators and others, and it may advise legislators on questions of breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest. All proceedings by the committee on matters of ethics or conflicts of interest are confidential.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1868; A 1987, 2332]

45

Reserved.

46

### **Forming Committee of the Whole.**

In forming the Committee of the Whole, the Senator who has so moved shall name a chairman to preside, and all bills considered shall be read by sections, and the chairman shall call for amendments at the conclusion of the reading of each section. All amendments proposed by the committee shall be reported by the chairman to the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869; A 1977, 1651]

47

### **Rules Applicable to Committee of the Whole.**

The Rules of the Senate shall apply to proceedings in Committee of the Whole, except that the previous question shall not be ordered, nor the ayes and noes demanded, but the committee may limit the number of times that any member may speak, at any stage of proceedings, during its sitting. Messages may be received by the President while the committee is sitting; in which case the President will resume the chair, receive the message, and vacate the chair in favor of the chairman of the committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869]

48

### **Motion to Rise Committee of the Whole.**

A motion that the committee rise shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869]

49

### **Reference to Committee.**

When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the question must be taken in the following order:

1. The Committee of the Whole Senate.
2. A Standing Committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869; A 1983, 2105]

50

**Return from Committee.**

Any bill or other matter referred to a committee of the Senate shall not be withdrawn or ordered taken from such committee for consideration by the Senate, recommitment, or for any other reason without a two-thirds vote of the Senate, and at least one day's notice of the motion therefor. No such motion shall be in order on the last day of the session, or on the day preceding the last day of the session. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to take from any committee the rights and duties of committees provided for in Rule 43 of Senate Standing Rules.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869]

51

Reserved.

[R 1977, 1653]

52

Reserved.

[R 1977, 1653]

53

**Committee Rules.**

1. The rules of the Senate, as far as applicable, are the rules of committees of the Senate; and procedure in committees, where not otherwise provided in this rule, shall follow the procedure of the Senate. For matters not included in the rules of the Senate or these rules, Mason's Manual shall be followed.

2. A majority of any committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. A meeting of a committee shall not be opened without a quorum present.

4. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings or those called by the chairman, meetings may be set by a written petition of a majority of a committee and filed with the chairman of a committee.

5. A bill may be passed from a committee only by a majority of the committee membership. A simple majority of those present and voting is sufficient to adopt committee amendments. A committee shall not recommend a bill for placement on the consent calendar if it makes any substantive change in the law or if an amendment of the bill is recommended.

6. Subcommittees may be appointed by committee chairmen to consider subjects specified by the committee and shall report back to the committee.

7. A committee shall act only when together, and all votes shall be taken in the presence of the committee. A member shall not be recorded as voting unless he was actually present in the committee at the time of the vote. The chairman shall vote on all final actions on bills or resolutions.

8. All committee and subcommittee meetings are open to the public, except that a meeting may be closed if, in an open meeting of the committee or subcommittee, two-thirds of the members determine that such action is in the public interest and vote to close the meeting for the hearing of specified testimony. Final action on a bill or resolution shall not be taken at a closed meeting.

9. Before reporting a bill or resolution to the Senate, a committee may reconsider its action. A motion to reconsider must be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side.

10. Committee chairmen shall determine the agenda of each meeting except that committee members may request an item for the agenda by communicating with the chairman at least 4 days before the meeting. A majority of a committee may, by vote, add an item to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

11. Secretaries to committees shall give notice of hearings on bills to anyone requesting notices of particular bills.

12. All committees shall keep minutes of meetings. The minutes shall cover members present and absent, subjects under discussion, witnesses who appear, committee members' statements concerning legislative intent, action taken by the committee, as well as the vote of individual members on all matters on which a vote is taken. Any member may submit to the secretary additional remarks to be included in the minutes and records of committee meetings. At the conclusion of the legislative session, the Secretary of the Senate shall deliver all minutes and records of committee meetings in her possession to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

13. In addition to the minutes, the committee secretary shall maintain a record of all bills, including:

- (a) Date bill referred;
- (b) Date bill received;
- (c) Date set for hearing the bill;
- (d) Date or dates bill heard and voted upon; and
- (e) Date report prepared.

14. Each committee secretary shall file the minutes of each meeting with the Secretary of the Senate within 2 weeks after the meeting.

15. All committee minutes are open to public inspection upon request and during normal business hours.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1870; A 1975, 1904; 1977, 1651; 1979, 1928]

### **Review of State Agency Programs.**

In addition to or concurrent with committee action taken on specific bills and resolutions during a regular session of the legislature, each standing committee of the Senate is encouraged to plan and conduct a general review of selected programs of state agencies or other areas of public interest within the committee's jurisdiction.

[Statutes of Nevada 1979, 1977]

**The next rule is 60.**

## **VI. RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS**

### **A. Motions Generally**

60

#### **Entertaining.**

No motion shall be debated until announced by the President. It shall be reduced to writing and read by the Secretary, if desired by the President or any Senator, before it shall be debated, and by consent of the Senate may be withdrawn before amendment or decision.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1870]

61

#### **Precedence of Motions.**

When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but the following, which shall have precedence in the order named:

1. To adjourn.
2. For a call of the Senate.
3. To lay on the table.
4. For the previous question.
5. To postpone to a day certain.
6. To commit.
7. To amend.
8. To postpone indefinitely.

The first four shall be decided without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1870]

62

#### **When Not Entertained.**

When a motion to commit, to postpone to a day certain, or to postpone indefinitely has been decided, it shall not be again entertained on the same day and at the same stage of proceedings, and when a question has been postponed indefinitely it shall not again be introduced during the session except this rule may be suspended by a two-thirds vote, and there shall be no reconsideration of a vote on a motion to indefinitely postpone.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

### **B. Particular Motions**

63

#### **To Adjourn.**

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order. The name of the Senator moving to adjourn, and the time when the motion was made, shall be entered on the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

64

**Lay on the Table.**

A motion to lay on or take from the table shall be carried by a majority vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

65

Reserved.

66

**To Strike Enacting Clause.**

A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill or resolution shall have precedence of a motion to commit or amend, and if carried shall be equivalent to its rejection.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

67

**Division of Question.**

Any Senator may call for a division of a question, which shall be divided if it embraces subjects so distinct that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Senate; but a motion to strike out and insert shall not be divided.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

68

**To Reconsider—Precedence of.**

A motion to reconsider shall have precedence over every other motion, except a motion to adjourn; and when the Senate adjourns while a motion to reconsider is pending, or before passing the order of Motions and Resolutions, the right to move a reconsideration shall continue to the next day of sitting. No notice of reconsideration of any final vote shall be in order on the day preceding the last day of the session.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

69

**Explanation of Motion.**

Whenever a Senator moves to take a bill off general file and return it to the Secretary's desk or to make any other disposition of a bill that has been reported out of committee, he shall describe the subject of the bill, explain the purpose of his motion and state the reasons for his requesting the change in the processing of the bill.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1883; A 1979, 1928]

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The next rule is 80.

## VII. DEBATE

80

**Speaking on Question.**

Every Senator when he speaks, shall, standing in his place, address "Mr. President," in a courteous manner, and shall confine himself to the question before the Senate, and when he has finished, shall sit down. No Senator shall speak more than twice (except for explanation) during the consideration of any one question on the same day, nor a second time without leave when others who have not spoken desire the floor; but incidental and subsidiary questions arising during debate shall not be considered the same question.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

81

**Previous Question.**

The previous question shall not be put unless demanded by three Senators, and it shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" When sustained by a majority of Senators present it shall put an end to all debate and bring the Senate to a vote on the question or questions before it, and all incidental questions arising after the motion was made shall be decided without debate. A person who is speaking on a question shall not while he has the floor move to put that question.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872; A 1979, 1928]

**The next rule is 90.**

## VIII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

## A. Generally

90

**Mason's Manual.**

The rules of parliamentary practice contained in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the Senate in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the Senate, and the joint rules of the Senate and Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872]

91

**Suspension of Rule.**

No standing rule or order of the Senate shall be rescinded or changed without a vote of two-thirds of the Senate and one day's notice of the motion therefor; but a rule or order may be temporarily suspended for a special purpose by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. When the suspension of a rule is called for, and after due notice from the President no objection is offered, he can announce the rule suspended and the Senate may



proceed accordingly; but this shall not apply to that portion of Senate Standing Rule No. 109 relating to the third reading of bills, which cannot be suspended; and further, this rule shall not apply to the suspension of Senate Standing Rule No. 50.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872]

92

**Notices of Bills, Topics and Public Hearings.**

Adequate notice shall be provided to the legislators and the public by posting information relative to the bills, topics and public hearings which are to come before committees. Notices shall include the date, time, place and agenda, and shall be posted conspicuously in the legislative building, shall appear in the daily history, and shall be made available to the news media.

This requirement of notice may be suspended for an emergency by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the committee members appointed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872; A 1977, 1677]

93

**Protest.**

Any Senator, or Senators, may protest against the action of the Senate upon any question, and have such protest entered upon the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872]

94

**Privilege of the Floor.**

1. To preserve decorum and facilitate the business of the Senate, only state officers and officers and members of the Senate may be present on the floor of the Senate during formal sessions, except for employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, attachés and employees of the Senate and members of the Assembly whose presence is required for the transaction of business. Guests of Senators must be seated in a section of the lower gallery of the Senate Chamber to be specially designated by the Sergeant at Arms. The Majority Floor Leader may specify special occasions when guests may be seated on the floor of the Senate with a Senator.

2. A majority may authorize the President to have the Senate Chamber cleared of all persons except Senators and officers of the Senate.

3. The Senate Chamber may not be used for any but legislative business except by permission given by a two-thirds vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873; A 1987, 2333]

95

**Material Placed on Legislators' Desks.**

All papers, letters, notes, pamphlets and other written material placed upon a Senator's desk must contain the name of the legislator requesting the placement of such material on the desk or contain a designation of the origin

of such material. This rule does not apply to books containing the legislative bills and resolutions, the legislative daily histories, the legislative daily journals, or Legislative Counsel Bureau material.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873; A 1979, 1929]

96

Reserved.

97

### **Petitions and Memorials.**

The contents of any petition or memorial shall be briefly stated by the President or any Senator presenting it. It shall then lie on the table or be referred, as the President or Senate may direct.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

98

Reserved.

99

Reserved.

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Reserved.

101

Reserved.

102

### **Objection to Reading of Paper.**

Where the reading of any paper is called for, and is objected to by any Senator, it shall be determined by a vote of the Senate, and without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

103

### **Questions Relating to Priority of Business.**

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

### **B. Bills**

104

Reserved.

[R 1983, 2105]

105

Reserved.

106

**Skeleton Bills.**

The introduction of skeleton bills is authorized after the beginning of a session when, in the opinion of the sponsor and the legislative counsel, the full drafting of the bill would entail extensive research or be of considerable length. A skeleton bill will be provided for purposes of introduction and committee referral. Such bill will be a presentation of ideas or statements of purpose, sufficient in style and expression to enable the legislature and the committee to which the bill may be referred to consider the substantive merits of the legislation proposed. The committee, if it treats the skeleton bill favorably, shall then request the draft of a completed bill in such detail as would afford the committee the opportunity of considering the legislative ideas proposed in context with all their necessary ramifications.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1874]

107

**Information Concerning Bills.**

Bills introduced may be accompanied by information relative to witnesses and selected persons of departments and agencies who should be considered for committee hearings on the proposed legislation. At the time of introduction of a bill, a list may be given to the Secretary of witnesses who are proponents of the measure together with their addresses and telephone numbers. This information may be provided by:

- (a) The Senator introducing the bill;
- (b) The person requesting a committee introduction of the bill; or
- (c) The chairman of a committee introducing the bill. The Secretary shall deliver this information to the chairman of the committee to which the bill is referred. Members of the committee may suggest additional names for witnesses. The legislator may provide an analysis which may describe the intent, purpose, justification and effects of the bill, or any of them.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1874; A 1979, 1929]

108

Reserved.

109

**Reading of Bills.**

At least one day's notice shall be given of the introduction of a bill unless by consent of two-thirds of the Senate, or the bill be presented by a committee in the discharge of its duty. Every bill shall receive three readings previous to its passage, unless, in case of emergency, two-thirds of the Senate shall deem it expedient to dispense with this rule. The President shall

give notice at each whether it be first, second, or third reading. The first reading of the bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall then take the usual course. No bill shall be committed until once read, nor amended until twice read. The third reading of every bill shall be by sections.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1874]

110

**Second Reading File—Consent Calendar.**

1. All bills reported by committee shall be placed on a second reading file unless recommended for placement on the consent calendar. Senate bills recommended for placement on the consent calendar must be engrossed upon receipt by the Secretary of the committee's recommendation. Upon the request of any Senator, at any time before the consent calendar is called, a bill placed on the consent calendar shall be transferred to the second reading file.

2. When the consent calendar is called, the bills remaining on the consent calendar shall be read by number and summary, and the vote shall be taken on their final passage as a group.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1652; A 1979, 1979]

111

**Printing.**

One thousand copies of all bills and resolutions of general interest shall be printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly, and two hundred and fifty copies of such as are of only local interest; also such other matter shall be printed as may be ordered by the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1875]

112

Reserved.

113

**Reading of Bills—General File.**

All bills on the second reading file shall be read in the order in which they are reported by committees. Upon reading of bills on the second reading file, Senate bills reported without amendments shall be engrossed and placed on the general file, and Assembly bills reported without amendments shall be placed on the general file. Committee amendments reported with bills shall be considered upon their second reading and such amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Senate bills so amended shall be reprinted, engrossed, and placed on the general file, and Assembly bills so amended shall be reprinted, reengrossed and placed on the general file. Engrossed bills shall be placed at the head of the file in the order in

which they are reported engrossed, except general appropriation bills, which shall be at the head of the file. The file, with each bill in order, shall be conspicuously posted in the Senate Chamber each day by the Secretary.

Any member may move to amend a bill during its reading on the second reading file or during its third reading and the motion to amend may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Bills so amended on second reading shall be treated the same as bills with committee amendments. Any bill so amended upon the general file shall be reprinted and reengrossed.

The reprinting of amended bills may be dispensed with only in accordance with the provisions of law. Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, one thousand copies of all amended bills shall be printed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1875; A 1977, 1652]

114

**Commitment of Bill with Special Instructions.**

A bill may be committed with special instructions to amend at any time before taking the final vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1875]

115

**Reconsideration of Vote on Bill.**

On the day next succeeding the final vote on any bill, said vote may be reconsidered on motion of any member, provided notice of intention to move a reconsideration was given on the day such final vote was taken, by a Senator who voted on that side which prevailed, and no motion to reconsider shall be in order on the day such final vote was taken, except by unanimous consent. Motions to reconsider a vote upon amendments to any pending question may be made and decided at once.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876]

116

Reserved.

117

**Different Subject Not Admitted as Amendment.**

No subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted as an amendment; and no bill or resolution shall be amended by incorporating any irrelevant subject matter or by association or annexing any other bill or resolution pending in the Senate, but a substitute may be offered at any time so long as the original is open to amendment.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876]

### C. Resolutions

118

**Treated as Bills.**

Resolutions addressed to Congress, or to either House thereof, or to the President of the United States, or the heads of any of the national departments, or proposing amendments to the State Constitution are subject, in all respects, to the foregoing rules governing the course of bills. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution shall be entered in the journal in its entirety.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876; A 1977, 1757]

119

**Treated as Motions.**

Resolutions, other than those referred to in Rule 118, shall be treated as motions in all proceedings of the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876]

120

**Order of Business.**

1. Roll Call.
2. Prayer by the Chaplain.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Reading and Approval of the Journal.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Messages from the Governor.
7. Messages from the Assembly.
8. Communications from State Officers.
9. Motions, Resolutions and Notices.
10. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.
11. Consent Calendar.
12. Second Reading and Amendment.
13. Business on General File and Third Reading.
14. Unfinished Business.
15. Special Orders of the Day.
16. Remarks from the Floor; Introduction of Guests.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876; A 1977, 1653; 1983, 2106; 1985, 2319; Senate Resolution No. 1 of 1989 Session (File No. 7)]

121

**Privilege.**

Any Senator may rise and explain a matter personal to himself by leave of the President, but he shall not discuss any pending question in such explanation.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

122

Reserved.

123

Reserved.

124

**Preference to Speak.**

When two or more Senators rise at the same time the President shall name the one who may first speak—giving preference, when practicable, to the mover or introducer of the subject under consideration.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

125

**Special Order.**

The President shall call the Senate to order on the arrival of the time fixed for the consideration of a special order, and announce that the special order is before the Senate, which shall be considered, unless it be postponed by a two-thirds vote, and any business before the Senate at the time of the announcement of the special order shall go to Unfinished Business.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

126

Reserved.

127

**Messages.**

Messages from the Governor, state officers and from the Assembly may be considered at any time by a vote of the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

128

Reserved.

[R 1979, 1929]

129

Reserved.

**D. Contests of Election**

130

**Procedure.**

1. The Senate shall not dismiss a statement of contest for want of form if any ground of contest is alleged with sufficient certainty to inform the defendant of the charges he is required to meet. The following grounds are sufficient, but are not exclusive:

(a) That the election board or any member thereof was guilty of malfeasance.

(b) That a person who has been declared elected to an office was not at the time of election eligible to that office.

(c) That illegal votes were cast and counted for the defendant, which, if taken from him, will reduce the number of his legal votes below the number necessary to elect him.

(d) That the election board, in conducting the election or in canvassing the returns, made errors sufficient to change the result of the election as to any person who has been declared elected.

(e) That the defendant has given, or offered to give, to any person a bribe for the purpose of procuring his election.

(f) That there was a possible malfunction of any voting or counting device.

2. The contest must be submitted so far as may be possible upon depositions or by written or oral arguments as the Senate may order. Any party to a contest may take the deposition of any witness at any time after the statement of contest is filed with the secretary of state and before the contest is finally decided. At least 5 days' notice must be given to the prospective deponent and to the other party. If oral statements are made at any hearing before the Senate or a committee thereof which purport to establish matters of fact, they must be made under oath. Strict rules of evidence do not apply.

3. The contestant has the burden of proving that any irregularities shown were of such nature as to establish the probability that the result of the election was changed thereby. After consideration of all the evidence, the Senate shall declare the defendant elected unless the Senate finds from the evidence that a person other than the defendant received the greatest number of legal votes, in which case the Senate shall declare that person elected.

[Statutes of Nevada 1981, 2145]

**The next rule is 140.**

## **IX. LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

140

### **Compensation of Witnesses.**

Witnesses summoned to appear before the Senate, or any of its committees, shall be compensated as provided by law for witnesses required to attend in the courts of the State of Nevada.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]



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## **ASSEMBLY STANDING RULES**



## ASSEMBLY STANDING RULES

[Current through Adjournment Sine Die of the 1989 Legislative Session]

### I. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

#### Duties of Officers

##### 1

#### **Speaker of the Assembly.**

1. All officers of the Assembly are subordinate to the Speaker in all that relates to the prompt, efficient and correct discharge of their official duties under his supervision.

2. Possessing the powers and performing the duties described in this rule, the Speaker shall:

(a) Take the chair at the hour to which the Assembly stands adjourned, call the members to order, and upon the appearance of a quorum, proceed to business.

(b) Preserve order and decorum and have general direction of the chamber of the Assembly and the approaches thereto, and in the event of any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein, order the same to be cleared.

(c) Decide all questions of order, subject to a member's right to appeal to the Assembly. On appeal from such decisions, the Speaker has the right, in his place, to assign the reason for his decision.

(d) Have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond one legislative day.

(e) When the Assembly resolves itself into Committee of the Whole, name a chairman to preside thereover and call him to the chair.

(f) Have the power to accredit the persons who act as representatives of the press, radio and television, and assign them seats.

(g) Sign all bills and resolutions passed by the legislature as provided by law.

(h) Sign all subpoenas issued by the Assembly or any committee thereof.

(i) Receive all messages and communications from other departments of the government and announce them to the Assembly.

(j) Represent the Assembly, declare its will and in all things obey its commands.

(k) Vote on final passage of a bill or resolution, but he shall not be required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings except where his vote would be decisive. In all aye and no votes, the Speaker's name shall be called last.

3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, through death, resignation or disability of the Speaker, the Speaker pro Tempore shall temporarily

and for the period of vacancy or disability conduct the necessary business of the Assembly.

4. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, the Assembly shall select a new Speaker.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1912]

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Reserved.

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Reserved.

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Reserved.

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Reserved.

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Reserved.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1886; R 1985, 2315]

**The next rule is 10.**

## II. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS

10

### **Time of Meeting.**

The Assembly shall meet each day at 11 a.m., unless the Assembly adjourns to some other hour.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1857]

11

### **Open Meetings.**

All meetings of the Assembly and its standing committees shall be open to the public.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1907]

12

Reserved.

**The next rule is 20.**

## III. DECORUM AND DEBATE

20

### **Points of Order.**

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Assembly, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order, in which



case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and if called to order by a member, such member shall immediately state the point of order. If the point of order be sustained by the Speaker, the member shall not be allowed to proceed; but if it be not sustained, then he shall be permitted to go on. Every such decision from the Speaker shall be subject to an appeal to the house; but no discussion of the question of order shall be allowed unless an appeal be taken from the decision of the Speaker.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1886]

21

Reserved.

22

Reserved.

23

### **Committee on Ethics; Legislative Ethics.**

1. The Committee on Ethics consists of:
  - (a) Two members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker from the majority political party;
  - (b) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader from the minority political party; and
  - (c) Two qualified electors of the state chosen by the members of the committee who are appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b), neither of whom is a present or former member of the legislature or employed by the State of Nevada.
2. The Speaker shall appoint two members of the Assembly, one from the majority political party and one from the minority political party to serve as alternate members of the committee. If a member is disqualified, the alternate appointed from the same political party shall serve as a member of the committee during the consideration of a specific question.
3. A member is disqualified if he is the requester of advice concerning a question of ethics or conflict of interest, or if the advice is requested by another member of the Assembly and a reasonable person in his situation could not exercise independent judgment on the matter in question.
4. The committee shall hear complaints on alleged breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest, brought by legislators and others, and it may advise legislators on questions of breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest. All proceedings by the committee on matters of ethics or conflicts of interest are confidential unless a legislator:
  - (a) Against whom a complaint is brought requests a public hearing;
  - (b) Discloses the opinion of the committee at any time after his hearing; or
  - (c) Discloses the content of an advisory opinion issued to him by the committee.
5. A complaint which alleges a breach of ethics or a conflict of interest must be in writing and signed by the person making the allegation. The complaint must be filed with the chairman and he shall send a copy of the

complaint, within 24 hours after receiving it, to the legislator against whom the complaint is brought.

6. The criterion to be applied by the committee in determining whether a legislator has a conflict of interest is whether the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in his position upon the matter in question would be materially affected by:

- (a) His acceptance of a gift or loan; or
- (b) His private economic interest.

7. A legislator who determines that he has a conflict of interest may vote upon, advocate or oppose any measure as to which a potential conflict exists if he makes a general disclosure of the conflict. In determining whether to vote upon, advocate or oppose the measure, the legislators should consider whether:

- (a) The conflict impedes his independence of judgment;
- (b) His participation will produce a negative effect on the public's confidence in the integrity of the legislature;
- (c) His participation is likely to have any significant effect on the disposition of the measure; and
- (d) His interest is greater than the interests of an entire class of persons similarly situated.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1706; A 1987, 2325, 2336]

The next rule is 30.

#### IV. QUORUM, VOTING, ELECTIONS

##### 30

##### **Manner of Voting.**

1. The Speaker shall declare all votes but the ayes and noes shall be taken when called for by three members present, and the names of those calling for the ayes and noes shall be entered in the Journal by the Chief Clerk.

2. The Speaker shall call for ayes and noes by a division or by a roll call, either electronic or oral.

3. When taking the ayes and noes on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used, and when so used shall have the force and effect of any roll call under these rules.

4. When taking the ayes and noes by oral roll call, the Chief Clerk shall take the names of members alphabetically except that the Speaker shall be called last.

5. The electronic roll call system may be used to determine the presence of a quorum.

6. The ayes and noes shall not be taken with the electronic roll call system until all members present are at their desks. The Speaker and the Speaker pro Tempore may vote at their desks or at the rostrum.

7. Only a member, certified by the Committee on Credentials of the Assembly, may cast a vote in the Assembly. A member shall not vote for another member on any roll call, either electronic or oral. Any member who

votes for another member may be punished in any manner deemed appropriate by the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1879]

31

Reserved.

32

#### **Announcement of the Vote.**

1. A member may change his vote at any time before the announcement of the vote if the voting is by voice, or at any time before the votes are electronically recorded if the voting is conducted electronically.

2. The announcement of the result of any vote shall not be postponed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1876]

33

#### **Voting by Division.**

Upon a division and count of the Assembly on any question, no person without the bar shall be counted.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1887]

The next rule is 40.

### **V. LEGISLATIVE BODIES**

40

#### **Standing Committees.**

The standing committees of the Assembly are as follows:

1. Ways and Means, fourteen members.
2. Judiciary, fourteen members.
3. Taxation, eleven members.
4. Elections, nine members.
5. Education, thirteen members.
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[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1857; A 1977, 1728; 1981, 2059, 2064; 1983, 2103; 1985, 2315; 1987, 2326, 2399; Assembly Resolution No. 1 of 1989 Session (File No. 4)]

## 41

**Appointment of Committees.**

Except as otherwise provided in Rule 23, all committees must be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise directed by the Assembly. The Speaker shall designate the chairman and vice-chairman of each committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903; A 1977, 1707; 1985, 2314]

## 42

**Committee Action.**

The committee shall have regular meetings scheduled by the Assembly leadership. A quorum of the committee is a majority of its members and may transact business except as limited by this rule. Motions may be moved, seconded and passed by voice vote by a simple majority of those present, except that definite action on a bill or resolution will require a majority of the entire committee. A two-thirds majority of all the committee is required to reconsider action on a bill or resolution. Committee introduction requires concurrence of two-thirds of the committee and does not imply commitment to support final passage. The Chairman shall vote on all final action regarding bills or resolutions. No member of the committee may vote by proxy under any circumstances.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

## 43

**Subcommittees.**

Subcommittees made up of committee members may be appointed by the chairman to consider and report back on specific subjects or bills.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

## 44

**Committee on Legislative Functions.**

The Committee on Legislative Functions has jurisdiction over matters relating to personnel. It shall recommend by resolution the appointment of all attachés and employees of the Assembly not otherwise provided for by law. It may suspend or remove any such attaché or employee for incompetency or dereliction of duty. It shall function as the Committee on Rules and as the Committee on Credentials of the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1885; A 1977, 1707; 1981, 2059, 2171; 1985, 2316]

## 45

**Procedure for Election Contests.**

1. Upon receipt of a statement of contest from the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.427, the Speaker shall, as soon as practicable, appoint a special committee to hear the contest or refer the contest to the Standing Committee on Legislative Functions. The committee shall conduct a hearing to consider the contest. The committee shall keep written minutes of the

hearing. The contestant has the burden of proving that any irregularities shown were of such a nature as to establish that the result of the election was changed thereby.

2. The contest must be submitted so far as may be possible upon depositions or by written or oral arguments as the Assembly may order. Any party to a contest may take the deposition of any witness at any time after the statement of contest is filed with the Secretary of State and before the contest is finally decided. At least 3 days' notice must be given to the prospective deponent and to the other party. If oral arguments are made at any hearing before the Assembly or a committee thereof which purport to establish matters of fact, they must be made under oath. Strict rules of evidence do not apply.

3. The committee shall, not later than 5 calendar days after the contest was referred to the committee, report to the Assembly its recommendation on which candidate should be declared elected. The Assembly shall, as soon as practicable thereafter but not later than 7 calendar days after the Speaker received the statement of contest, vote whether to accept or reject the committee's recommendation without amendment. If the recommendation is accepted, the Speaker shall declare the recommended candidate elected. If the recommendation is rejected, the Assembly shall consider immediately whether to declare another candidate elected. The Speaker shall not adjourn the Assembly until it has declared a candidate to be elected.

4. The Speaker shall inform the Governor of the identity of the candidate declared to be elected by the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1885; R 1987, 2326; Assembly Resolution No. 1 of 1989 Session (File No. 4)]

#### 46

### **Committee Action on Reports.**

Committee reports shall be adopted at a committee session actually assembled and meeting as a committee with a quorum present. Every committee vote on a matter pertaining to a bill or resolution shall be recorded. The vote may be taken by roll call at the discretion of the chairman.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

#### 47

### **Committee Records.**

The chairman of each committee shall keep, or cause to be kept, a complete record of the committee proceedings in which there shall be entered:

1. The time and place of each meeting;
2. The attendance and absence of members;
3. The names of all persons appearing before the committee, with the names of persons, firms, corporations or associations in whose behalf such appearance is made; and
4. The subjects or measures considered and action taken.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

48

**Disposition of Committee Records.**

All minutes, records and documents in the possession of committees and their chairmen shall be filed in the offices of the Legislative Counsel Bureau upon adjournment sine die.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1904]

49

**Committee Hearings.**

Public hearings shall be held on important bills and other matters of high public interest. Presence of a quorum of the committee is desirable but not required. Public hearings are opened by the chairman who announces the subject under consideration and provides for those wishing to address the committee to be heard. These persons shall rise in an order determined by the chairman, address the chair, furnish their names, addresses and firms or other organizations represented. Committee members may address the chairman for permission to question the witness. When all persons present have been heard, the chairman may declare the public hearing closed on the matter before proceeding to other matters.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1914]

50

Reserved.

51

Reserved.

52

**Concurrent Referrals.**

When a bill or resolution is referred to two committees the bill or resolution must go to the first committee named. If the first committee votes to amend the bill or resolution, it must be reprinted with amendments and then returned to the first committee or sent immediately to the next committee. If there is no amendment proposed by the first committee, or if the first committee acts upon the bill or resolution after amendment, the bill or resolution must be sent with the committee recommendation immediately to the second committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1909; A 1987, 2326; Assembly Resolution No. 1 of 1989 Session (File No. 4)]

The next rule is 60.

**VI. RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS**

60

**Entertaining.**

No motion shall be debated until the same be distinctly announced by the Speaker; and it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the Speaker or any member, and be read by the Chief Clerk before the same shall be debated. A

motion may be withdrawn by the maker at any time before amendment or before the motion is put to vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

61

Reserved.

62

Reserved.

#### Particular Motions

63

Reserved.

64

Reserved.

65

#### **Indefinite Postponement.**

When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be considered again during the session and the question shall not be subject to a motion for reconsideration.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

66

#### **To Strike Enacting Clause.**

A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill or resolution shall not take precedence over any other subsidiary motion. If the motion is carried, it shall be considered equivalent to the rejection of such bill or resolution.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

67

#### **Division of Question.**

Any member may call for a division of the question, which shall be divided, if it comprehend propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Assembly. A motion to strike out being lost shall preclude neither amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

68

#### **To Reconsider—Precedence Of.**

A motion to reconsider shall have precedence over every other motion, except a motion to adjourn, or to fix the time to which to adjourn; and when

the Assembly adjourns, while a motion to reconsider is pending, or before passing the order of Motions and Resolutions, the right to move a reconsideration shall continue to the next day of sitting. No notice of reconsideration of any final vote shall be in order on the day preceding the last day of the session.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

**The next rule is 80.**

## VII. DEBATE

80

### **Speaking on Question.**

No member shall speak more than twice during the consideration of any one question, on the same day, and at the same stage of proceedings, without leave. Members who have once spoken shall not again be entitled to the floor (except for explanation) to the exclusion of others who have not spoken.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

81

### **Previous Question.**

The previous question shall be put only when demanded by three members. The previous question shall not be moved by the member last speaking on the question.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

**The next rule is 90.**

## VIII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### A. Rules and Procedure

90

### **Mason's Manual.**

The rules of parliamentary practice contained in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the Assembly in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules and orders of the Assembly, and the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

91

### **Suspension of Rule.**

No standing rule or order of the Assembly shall be rescinded or changed without a vote of two-thirds of the members elected, and one day's notice being given of the motion therefor; but a rule or order may be suspended temporarily by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]



92

**Notices of Bills, Topics and Public Hearings.**

All committees shall provide notice of public hearings on bills, resolutions or topics of high public importance at least 5 calendar days before such hearings. Notice shall also be provided for all other committee meetings at least 24 hours in advance of such meetings. Notices in all cases shall include the date, time, place and agenda to be covered and shall be posted conspicuously in the legislative building, appear in the daily history and be made available to the press.

The noticing requirements of this rule may be suspended for emergency situations but only after approval by a two-thirds vote of a committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1915]

93

Reserved.

94

**Privilege of the Floor and Lobbying.**

No person, except Senators, former Assemblymen and state officers, may be admitted at the bar of the Assembly, except by special invitation on the part of some member; but a majority may authorize the Speaker to have the Assembly cleared of all such persons. No person may do any lobbying upon the floor of the Assembly at any time, and it is the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to remove any person violating any of the provisions of this rule.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891; A 1983, 2152]

95

**Material Placed on Legislators' Desks.**

All papers, letters, notes, pamphlets and other written material placed upon an assemblyman's desk shall contain the signature of the legislator requesting the placement of such material on the desk or shall contain a designation of the origin of such material. This rule does not apply to books containing the legislative bills and resolutions, the legislative daily histories, the legislative daily journals or Legislative Counsel Bureau material.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

96

**Peddling and Soliciting.**

Peddling, begging and soliciting are strictly forbidden in the Assembly Chamber, and in the lobby, gallery and halls adjacent thereto, and no part of said chamber or halls shall be used for, or occupied by signs or other devices for any kind of advertising.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

97

**Petitions and Memorials.**

Petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the Assembly, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place. A brief statement of the contents thereof shall be made verbally by the introducer. They shall not

be debated on the day of their being presented, but shall be on the table, or be referred, as the Assembly shall determine.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

98

**Request of Purpose.**

A member may request the purpose of a bill or joint resolution upon its introduction.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

99

**Remarks.**

It shall be in order for members to make remarks and to have such remarks entered in the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

100

**Precedence of Parliamentary Authority.**

The precedence of parliamentary authority in the Assembly shall be as follows:

1. The Constitution of the State of Nevada.
2. The Statutes of the State of Nevada.
3. The Standing Rules of the Assembly and the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly.
4. Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

101

Reserved.

[Statutes of Nevada 1987, 2327; Assembly Resolution No. 1 of 1989 Session (File No. 4)]

102

Reserved.

103

Reserved.

**B. Bills**

104

Reserved.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1883; A 1973, 1911; R 1983, 2106]

105

**Substitute Bills.**

A substitute bill shall be deemed and held to be an amendment, and treated in all respects as such. However, a substitute bill may be amended after its adoption, in the same manner as if it were an original bill.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1893]

106

**Skeleton Bills.**

The introduction of skeleton bills is authorized after the beginning of a session when, in the opinion of the sponsor and the legislative counsel, the full drafting of the bill would entail extensive research or be of considerable length. A skeleton bill will be provided for purposes of introduction and committee referral. Such bill will be a presentation of ideas or statements of purpose, sufficient in style and expression to enable the legislature and the committee to which the bill may be referred to consider the substantive merits of the legislation proposed. The committee, if it treats the skeleton bill favorably, shall then request the draft of a completed bill in such detail as would afford the committee the opportunity of considering the legislative ideas proposed in context with all their necessary ramifications.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1893]

107

Reserved.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1893; R 1985, 2316]

108

Reserved.

[Statutes of Nevada 1985, 2316; R 1987, 2327]

109

**Reading of Bills.**

The Speaker shall announce at each reading of a bill whether it be the first, second or third reading. The first reading of a bill shall be for information. If there is objection, the question shall be, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If the question to reject fails to receive a majority vote by the members present, or if there is no objection, the bill shall take the proper course. No bill shall be referred to a committee until after the first reading, nor amended until after the second reading.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1894]

## 110

**Second Reading and Amendment of Bills.**

All bills shall be read the second time on the first legislative day after which they are reported by committee, unless a different day is designated by motion. Upon second reading, Assembly bills reported without amendments shall be engrossed and placed on the General File and Senate bills reported without amendments shall be placed on the General File. Committee amendments reported with bills shall be considered upon their second reading, and such amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Any amendment which is numbered, copied and made available to all members shall be moved and voted upon by number unless any member moves that it be read in full. Assembly bills so amended shall be reprinted, engrossed, and placed on the General File, and Senate bills so amended shall be reprinted, reengrossed, and placed on the General File.

Any member may move to amend a bill during its second or third reading, and such motion to amend may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Bills so amended on second reading shall be treated the same as bills with committee amendments. Any bill so amended upon the General File shall be reprinted and reengrossed.

The reprinting of amended bills may be dispensed with only in accordance with the provision of law.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1915]

## 111

**Consent Calendar.**

1. On or before the 80th calendar day of a regular session, a standing committee may by unanimous vote of the members present report a bill with the recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar. The question of recommending a bill for the consent calendar may be voted upon in committee only after the bill has been recommended for passage and only if no amendment is recommended. If the bill is an Assembly bill, it must be engrossed upon receipt by the Chief Clerk of the committee's recommendation.

2. The Chief Clerk shall maintain a list of bills recommended for the consent calendar. The list must be printed in the daily history and must include the summary of each bill, and the date the bill is scheduled for consideration on final passage.

3. Unless postponed by motion, the consent calendar must be considered on Monday and Thursday. A bill reported on Friday to Monday, inclusive, is eligible to be considered on the following Thursday; a bill reported on Tuesday to Thursday, inclusive, is eligible to be considered on the following Monday.

4. At any time before the presiding officer calls for a vote on the passage of the consent calendar, a member may give written notice to the Chief Clerk or state orally from the floor of the Assembly in session that he objects to the inclusion of a particular bill on the consent calendar. If a member so objects, the Chief Clerk shall remove the bill from the consent calendar and

transfer it to the second reading file. A bill removed from the consent calendar may not be restored to that calendar.

5. During floor consideration of the consent calendar, members may ask questions and offer explanations relating to the respective bills.

6. When the consent calendar is brought to a vote, the bills remaining on the consent calendar must be read by number and summary and the vote must be taken on their final passage as a group.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1660; A 1987, 2328]

112

Reserved.

113

#### **General File.**

All bills reported to the Assembly, by either standing or special committees, after receiving their second readings shall be placed upon a General File, to be kept by the Chief Clerk. No bill shall be considered by the Assembly until the regular order of business shall have been gone through. Then bills shall be taken from the General File and acted upon in the order in which they were reported, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Assembly. But engrossed bills shall be placed at the head of the file, in the order in which they are received. The Chief Clerk shall post, in a conspicuous place in the Chamber, a daily statement of the bills on the General File, setting forth the order in which they are filed, and specifying the alterations arising from the disposal of business each day. He shall likewise post notices of special orders as made.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1895]

114

Reserved.

115

#### **Reconsideration of Vote on Bill.**

On the first legislative day that the Assembly is in session succeeding that on which a final vote on any bill or resolution has been taken, a vote may be reconsidered on the motion of any member. Notice of intention to move such reconsideration shall be given on the day on which such final vote was taken by a member voting with the prevailing party. It shall not be in order for any member to move a reconsideration on the day on which such final vote was taken, except by unanimous consent. But there shall be no reconsideration of a vote on a motion to indefinitely postpone. Motions to reconsider a vote upon amendments to any pending question may be made at once.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1895]

116

Reserved.

117

Reserved.

### C. Resolutions

118

#### **Treated as Bills—Joint Resolutions.**

The procedure of enacting joint resolutions shall be identical to that of enacting bills. However, joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution shall be entered in the Journal in their entirety.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1895]

119

Reserved.

120

#### **Order of Business.**

The Order of Business must be as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading and Approval of Journal.
3. Presentation of Petitions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Select Committees.
6. Communications.
7. Messages from the Senate.
8. Motions, Resolutions and Notices.
9. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.
10. Consent Calendar.
11. Second Reading and Amendment.
12. General File and Third Reading.
13. Unfinished Business of Preceding Day.
14. Special Orders of the Day.
15. Remarks from the Floor, limited to ten minutes.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1895; A 1977, 1660; 1985, 2316; 1987, 2328; Assembly Resolution No. 1 of 1989 Session (File No. 4)]

121

Reserved.

122

#### **Privileged Questions.**

Privileged questions shall have precedence of all others in the following order:

1. Motions to fix the time to which the Assembly shall adjourn.
2. Motions to adjourn.
3. Questions relating to the rights and privileges of the Assembly or any of its members.

4. A call of the house.
  5. Motions for special orders.
- [Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1896]

123

**Privilege of Closing Debate.**

The author of a bill, resolution or a main question shall have the privilege of closing the debate, unless the previous question has been sustained.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1896]

124

Reserved.

125

Reserved.

126

**Vetoed Bills.**

Bills which have passed both houses of the Legislature and are transmitted to the Assembly accompanied by a message or statement of the Governor's disapproval or veto of the same, shall be taken up and considered immediately upon the coming in of the message transmitting the same, or shall become the subject of a special order, and when the message is received, or (if made a special order) when the special order is called, the said message or statement shall be read together with the bill or bills so disapproved or vetoed; and the message and bill shall be read by the Chief Clerk without interruption, consecutively, one following the other, and not upon separate occasions; and no such bill or message shall be referred to any committee, or otherwise acted upon save as provided by law and custom; that is to say, that immediately following such reading the only question (except as hereinafter stated) which shall be put by the Speaker is, "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such vetoed bill without the same shall first have been read, from the first word of its title to and including the last word of its final section; and no motion shall be entertained after the Speaker has stated the question, save a motion to adjourn or a motion for the previous question, but the merits of the bill itself may be debated. The message or statement containing the objections of the Governor to the bill shall be entered upon the Journal of the Assembly. The consideration of a vetoed bill, and the objections of the Governor thereto, shall be a privileged question, and shall take precedence over all others.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1896]

127

Reserved.

Reserved.

**The next rule is 140.**

## **IX. LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Compensation of Witnesses.**

Witnesses summoned to appear before the Assembly or any of its committees shall be compensated as provided by law for witnesses required to attend in the courts of the State of Nevada.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1897]

### **Use of the Assembly Chamber.**

The Assembly Chamber shall not be used for any public or private business other than legislative, except by permission of the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1897]



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## **JOINT RULES**



## JOINT RULES

[Current through Adjournment Sine Die of the 1989 Legislative Session]

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### 1

#### COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

##### **To Be Appointed by One House at Request of the Other.**

In every case of an amendment of a bill, or joint or concurrent resolution, agreed to in one House, dissented from in the other, and not receded from by the one making the amendment, each House shall appoint a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the other; and the committee so appointed shall meet publicly at a convenient hour to be agreed upon by their respective chairmen and announced publicly, and shall confer upon the differences between the two Houses as indicated by the amendments made in one and rejected in the other and report as early as convenient the result of their conference to their respective Houses. The report shall be made available to all members of both Houses. The whole subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution shall be considered by the committee, and it may recommend recession by either House, new amendments, new bills or resolutions, or other changes as it sees fit. New bills or resolutions so reported shall be treated as amendments unless the bills or resolutions are composed entirely of original matter, in which case they shall receive the treatment required in the respective Houses for original bills, or resolutions, as the case may be.

The report of a conference committee may be adopted by acclamation, and such action may be considered equivalent to the adoption of amendments embodied therein. The report is not subject to amendment. If either House refuses to adopt the report, or if the first conference committee has so recommended, a second conference committee may be appointed. No member who served on the first committee may be appointed to the second.

There shall be but two committees of conference on any bill or resolution. A majority of the members of a committee of conference from each House must be members who voted for the passage of the bill or resolution.

[Statutes of Nevada 1947, 872; A 1977, 1697; 1979, 1964]

### 2

#### MESSAGES

##### **Procedure Concerning.**

Proclamations by the Governor convening the Legislature in extra session shall, by direction of the presiding officer of each House, be read immediately after the convening thereof, filed and entered in full upon the Journal of proceedings.

Whenever a message from the Governor is received, the Sergeant at Arms will announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of the Governor is at the bar." The secretary will, upon being recognized by the presiding officer, announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker, a message from His Excellency, the Governor of Nevada, to the Honorable, the Senate or Assembly," and hand same to the Sergeant at Arms for delivery to the Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The presiding officer will direct the biennial message of the Governor to be received and read, and all special messages to be received, read and entered in full upon the Journal of proceedings.

Messages from the Senate to the Assembly shall be delivered by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and messages from the Assembly to the Senate shall be delivered by the Chief Clerk or Assistant Clerk, who shall be announced by the doorkeeper, enter within the bar, announce and deliver his message.

[Statutes of Nevada 1931, 446]

### 3

## BILLS

### **Communications.**

Each House shall communicate its final action on any bill or resolution, or matter in which the other may be interested, in writing, signed by the Secretary or Clerk of the House from which such notice is sent.

[Statutes of Nevada 1931, 410]

### 4

## BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### **Signature.**

Each enrolled bill or joint resolution shall be presented to the presiding officers of both Houses for signature. They shall, after announcement is made of their intention to do so, sign it in open session and their signatures shall be followed by those of the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1931, 467; A 1977, 1656]

### 5

Reserved.

[Statutes of Nevada R 1979, 1964]

### 6

## PRINTING

Each House may order the printing of bills introduced, reports of its own committees, and other matter pertaining to that House only; but no other



printing may be ordered except by a concurrent resolution passed by both Houses. Each Senator is entitled to the free distribution of four copies of each bill introduced in each House, and each Assemblyman to such a distribution of two copies. Additional copies of such bills may be distributed at a charge to the person to whom they are addressed of \$70 for the cost of handling and postage for the entire session.

[Statutes of Nevada 1920-21, 410; A 1977, 1657; 1979, 1964; 1983, 2108]

## 7

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A joint resolution must be used to:
  - (a) Propose an amendment to the Nevada constitution.
  - (b) Ratify a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution.
  - (c) Address the President of the United States, Congress, either House or any committee or member of Congress, any department or agency of the Federal Government, or any other state of the Union.
2. A concurrent resolution must be used to:
  - (a) Amend these joint rules.
  - (b) Request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill for further consideration.
  - (c) Resolve that the return of a bill from one House to the other House is necessary and appropriate.
  - (d) Express facts, principles, opinion and purposes of the Senate and Assembly.
  - (e) Establish a joint committee of the two Houses.
  - (f) Direct the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study.
3. A concurrent resolution or a resolution of one House may be used to:
  - (a) Memorialize a former member of the Legislature or other notable or distinguished person upon his death.
  - (b) Congratulate or commend any person or organization for a significant and meritorious accomplishment, but any request for drafting the resolution must be approved by the Committee on Legislative Functions of the appropriate House before submission to the Legislative Counsel.

[Statutes of Nevada 1963, 1452; A 1977, 1657; 1979, 2036; 1989, 2201]

## 8

## VETOES

**Special Order.**

Bills which have passed a previous Legislature, and which are transmitted to the Legislature next sitting, accompanied by a message or statement of the Governor's disapproval, or veto of the same, shall become the subject of a special order; and when the special order for their consideration is reached and called, the said message or statement shall be read, together with the bill or bills so disposed or vetoed; and the message and bill shall be read by the

Clerk without interruption, consecutively, one following the other, and not upon separate occasions; and no such bill or message shall be referred to any committee, or otherwise acted upon, save as provided by law and custom; that is to say, that immediately following such reading the only question (except as hereinafter stated) which shall be put by the Chair is, "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such vetoed bill without the same shall have first been read, from the first word of its title to and including the last word of its final section; and no motion shall be entertained after the Chair has stated the question save a motion for "The previous question," but the merits of the bill itself may be debated.

[Statutes of Nevada 1920-21, 410]

## 9

### ADJOURNMENT

1. In calculating the permissible duration of an adjournment for 3 days or less, the day of adjournment shall not be counted but the day of the next meeting shall be counted, and Sunday shall not be counted.

2. The Legislature may adjourn for more than 3 days by concurrent resolution. One or more such adjournments, for a total of not more than 20 days during any regular session, may be taken to permit standing committees, select committees or the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare the matters respectively entrusted to them for the consideration of the Legislature as a whole.

[Statutes of Nevada 1920-21, 410; A 1977, 1698]

## 10

### EXPENDITURES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FUND

Except for routine salary, travel, equipment and operating expenses, no expenditures shall be made from the Legislative Fund without the authority of a Concurrent Resolution regularly adopted by the Senate and Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1955, 956]

## 11

### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

1. When members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise less than 34 percent of the total number elected to that House, minority party membership for that House on the Legislative Commission must be:

(a) One, if such membership is less than 21 percent.

(b) Two, if such membership is between 21 percent and 33 percent.

If the members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise more than 33 percent of the total number elected to that House, minority party membership for that House on the Commission must be three, being equal to the membership of the majority party.

2. Each House shall select one or more alternate members for each member from that House, designating them according to party or according to the individual member whom the alternate would replace.

3. A vacancy in the regular Senate or Assembly membership created by death or by resignation or by the Legislator's ceasing to be a member of the Legislature shall be filled by the proper alternate member as designated by that House. If there is no proper alternate member, the Legislative Commission shall fill the vacancy by appointing a Senator or Assemblyman of the same party.

4. If for any reason a member is or will be absent from a meeting and there are no alternates available, the chairman of the Commission may appoint a member of the same House and political party to attend the meeting as an alternate.

5. The members shall serve until their successors are appointed by resolution as provided in NRS 218.660, notwithstanding that their terms of office may have expired, except that the membership of any member who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection shall terminate on the day next after the election and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in this rule.

6. The chairman shall be selected at the first meeting of the newly formed Legislative Commission and shall serve until his successor is appointed following the formation of the next Legislative Commission.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1959; A 1977, 1719; A 1981, 2147]

## 12

### RECORDING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS ON AUDIO TAPE

1. Each standing committee of the Legislature shall record on audio tape the proceedings of its meetings.

2. The secretary of a standing committee shall:

(a) Label each tape with the date, time and place of the meeting and also indicate on the label the numerical sequence in which the tape was recorded;

(b) Keep the tapes in chronological order; and

(c) Deposit the tapes immediately following the final adjournment of any regular or special session of the Legislature with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

3. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall:

(a) Index the tapes;

(b) Make the tapes available for listening by any person during office hours under such reasonable conditions as he may deem necessary;

(c) Maintain a log as a public record containing the date, time, name and address of any person listening to any tapes and identifying the tapes listened to; and

(d) Retain the tapes for two bienniums and at the end of that period dispose of the tapes in any manner he deems reasonable.

[Statutes of Nevada 1979, 2012]

## 13

## REAPPORTIONMENT

The Committee on Government Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Elections of the Assembly are respectively responsible for measures which primarily affect the designation of the districts from which members are elected to the Legislature. Any request for research concerning the population of proposed districts must be submitted to the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau through one of these committees.

[Statutes of Nevada 1981, 2068]

## 14

LIMITATION ON INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTS FOR  
DRAFTING OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any request submitted, after a regular legislative session has convened, to the Legislative Counsel for the drafting of a bill or resolution will not be honored by the Legislative Counsel unless the request is approved by:

(a) A two-thirds vote of the members present in the House where it is to be introduced; or

(b) A standing committee of that House if the request was approved by two-thirds of all of the members of the committee.

2. After a regular legislative session has convened, the Legislative Counsel shall honor not more than 5 requests from each Assemblyman and not more than 10 requests from each Senator for the drafting of a bill or resolution which has not received the approval required by subsection 1.

3. After the first 10 calendar days of a regular legislative session, bills and resolutions may be introduced by:

(a) Standing committees without consent.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a member who had requested the drafting of the bill or resolution by the Legislative Counsel before the 11th calendar day of the legislative session.

4. The following measures must be introduced by a standing committee:

(a) Measures drafted at the request of agencies and officers of the executive branch of state government, local governments, the courts and other authorized nonlegislative requesters.

(b) Measures requested by interim legislative studies.

(c) Measures requested by a standing committee, or by persons designated to request measures on behalf of a standing committee during the interim. Measures requested by or on behalf of a standing committee must be introduced by that committee.

5. If two or more measures are being considered in the same House which are substantively duplicative, only the measure which has been assigned the lowest number for the purpose of establishing its priority in drafting may be considered, unless the measure with the lowest number is

not introduced within 5 days after introduction of a measure with a higher number.

6. A legislator may not change the subject matter of a request for a legislative measure after it has been submitted for drafting.

7. Consent to suspend this rule may be given only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the House where it is to be introduced, which must be entered in its Journal for that day, and the consent may apply to no more than one bill or resolution or request for drafting.

[Statutes of Nevada 1983, 2101; A 1989, 2202, 2361]

15

CONTINUATION OF LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE AND  
ASSEMBLY DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN SESSIONS

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the tenure of the President pro tem, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker, Speaker pro tem, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Assembly extends during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature.

2. The Senators designated to be the President pro tem, Majority Leader and Minority Leader for the next succeeding regular session shall perform any statutory duty required in the period between the time of their designation after the general election and the organization of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature if the Senator formerly holding the respective position is no longer a Legislator.

3. The Assemblymen designated to be the Speaker, Speaker pro tem, Majority Leader and Minority Leader for the next succeeding regular session shall perform any statutory duty required in the period between the time of their designation after the general election and the organization of the next succeeding regular session.

[Statutes of Nevada 1985, 2404; A 1987, 2335]

16

TIME LIMITATIONS ON INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
REQUESTED BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, on the first legislative day, the Legislative Counsel shall randomly deliver, in equal amounts, all legislative measures drafted at the request of any state agency or department or any local government to the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly for consideration for introduction. Bill drafts delivered pursuant to this subsection may not be introduced after the 15th legislative day.

2. Any legislative measure properly requested in accordance with NRS 218.241 and 218.245 by any state agency or department or any local government which has not been drafted before the first legislative day must,

upon completion, be immediately and randomly delivered, in equal amounts, by the Legislative Counsel to the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly for consideration for introduction. Bill drafts delivered pursuant to this subsection may be introduced only during the 15 legislative days following delivery.

[Statutes of Nevada 1989, 2366]

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89-15	Study of Fiscal Effects Upon Counties of the Incorporation of Cities Under General Law.
89-16	Advisory Committee to Study Laws Relating to Children.
89-17	Study Concerning Basing of Public Utility Rates Upon Anticipated Revenues and Expenses.
89-18	Study on Financing of Commercial and Industrial Development.
89-19	Study of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Division.
89-20	Summary Bulletin.
89-21	Nevada Legislative Manual 1989.
91-1	Study the Availability of Affordable Child Care in Nevada.
91-2	Study of Bicycle Safety and Bicycle Trails in Nevada.
91-3	Study of Traumatic Head Injuries.
91-4	Interim Study of Health Insurance Benefits Required by Law.
91-5	Study of the Problems of Owners of Mobile Homes Who Rent Space in Mobile Home Parks.
91-6	Study on Teenage Pregnancy in Nevada.
91-7	Study and Review Certain Laws and Regulations Relating to Transportation, Including a Review of the Regulation of Motor Carriers.
91-8	Study of the Laws, Regulations and Policies Relating to Water and Waste Water Resources in Nevada.
91-9	Legislative Committee on Health Care.
91-10	Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste.
91-11	Legislative Committee on Public lands.
91-12	Reapportionment.
91-13	Study of the State Budget Process.
91-14	Study of the Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation Division of the Department of Human Resources.
91-15	Study of the Merit Pay Program of the University of Nevada System.
91-16	Study of Classification of Peace Officers.
91-17	Study of Alternative Methods of Resolving Disputes.
91-18	Study of the Youth Services Division and the Juvenile System in Nevada.
91-19	Nevada Legislative Manual 1991.
91-20	Study of Taxation in Nevada.
91-21	Summary Bulletin.

\*Out of print.

†Bulletin numbering system was changed for 1977 legislative session.

Note: Copies of studies now out of print are available for examination through the Research Library.

**1980 CENSUS OF NEVADA AND  
POPULATION PROJECTIONS**



# 1980 CENSUS OF NEVADA\*

**Table 1. Population of County Subdivisions: 1980 and 1970.**

[Total population of a place in two or more county subdivisions appears in table 2. County subdivision figures for 1980 do not necessarily add to county totals.]

	1980	1970	Percent change
State of Nevada.....	800,508	488,738	63.8
<i>County Subdivisions</i>			
Carson City County.....	32,022	15,468	107.0
Churchill County.....	13,917	10,513	32.4
New River Twp.....	13,917	10,513	32.4
Fallon City.....	4,262	2,959	44.0
Fallon Station (U).....	1,256	1,045	20.2
Clark County.....	463,087	273,288	69.5
Bunkerville Twp.....	492	244	101.6
Goodsprings Twp.....	1,003	314	219.4
Henderson Twp.....	24,334	16,410	48.3
Henderson City.....	24,363	16,395	48.6
Las Vegas Twp.....	350,511	191,260	83.3
East Las Vegas (U).....	6,449	6,501	—1.1
Las Vegas City.....	164,674	125,787	30.9
Paradise (U).....	84,818	24,477	246.5
Sunrise Manor (U) (Part).....	23,205	860	2,598.3
Winchester (U).....	19,728	13,981	41.1
Logan Twp.....	1,089	426	155.6
Mesquite Twp.....	922	674	36.8
Moapa Twp.....	702	353	98.9
Nelson Twp.....	10,059	5,674	77.3
Boulder City.....	9,590	5,223	83.6
North Las Vegas Twp.....	71,605	56,241	27.3
Nellis (U).....	7,476	6,449	15.9
North Las Vegas City.....	42,739	36,216	18.0
Sunrise Manor (U) (Part).....	20,950	10,026	108.9
Overton Twp.....	1,752	1,336	31.1
Overton (U).....	1,111	.....	.....
Searchlight Twp.....	620	356	74.1
Douglas County.....	19,421	6,882	182.2
East Fork Twp.....	14,053	3,867	263.4
Gardnerville-Minden (U).....	2,638	1,320	99.8
Gardnerville Ranchos (U).....	3,542	.....	.....
Tahoe Twp.....	5,368	3,015	78.0
Kingsbury (U).....	2,695	.....	.....
Zephyr Cove-Round Hill (U).....	1,316	.....	.....
Elko County.....	17,269	13,958	23.7
Carlin Twp.....	1,280	1,356	—5.6
Carlin Town.....	1,232	1,313	—6.2
East Line Twp.....	395	97	307.2
Elko Twp.....	11,398	8,931	27.6
Elko City.....	8,758	7,621	14.9
Jackpot Twp.....	809	.....	.....
Jarbidge Twp.....	33	32	3.1
Mountain City Twp.....	1,216	1,125	8.1
Tecoma Twp.....	231	221	4.5
Wells Twp.....	1,907	2,196	—13.2
Wells City.....	1,218	1,081	12.7
Esmeralda County.....	777	629	23.5
Esmeralda Twp.....	777	629	23.5
Eureka County.....	1,198	948	26.4
Beowawe Twp.....	400	401	—3
Eureka Twp.....	798	547	45.9
Humboldt County.....	9,449	6,375	48.0
Gold Run Twp.....	780	238	227.8
McDermitt Twp.....	1,159	1,086	6.7
Paradise Valley Twp.....	286	257	11.3
Union Twp.....	7,209	4,794	50.4
Winnemucca City.....	4,140	3,587	15.4
Lander County.....	4,076	2,666	52.9
Argenta Twp.....	3,640	2,252	61.6
Battle Mountain (U).....	2,749	1,856	48.1
Austin Twp.....	436	414	5.3

TABLE 1—*Continued*

<i>County Subdivisions</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>Percent change</i>
Lincoln County.....	3,732	2,557	45.9
†Pahranagat Twp.....	1,126	398	182.9
†Meadow Valley Twp.....	2,606	2,159	20.7
Caliente City.....	982	916	7.2
Lyon County.....	13,594	8,221	65.4
Canal Twp.....	3,315	1,470	125.5
Dayton Twp.....	4,376	826	429.8
Mason Valley Twp.....	5,050	5,187	-2.6
Yerington City.....	2,021	2,010	.5
Smith Valley Twp.....	853	738	15.6
Mineral County.....	6,217	7,051	-11.8
Hawthorne Twp.....	5,166	5,995	-13.8
Hawthorne (U).....	3,741	3,539	5.7
Mina Twp.....	484	506	-4.3
Schurz Twp.....	567	550	3.1
Nye County.....	9,048	5,599	61.6
Beatty Twp.....	3,524	1,131	211.6
Gabbs Twp.....	912	1,000	-8.8
Gabbs City.....	811	874	-7.2
Pahrump Twp.....	1,358	963	41.0
†Tonopah Twp.....	3,247	2,505	29.6
Tonopah (U).....	1,952	1,716	13.8
Pershing County.....	3,408	2,670	27.6
Lake Twp.....	3,408	2,670	27.6
Lovelock City.....	1,680	1,571	6.9
Storey County.....	1,503	695	116.3
Virginia Twp.....	1,503	695	116.3
Washoe County.....	193,623	121,068	59.9
Gerlach Twp.....	583	579	.7
Reno Twp.....	137,542	90,502	52.0
Incline Village-Crystal Bay.....	6,225	.....	.....
New Washoe City.....	2,543	.....	.....
Reno City.....	99,701	72,863	36.8
Sparks Twp.....	53,230	28,702	85.5
Sparks City.....	40,780	24,187	68.6
Sun Valley (U).....	8,822	2,414	265.5
Verdi Twp.....	1,256	716	75.4
Wadsworth Twp.....	1,012	555	82.3
White Pine County.....	8,167	10,150	-19.5
Baker Twp.....	212	146	45.2
Ely Twp.....	7,599	9,686	-21.5
Ely City.....	4,882	4,176	16.9
McGill (U).....	1,419	2,164	-34.4
Lund Twp.....	356	318	11.9

\*Taken from Bureau of Census Summary Tape File 1A, February, 1982.

†Approximate figures based on census data for previous townships.

(U) Represents unincorporated area.



**Table 2. Population of Places: 1980 and 1970.**

<i>All Incorporated Places Unincorporated Places of 1,000 or More</i>		<i>Counties</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>Percent change</i>
Battle Mountain (U).....	Lander.....		2,749	1,856	48.1
Boulder City.....	Clark.....		9,590	5,223	83.6
Caliente City.....	Lincoln.....		982	916	7.2
Carlin Town.....	Elko.....		1,232	1,313	-6.2
Carson City.....	Carson City.....		32,022	15,468	107.0
East Las Vegas (U).....	Clark.....		6,449	6,501	-.1
Elko City.....	Elko.....		8,758	7,621	14.9
Ely City.....	White Pine.....		4,882	4,176	16.9
Fallon City.....	Churchill.....		4,262	2,959	44.0
Fallon Station (U).....	Churchill.....		1,256	1,045	20.2
Gabbs City.....	Nye.....		811	874	-8.8
Gardnerville-Minden (U).....	Douglas.....		2,638	1,320	99.8
Gardnerville Ranchos.....	Douglas.....		3,542	.....	.....
Hawthorne (U).....	Mineral.....		3,741	3,539	5.7
Henderson City.....	Clark.....		24,363	16,395	48.6
Incline Village-Crystal Bay.....	Washoe.....		6,225	.....	.....
Kingsbury.....	Douglas.....		2,695	.....	.....
Las Vegas City.....	Clark.....		164,674	125,787	30.9
Lovelock City.....	Pershing.....		1,680	1,571	6.9
McGill (U).....	White Pine.....		1,419	2,164	-34.4
Nellis (U).....	Clark.....		7,476	6,449	15.8
New Washoe City.....	Washoe.....		2,543	.....	.....
North Las Vegas City.....	Clark.....		42,739	36,216	18.0
Overton.....	Clark.....		1,111	.....	.....
Paradise (U).....	Clark.....		84,818	24,477	246.5
Reno City.....	Washoe.....		99,701	72,863	36.8
Sparks City.....	Washoe.....		40,780	24,187	68.6
Sunrise Manor (U).....	Clark.....		44,155	10,886	305.6
Sun Valley (U).....	Washoe.....		8,822	2,414	265.5
Tonopah (U).....	Nye.....		1,952	1,716	13.8
Wells City.....	Elko.....		1,218	1,081	12.7
Winchester (U).....	Clark.....		19,728	13,981	41.1
Winnemucca City.....	Humboldt.....		4,140	3,587	15.4
Yerington City.....	Lyon.....		2,021	2,010	.5
Zephyr Cove-Round Hill.....	Douglas.....		1,316	.....	.....

(U) Represents unincorporated area.

**Table 3.**  
**Population of Nevada's Counties and Incorporated Cities (1980 Actuals)**  
**1981 Through 1989 Official State Estimates**

<i>County and City</i>	<i>Final July 1, 1989</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1988</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1987</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1986</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1985</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1984</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1983</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1982</i>	<i>Revised July 1, 1981</i>	<i>April 1,* 1980</i>
Carson City .....	39,420	37,850	36,650	36,040	35,400	34,750	34,430	33,930	33,200	32,022
Churchill County .....	19,460	18,830	17,460	15,800	15,450	15,050	14,800	14,630	14,520	13,917
Fallon .....	6,570	6,260	5,340	5,040	4,950	4,810	4,740	4,620	4,620	4,262
Clark County .....	733,180	681,440	631,920	600,160	572,140	546,580	531,210	511,930	494,460	463,087
Boulder City .....	13,210	12,510	11,860	11,360	11,300	11,020	10,920	10,800	10,120	9,590
Henderson .....	67,150	58,230	54,590	42,180	38,750	35,500	32,500	29,270	27,230	24,363
Las Vegas .....	262,600	230,030	217,360	201,500	190,930	184,330	180,160	177,140	173,730	164,674
North Las Vegas .....	52,420	51,970	51,020	47,250	46,150	45,320	44,590	44,310	43,950	42,739
Mesquite .....	1,940	1,510	1,740	1,340	1,270	1,110	1,100	—	—	914
Douglas County .....	30,410	28,910	27,690	26,170	24,660	23,190	22,190	21,560	20,870	19,421
Elko County .....	33,270	27,980	25,000	23,920	22,850	21,830	20,770	19,760	18,790	17,269
Carlin .....	2,750	1,990	1,720	1,410	1,390	1,380	1,400	1,380	1,340	1,232
Elko .....	16,700	13,820	13,310	10,980	10,800	10,610	10,590	10,060	9,570	8,758
Wells .....	1,400	1,290	1,300	1,320	1,310	1,300	1,340	1,380	1,310	1,218
Esmeralda County .....	1,240	1,300	1,380	1,380	1,380	1,490	1,330	1,200	1,100	777
Eureka County .....	2,280	2,010	1,950	1,530	1,450	1,350	1,270	1,250	1,250	1,198
Humboldt County .....	14,240	12,940	12,180	11,820	11,880	11,790	11,480	11,430	10,700	9,449
Winnemucca .....	6,640	6,420	6,010	5,000	5,040	5,040	5,000	4,990	4,700	4,140
Lander County .....	6,190	5,430	4,580	4,490	4,500	4,570	4,700	4,970	4,980	4,076
Lincoln County .....	4,330	4,320	4,250	4,200	4,200	4,110	4,060	4,130	4,000	3,732
Caliente .....	1,160	1,160	1,220	1,160	1,160	1,170	1,170	1,120	1,050	982
Lyon County .....	21,750	20,590	19,500	18,040	17,170	16,200	15,450	14,850	14,300	13,594
Yerington .....	2,560	2,480	2,410	2,330	2,280	2,180	2,170	2,160	2,090	2,021
Mineral County .....	7,440	7,150	6,470	6,130	6,030	6,030	6,150	6,250	6,300	6,217
Nye County .....	17,980	16,110	15,520	14,970	14,850	14,850	13,700	13,240	11,100	9,048
Gabbs .....	780	740	950	860	830	640	830	860	850	811
Pershing County .....	4,820	4,680	4,390	3,900	3,660	3,650	3,710	3,720	3,610	3,408
Lovelock .....	2,310	2,270	2,160	1,850	1,730	1,730	1,800	1,820	1,760	1,680
Storey County .....	2,480	2,140	2,130	1,960	1,850	1,780	1,730	1,690	1,590	1,503
Washoe County .....	251,130	244,490	238,010	231,970	224,340	218,130	210,860	205,040	201,620	193,623
Reno .....	127,190	120,670	120,770	115,210	111,550	109,220	106,540	104,510	103,730	100,756
Sparks .....	55,460	54,320	53,270	51,950	49,980	47,670	45,640	43,500	41,510	40,780
White Pine County .....	8,830	8,480	7,950	7,800	7,560	7,660	7,820	8,680	8,760	8,167
Ely .....	5,190	5,170	4,980	4,650	4,520	4,580	4,670	5,180	5,240	4,882
STATE .....	1,198,450	1,124,650	1,057,030	1,010,280	969,370	933,010	905,660	878,260	851,150	800,508

\*Department of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1980 Census.

Source: Nevada Department of Taxation, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, College of Business Administration, University of Nevada, Reno.

**Table 4.**  
**Preliminary Nevada Population Forecasts By County**  
**1990 Through 1995**

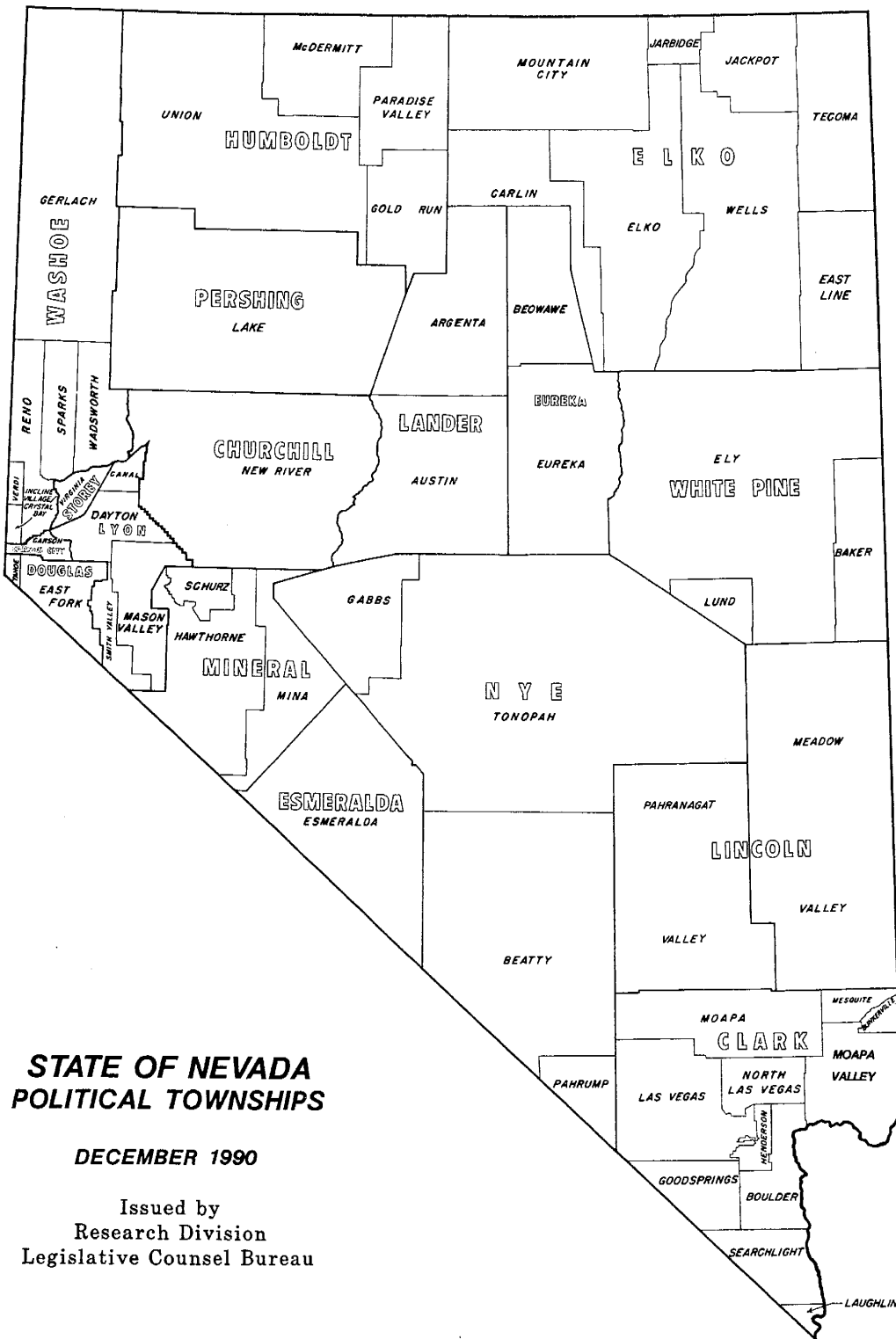
<i>County</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>% Change 1990-95</i>
Carson City .....	41,330	43,150	44,540	45,720	46,660	47,590	15.1
Churchill .....	20,490	21,310	22,000	22,620	23,210	23,770	13.3
Clark .....	794,140	844,890	890,060	932,630	973,120	1,013,020	27.6
Douglas .....	32,080	33,810	35,670	37,450	39,290	41,180	28.4
Elko .....	36,560	39,100	41,290	43,340	45,300	47,110	28.9
Esmeralda .....	1,260	1,290	1,310	1,330	1,350	1,370	8.7
Eureka .....	2,310	2,350	2,380	2,410	2,430	2,450	5.2
Humboldt .....	15,340	16,270	17,040	17,830	18,610	19,390	26.4
Lander .....	6,580	6,890	7,100	7,310	7,510	7,710	17.2
Lincoln .....	4,500	4,650	4,790	4,920	5,040	5,140	14.2
Lyon .....	23,030	24,320	25,600	26,880	28,160	29,480	28.0
Mineral .....	7,590	7,670	7,690	7,690	7,700	7,710	1.6
Nye .....	19,990	19,290	18,870	19,420	19,940	20,400	2.1
Pershing .....	5,150	5,400	5,620	5,820	6,030	6,240	21.2
Storey .....	2,670	2,860	3,040	3,210	3,380	3,560	33.3
Washoe .....	257,660	264,100	271,230	278,790	286,140	286,140	13.7
White Pine .....	9,700	10,570	11,210	11,680	12,070	12,410	27.9
Statewide .....	1,280,380	1,347,920	1,409,440	1,469,050	1,525,940	1,581,540	23.5

Source: Office of the Nevada State Demographer 4/25/90.



**STATE OF NEVADA—POLITICAL  
TOWNSHIPS**









# **NEVADA COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1991**



## NEVADA COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1991

<u>County</u>	<u>County Seat</u>	<u>Mailing Address for County Clerk's Office (Other Officials' Addresses May Vary)</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Carson City .....	Carson City .....	198 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 .....	887-2086
		Commissioners .....	Kay Bennett, Tom Fetic, Greg Smith, Tom Tatro,
			Marv Teixeira (Mayor).....887-2100
		Manager .....	John Berkich.....887-2100
		Clerk/Recorder .....	Kiyoshi Nishikawa .....887-2260
		Assessor .....	Kit Weaver.....887-2130
		Treasurer .....	Ted P. Thornton .....887-2092
		Engineer .....	Dan O'Brien .....887-2300
		Public Administrator .....	Kiyoshi Nishikawa .....887-2260
		Registrar of Voters .....	Kiyoshi Nishikawa .....887-2087
		District Judges.....	Michael E. Fondi (Dept. 2)
			Michael R. Griffin (Dept. 1)
			(Both are in District 1.) .....882-1619
		District Attorney .....	Noel Waters .....887-2070
		Justice of the Peace .....	Robey Willis.....887-2121
		Sheriff.....	Paul McGrath .....887-2500
Churchill.....	Fallon .....	10 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406 .....	423-6028
		Commissioners .....	Cyril Schank (Chairman).....423-3737
			James Carter.....423-3087
			James Regan.....423-4784
		Manager .....	Bjorn Selinder .....423-5136
		Clerk .....	Ruby Anderson.....423-6028
		Assessor .....	William Bartlett .....423-6584
		Treasurer .....	Ruby Anderson.....423-6028
		Recorder .....	Trena Moretto.....423-6001
		Public Administrator .....	Helen McGinnes

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<u>County</u>	<u>County Seat</u>	<u>Mailing Address for County Clerk's Office (Other Officials' Addresses May Vary)</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		Registrar of Voters .....	Ruby Anderson.....423-6028
		District Judges.....	Archie E. Blake (Dept. 2) Mario G. Recanzone (Dept. 1) (Both are in District 3.) .....423-6088
		District Attorney .....	Kevin Pasquale .....423-6561
		Justice of the Peace .....	Daniel Ward (New River Twp.).....423-2845
		Sheriff.....	William Lawry .....423-3116
Clark .....	Las Vegas.....	200 South Third Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 .....	455-3156
		Commissioners .....	Jay Bingham, Paul J. Christensen, Thalia M. Dondero, Karen Hayes, William U. Pearson, Don Schlesinger, Bruce L. Woodbury (Chairman).....455-3500
		Manager .....	Donald L. Shalmy
		Clerk .....	Loretta Bowman
		Assessor .....	Jean Dutton
		Treasurer .....	Mark Aston
		Recorder and/or Auditor .....	Joan L. Swift
		Director of Public Works .....	Martin Manning, 400 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 .....455-4600
		Public Administrator .....	Jared Shafer
		Registrar of Voters .....	Deborah West, 400 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 .....455-4055

District Judges.....Nancy Becker (Dept. 2)  
Joseph T. Bonaventure (Dept. 6)  
Gerard J. Bongiovanni (Dept. 4)  
Carl J. Christensen (Dept. 7)  
Thomas A. Foley (Dept. 13)  
Addeliar D. Guy (Dept. 11)  
Stephen L. Huffaker (Dept. 9)  
Myron Leavitt (Dept. 12)  
Jack Lehman (Dept. 10)  
John S. McGroarty (Dept. 16)  
Donald M. Mosley (Dept. 14)  
Joseph Pavlikowski (Dept. 3)  
Miriam Shearing (Dept. 15)  
Jeffrey D. Sobel (Dept. 5)  
J. Charles Thompson (Dept. 1)  
Michael J. Wendell (Dept. 8)  
(All are in District 8.)

District Attorney.....Rex Bell .....455-4801

Justices of the Peace .....Dan Ahlstrom, James M. Bixler, Bill Jansen,  
Kelly Slade, Bob Wolf (Las Vegas Twp.)  
Rodney Burr (Henderson Twp.)  
James B. Kelly (North Las Vegas Twp.)  
Cecil Ray Leavitt (Bunkerville Twp.)  
Billy R. Moma (Laughlin Twp.)  
Jack Quinn (Nelson Twp.)  
Marley Robinson (Moapa Twp.)  
R.V. Scott (Searchlight Twp.)  
Janet (Jan) Smith (Goodsprings Twp.)  
Lanny Waite (Moapa Valley Twp.)

NEVADA COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1991—*Continued*

<u>County</u>	<u>County Seat</u>	<u>Mailing Address for County Clerk's Office (Other Officials' Addresses May Vary)</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		Brent Walker (Mesquite Twp.)	
		Sheriff.....John Moran, 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 .....	799-3231
Douglas .....	Minden .....	P.O. Box 218, Minden, Nevada 89423 .....	782-9014
		Commissioners .....	Barbara Cook, Michael Fischer (Chairman), Bruce Kanoff, Robert Pruett, Dave Pumphrey
		Manager .....	Richard Gruber.....782-9821
		Clerk .....	Barbara Reed .....
		Assessor .....	Barbara Byington
		Treasurer .....	Barbara Reed .....
		Recorder and/or Auditor .....	Sue Beaudreau
		Engineer .....	Max Montgomery .....
		Public Works Director.....	Todd Connelly
		Registrar of Voters .....	Barbara Reed .....
		District Judges.....	David R. Gamble (Dept. 1) Norman Robison (Dept. 2) (Both are in District 9.)
		District Attorney.....	Scott Doyle .....
		Justices of the Peace .....	Steve McMorris (Lake Tahoe) .....
			Doug Struthers (East Fork Twp.) .....
		Sheriff.....	Jerry Maple .....
Elko.....	Elko.....	Elko County Courthouse, Elko, Nevada 89801 .....	738-5398
		Commissioners .....	Ernie Hall (Chairman), Dale Porter, Norman L. Thompson
		Manager .....	George Boucher.....738-5398

	Clerk .....	Karen Vasquez .....	738-3044
	Assessor .....	Joseph Aguirre .....	738-5217
30	Treasurer .....	Cesar Salicchi .....	738-5694
	Recorder and/or Auditor .....	Jerry Reynolds .....	738-6526
	Public Administrator .....	Sue Ballew .....	
	Registrar of Voters .....	Karen Vasquez .....	738-3044
	District Judges.....	Jack B. Ames (Dept. 2) .....	738-5927
		Thomas L. Stringfield (Dept. 1) .....	738-1900
		(Both are in District 4.)	
	District Attorney .....	Mark D. Torvinen.....	738-3101
	Justices of the Peace .....	Phyllis Black (Jackpot Twp.)	
		Judith Ellsworth (Tecoma Twp.)	
		Marjean Kidner (Wells Twp.)	
		Georgina LaCombe (Eastline Twp.)	
		Mary E. Leddy (Elko Twp.)	
		Jay W. Snyder (Jackpot Twp.)	
		Vivian Taylor (Carlin Twp.)	
		Oliver R. Tremewan (Mountain City Twp.)	
		John Williams (Jarbidge Twp.)	
	Sheriff.....	Arthur N. (Neil) Harris .....	738-3421
Esmeralda .....	Goldfield .....	P.O. Box 547, Goldfield, Nevada 89013.....	485-6367
	Commissioners .....	Maire Hayes, Frank Smith (Vice Chairman),	
		Leo L. Vaughan, II (Chairman) .....	485-3406
	Clerk .....	Lynn Scott .....	485-6367
	Assessor .....	Elizabeth A. Knight .....	
	Treasurer .....	Lynn Scott .....	485-6367
	Auditor/Recorder .....	Norah Adams.....	485-6337
	Surveyor Engineer.....	Kenneth L. Haskew .....	485-3493
	Registrar of Voters .....	Lynn Scott .....	

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		District Judge.....John P. Davis (Dist. 5)	
		District Attorney.....Victor Schulze.....	485-6352
		Justice of the Peace.....Joseph Drew.....	485-6359
		Sheriff.....Glenn E. Penson.....	485-6373
Eureka.....	Eureka.....	P.O. Box 677, Eureka, Nevada 89316 .....	237-5262
		Commissioners.....Hale Bailey, LeRoy Etchegaray (Chairman), Pete Goicoechea.....	237-5262
		Clerk.....Joan Shangle.....	237-5270
		Assessor.....J.P. Ithurrealde.....	237-5262
		Treasurer.....Joan Shangle.....	237-5263
		Recorder and/or Auditor.....Michael N. Rebaleati .....	237-5262
		Registrar of Voters.....Joan Shangle.....	289-4813
		District Judge.....Merlyn H. Hoyt (Dist. 7).....	237-5315
		District Attorney.....William F. Schaeffer .....	
		Justices of the Peace.....Albert J. Hammond (Eureka Twp.) Eloise McDaniel (Beowawe Twp.).....	237-5252
		Sheriff.....Ken Jones .....	623-6343
Humboldt.....	Winnemucca.....	P.O. Box 352, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445 .....	
		Commissioners.....Raymond Dufurrena, Tom Fransway, Ron Schrempp, Sammye Ugalde.....	
		Clerk.....Susan Harrer.....	
		Assessor.....Dennis M. Ballew.....	
		Treasurer.....Belle Bundy.....	
		Recorder and/or Auditor.....Evelyn Harmon.....	
		Public Administrator.....Bud Vetter.....	



	Registrar of Voters .....	Susan Harrer	
	District Judges.....	Jerry V. Sullivan (Dept. 2) Richard Wagner (Dept. 1) (Both are in District 6.)	
	District Attorney .....	Michael McCormick .....	623-6360
	Justices of the Peace .....	Elizabeth Chabot (Paradise Twp.) Oren Lee McDonald (Union Twp.) Freddie Sam (McDermitt Twp.) Karl Segerstrom (Gold Run Twp.)	
	Sheriff.....	Gene Hill.....	623-6419
Lander.....	Battle Mountain.....	315 South Humboldt Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820 .....	635-5738
	Commissioners .....	Gloria Derby, William Elquist, Ray H. Williams, Jr.....	635-2885
	Clerk .....	Judy E. Negro.....	635-5738
	Assessor .....	S. Janean Buhl .....	635-2610
	Treasurer .....	Ila Shepherd .....	635-5127
	Recorder and/or Auditor .....	Raye Fagg.....	635-5173
	Public Administrator .....	Zane Miles	
	Registrar of Voters .....	Judy E. Negro	
	District Judges.....	Jerry V. Sullivan (Dept. 2) Richard Wagner (Dept. 1) (Both are in District 6.) .....	635-5739
	District Attorney .....	Zane Miles.....	635-5195
	Justices of the Peace .....	Frank A. Bertrand (Austin Twp.) .....	964-2380
		Danna D. Tout (Argenta Twp.).....	635-5151
	Sheriff.....	Stephen M. Bishop .....	635-5161
Lincoln.....	Pioche .....	P.O. Box 90, Pioche, Nevada 89043 .....	962-5390
	Commissioners .....	Lenard Smith, Keith Whipple (Chairman), Edward Wright.....	962-5390

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		Clerk .....Corrine Walker .....	962-5390
		Assessor .....William T. Lloyd.....	962-5890
		Treasurer .....Ruby Lister .....	962-5805
		Recorder and/or Auditor .....Yuriko Setzer.....	962-5495
		Public Administrator .....James L. Wadsworth.....	962-5171
		Registrar of Voters .....Corrine Walker .....	962-5390
		District Judge.....Merlyn H. Hoyt (Dist. 7).....	289-4813
		District Attorney .....James L. Wadsworth.....	962-5171
		Justices of the Peace .....Sarah K. Getker (Meadow Valley Twp.) .....	962-5140
		.....Nola Holton (Pahranagat Valley Twp.) .....	725-3356
		Sheriff.....Dahl Bradfield.....	962-5151
Lyon.....	Yerington .....	P.O. Box 816, Yerington, Nevada 89447.....	463-3341
		Commissioners .....Roland Adams, Rene Cardinal, Don Cummings, .....Chester Hillyard, Kathleen Jensen	
		Clerk .....Marian Pinkerton	
		Assessor .....Dennis Compston	
		Treasurer .....Marian Pinkerton	
		Recorder and/or Auditor .....Nancy Carr	
		Engineer .....(Vacancy)	
		Public Administrator .....Robert Cox	
		Registrar of Voters .....Marian Pinkerton	
		District Judges.....Archie E. Blake (Dept. 2) .....Mario G. Recanzone (Dept. 1) .....(Both are in District 3.)	
		District Attorney .....Keith Loomis .....	463-2385

	Justices of the Peace .....	Edward Johnson (Dayton Twp.) Stephen W. Lehman (Canal Twp.) George J. Ostrander (Mason Valley Twp.) Fran White (Smith Valley Twp.)	
	Sheriff.....	Jim Geurts .....	463-2321
Mineral.....	Hawthorne .....	P.O. Box 1450, Hawthorne, Nevada 89415 .....	945-2446
	Commissioners .....	Charles E. Jackson, Anthony P. Lessard, Herman F. Staat	
	Executive Director.....	(Vacancy)	
	Clerk .....	Marlene S. Bunch	
	Assessor .....	Sharon R. McPherson .....	945-3684
	Treasurer .....	Marlene S. Bunch	
	Recorder and/or Auditor .....	Patricia Fisk .....	945-3676
	Engineer .....	(Vacancy)	
	Public Administrator .....	Barbara Bourquin .....	945-3339
	Registrar of Voters .....	Marlene S. Bunch	
	District Judge.....	John P. Davis (Dist. 5)	
	District Attorney.....	Craig F. Jorgenson .....	945-3636
	Justices of the Peace .....	Eugene S. Gates, Jr. (Mina Twp.) Randy Varain (Schurz Twp.) (Vacancy) (Hawthorne Twp.)	
	Sheriff.....	John A. Leonhardt .....	945-2434
Nye .....	Tonopah .....	P.O. Box 1031, Tonopah, Nevada 89049 .....	482-8127
	Commissioners .....	Richard Carver, Dave Hannigan, Joe Maslach, Cameron McRae, Barbara Raper	
	County Administrator .....	Roy Neighbors .....	482-8137
	Clerk .....	Karen D. Quilter.....	482-8134
	Assessor .....	Bernie Merlino .....	482-8176
	Treasurer .....	Rena Bailey .....	482-8147

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		Recorder and/or Auditor .....Naoma G. Lydon .....	482-8118
		Public Administrator .....Robert Roberts	
		Registrar of Voters .....Karen D. Quilter.....	482-8134
		District Judge.....John P. Davis (Dist. 5)	
		District Attorney .....Art Wehrmeister .....	482-8166
		Justices of the Peace .....Rae Horn (Gabbs Twp.)	
		Bill Sullivan (Beatty Twp.) .....	553-2951
		Solan Terrell (Tonopah Twp.) .....	482-8155
		Margaret Whittaker (Pahrump Twp.).....	727-5335
		Sheriff.....Wade Lieseke .....	482-8101
Pershing.....	Lovelock .....	P.O. Box 820, Lovelock, Nevada 89419.....	273-2208
		Commissioners .....Steve Ceresola (Chairman), Ron Kiel, Roger Mancebo, Marian McClellan	
		Clerk .....Donna Giles	
		Assessor .....Celeste Hamilton	
		Treasurer .....Donna Giles	
		Recorder and/or Auditor .....John Laca	
		Engineer .....J.R. Caldwell	
		Public Administrator .....Janice Young	
		Registrar of Voters .....Donna Giles	
		District Judges.....Jerry V. Sullivan (Dept. 2)	
		Richard Wagner (Dept. 1)	
		(Both are in District 6.)	

	District Attorney .....	Belinda Quilici .....	273-2613
	Justice of the Peace .....	Gordon N. Richardson	
	Sheriff .....	James K. McIntosh .....	273-2641
Storey .....	Virginia City .....	Drawer D, Virginia City, Nevada 89440 .....	847-0969
	Commissioners .....	Shirley Colletti, Karl Larson, Larry Prater (Chairman) .....	847-0968
	Clerk .....	Kathy Hilton .....	847-0969
	Assessor .....	John T. Flanagan .....	847-0961
	Treasurer .....	Kathy Hilton .....	847-0969
	Recorder/Auditor .....	Mary Jane Rule .....	847-0967
	Registrar of Voters .....	Kathy Hilton .....	847-0969
	District Judges .....	Michael E. Fondi (Dept. 2) Michael R. Griffin (Dept. 1) (Both are in District 1.)	
	District Attorney .....	Virgil A. Bucchianeri .....	847-0964
	Justice of the Peace .....	Annette Daniels .....	847-0962
	Sheriff .....	Robert Del Carlo .....	847-0959
Washoe .....	Reno .....	P.O. Box 11130, Reno, Nevada 89520-0027 .....	328-2000
	Commissioners .....	Larry Beck, Dianne Cornwall, Jim Lillard, Gene McDowell, Rene Reid	
	Manager .....	John A. MacIntyre .....	328-2000
	Clerk .....	Judi Bailey .....	328-3260
	Assessor .....	Robert McGowan .....	328-2233
	Treasurer .....	Gary S. Simpson .....	328-2510
	Recorder and/or Auditor .....	Joe F. Melcher .....	328-3520
	Engineer .....	Douglas Hopkins .....	328-2041
	Public Administrator .....	Don Cavallo .....	785-4392
	Registrar of Voters .....	Robin Bogich, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno Nevada 89512 .....	328-3670

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		District Judges.....Brent T. Adams (Dept. 6) Deborah Ann Agosti (Dept. 3) Peter I. Breen (Dept. 7) Mark Handlesman (Dept. 5) Steven R. Kosach (Dept. 8) Mills Lane (Dept. 9) Charles (Chuck) McGee (Dept. 2) James A. Stone (Dept. 10) Roy L. Torvinen (Dept. 4) Jerry Carr Whitehead (Dept. 1) (All are in District 2.)	
		District Attorney .....Dorothy Nash Holmes .....	328-3200
		Justices of the Peace .....Margie Clark (Verdi Twp.) Larry Graham (Wadsworth Twp.) John Kadlic (Dept. 3 - Reno Twp.) Raymond Paschall (Gerlach Twp.) Donald K. Pope (Dept. 2 - Reno Twp.) Fidel Salcedo (Dept. 1 - Reno Twp.) Larma Volk (Sparks Twp.)	
		Sheriff.....Vincent G. Swinney.....	328-3010
White Pine .....	Ely .....	P.O. Box 659, Ely, Nevada 89301 .....	289-2341
		Commissioners .....John A. Chachas, Julio Costello, Bunny Hill, John Lampros, Frank T. Sperry (Chairman)	
		Clerk .....Mary Sue Johnson.....	289-2341
		Assessor .....Robert L. Bishop .....	289-3016

Treasurer .....	Jerry Piccinini .....	289-4783
Recorder and/or Auditor .....	Lisa Gianoli Reck .....	289-4567
Public Administrator .....	Mariah Sugden	
Registrar of Voters .....	Mary Sue Johnson .....	289-2341
District Judge .....	Merlyn H. Hoyt (Dist. 7) .....	289-4813
District Attorney .....	Mariah Sugden .....	289-8828
Justices of the Peace .....	Ronald J. Niman (Ely Twp. - No. 1)	
	Joseph S. Stucki (Lund Twp. - No. 2)	
	Val Taylor (Baker Twp. - No. 3) .....	289-2678
Sheriff .....	Bernie Romero .....	289-8808





## **NEVADA MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, 1991**



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<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Mailing Address for Municipal Clerk's Office (Other Officials' Addresses May Vary)</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Boulder City .....	P.O. Box 367, Boulder City, Nevada 89005.....	293-9208
	Mayor .....Jon C. Porter	
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....Iris Bletsch, Robert S. Ferraro, Eric Lundgaard, John F. Pilgrim	
	Clerk .....Delia H. (Dee) Estes .....	293-9208
	Attorney .....B.G. (Bill) Andrews.....	293-9238
	Manager .....George D. Forbes.....	293-9202
Caliente .....	P.O. Box 158, Caliente, Nevada 89008.....	726-3132
	Mayor .....George T. Rowe	
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....John L. Avery, Harold Charlton, Wesley Holt, Carolyn Wilcox	
	Clerk .....Darlene Prince	
	Attorney .....Michael Mushkin	
Carlin .....	P.O. Box 787, Carlin, Nevada 89822.....	754-6354
	Mayor .....Lee Griswold	
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....Linda Bingaman, Jim Dickey, Sandy Staples, Drury Thiercof	
	Clerk .....Cherie Aiazzi	
	Attorney .....Robert Goicoechea	
	City Foreman .....Jim Aiazzi	
Carson City .....	198 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.....	887-2100
	Mayor .....Marv Teixeira	
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....Kay Bennett, Tom Fetic, Greg Smith, Tom Tatro	
	Clerk/Recorder .....Kiyoshi Nishikawa .....	887-2260
	Attorney .....Noel Waters.....	887-2070
	Manager .....John Berkich .....	887-2100

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Elko .....	City Hall, 1751 College Avenue, Elko, Nevada 89801 .....	738-5176
	Mayor .....	D. George Corner .....738-4213
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Harold Baugh, Carol Davis, Barbara Errecart, Lee Hoffman
	Clerk .....	Giuliana Murphy
	Attorneys .....	Gary DiGrazia, Bob Goicoechea
	Manager .....	Lorry Lipparelli .....738-4213
Ely .....	P.O. Box 299, Ely, Nevada 89301 .....	289-2430
	Mayor .....	Robert Bartlett
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Harlan Arnold, Ernest Flangas, Carl Stanek, Raymond Urrizaga, Jack Wilcox
	Clerk .....	Charlene Wood
	Attorney .....	Dave Olsen
	Manager .....	(Vacancy)
Fallon .....	City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406 .....	423-5104
	Mayor .....	Robert Erickson
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Jack D. Frank, George Gargiulo, Ken Tedford, Jr.
	Clerk .....	Gary C. Cordes
	Attorney .....	Dennis Evans
	Manager .....	Michael Dean Rody
Gabbs .....	City Hall, P.O. Box 86, Gabbs, Nevada 89409 .....	285-2671
	Mayor .....	Brett Clifton.....285-2680
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Myrna J. Lumsden.....285-2374
		Clinton D. Sadler .....285-4077
		John W. Swanson .....285-4038
	Clerk/Treasurer .....	Patricia J. Butler .....285-4025
	Attorney .....	Robert R. Barengo.....329-5578

Henderson .....	243 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada 89015.....	565-2057
Mayor .....	Lorna Kesterson.....	565-2086
Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Arthur (Andy) Hafen, Michael Harris, Larry Scheffler, Lorin L. Williams	
Clerk .....	Dorothy A. Vondenbrink.....	565-2057
Attorney .....	Shauna Hughes .....	565-2082
Manager .....	Philip D. Speight.....	565-2130
Las Vegas .....	400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.....	386-6311
Mayor .....	Ron Lurie.....	386-6241
Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Arnie Adamsen, Scott Higginson, Steve Miller, Bob Nolen .....	386-6405
Clerk .....	Kathleen Tighe .....	386-6311
Attorney .....	Roy Woofter .....	386-6201
Acting Manager .....	Larry Barton .....	386-6501
<i>(Effective July 1, 1991, telephone prefix will be "229" for these Las Vegas offices.)</i>		
Lovelock.....	P.O. Box 238, Lovelock, Nevada 89419 .....	273-2356
Mayor .....	K. Hugh Montrose	
Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Massoud Moezzi, Dale Pommerening, Jack Riehm	
Clerk .....	Virginia Rose	
Attorney .....	Belinda Quilici	
Manager .....	Bernard Schneider	
Mesquite .....	City Hall, P.O. Box 69, Mesquite, Nevada 89024 .....	346-5295
Mayor .....	Jimmie A. Hughes	
Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Tommy R. Leavitt .....	346-5636
	Bill Lee .....	346-5312
	Craig Pulsipher .....	346-5228
Clerk .....	Carol Woods.....	346-2837
Attorney .....	Tony Terry .....	384-6484
Manager .....	Paul Henderson.....	346-2832

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North Las Vegas .....	P.O. Box 4086, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036 .....	649-5811
	Mayor .....	James K. Seastrand .....649-0275
	Councilmen .....	Theron H. Goynes, W. Brent Hardy, Mary J. Kinkaid, William E. Robinson .....649-0272
	Clerk .....	Eileen M. Sevigny .....649-0253
	Attorney .....	Richard C. Maurer .....649-0277
	Manager .....	Michael Dyal .....649-0276
Reno .....	P.O. Box 7, Reno, Nevada 89504 .....	334-2030
	Mayor .....	Pete Sferrazza.....323-8932
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Jud Allen .....329-8800
		Karen Bryan.....827-6644
		Florence Lehnars.....334-2015
		Gustavo Nunez .....689-8610
		Sue Smith.....329-4394
		Kathryn Wishart.....827-4144
	Clerk .....	Donald J. Cook
	Attorney .....	Patricia A. Lynch .....334-2050
	Manager .....	Harold Schilling .....334-2020
Sparks .....	431 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431 .....	353-2350
	Mayor .....	Orin Alexander .....353-2311
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Tony Armstrong, Don Johnston, Lloyd O'Connell, Jim Shaw, Shirlee A. Wedow .....353-2311
	Clerk .....	Jane Stewart.....353-2350
	Attorney .....	Steven Elliott.....353-2320
	Manager .....	(Vacancy).....353-2311

Wells .....	City Hall, Box 366, Wells, Nevada 89835 .....	752-3355
	Mayor .....	George SH Yan
	Councilmen .....	Mike Eriksen, Warren Linnell, Rusty Tybo, E.T. (Skip) Zander
	Clerk .....	Michael T. Cosgrove.....752-3120
	Attorney .....	Robert Goicocchea (Elko).....738-8091
	Manager .....	Michael T. Cosgrove.....752-3120
Winnemucca .....	City/County Complex, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445 .....	623-6339
	Mayor .....	Paul Vesco
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Bonnie Hilbish, Terry Miller, Randy Peraldo, G. Tom Smith, Don Stoker
	Clerk .....	Mary P. Echeverria
	Attorney .....	Kent Maher
Yerington .....	P.O. Box 479, Yerington, Nevada 89447 .....	463-3511
	Mayor .....	Thomas Grady.....463-3381
	Councilmen or Governing Board .....	Marvin Grulli, Doug Homestead, Jack Pursel, Enrico Sacchini.....463-3511
	Clerk .....	Colleen V. Castello.....463-3511
	Attorney .....	John S. Hill .....423-7088
	Manager .....	James A. Aho.....463-3511



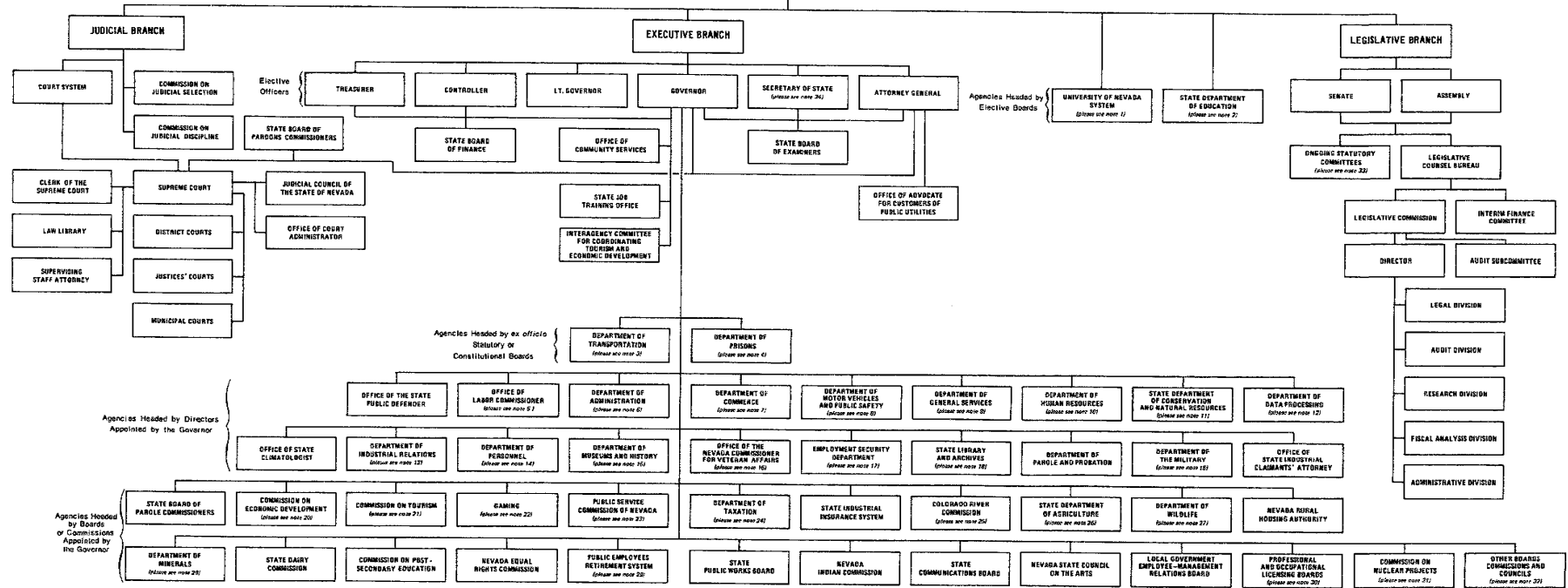


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# NEVADA STATE GOVERNMENT

VOTERS OF NEVADA



## NOTES

Constitutional offices, statutory breakdowns within the enumerated state departments, and the statutory boards and/or commissions advising or supervising these departments, not illustrated on the chart, are listed below:

### No. 1—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

- (a) Board of Regents
- (b) Chancellor
- (c) University of Nevada-Reno
- (d) University of Nevada-Las Vegas
- (e) Desert Research Institute
- (f) Ethics Institute
- (g) Community Colleges
- (h) Committee on Anatomical Dissection
- (i) Committee on the Estate Tax Account for the Endowment of the University of Nevada System
- (j) Public Service Division
  - (1) Bureau of Mines and Geology
  - (2) Agricultural Experiment Station
  - (3) Agricultural Extension Department
  - (4) State 4-H Camp Advisory Council

### No. 2—STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- (a) State Board of Education
  - (1) Commission on Professional Standards in Education (See Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards)
- (b) State Board for Occupational Education
- (c) Superintendent of Public Instruction
- (d) Committee on the Trust Fund for the Education of Pupils
- (e) Education Commission of the State (See Ongoing Statutory Committees)

### No. 3—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- (a) Board of Directors
- (b) Administrative Division
- (c) Operations Division
- (d) Engineering Division
- (e) Planning Division

### No. 4—DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS

- (a) Board of State Prison Commissioners
- (b) Advisory Board on Industrial Programs

### No. 5—LABOR COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF

- (a) State Apprenticeship Council

### No. 6—DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Budget Division
- (b) Risk Management Division
- (c) Hearings Division

### No. 7—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- (a) Consumer Affairs Division
- (b) State Board of Telephone Sales Communications
- (c) Division of Financial Institutions
- (d) Credit Union Advisory Council
- (e) Collection Agency Advisory Board
- (f) Housing Division
- (g) Insurance Division
- (h) Advisory Board on Automotive Affairs
- (i) Manufactured Housing Division
- (j) Real Estate Division
  - (1) Commission of Appraisers of Real Estate
  - (2) Real Estate Commission
- (k) State Fire Marshal Division
- (l) State Board of Fire Services
- (m) Division of Unclaimed Property

### No. 8—DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- (a) Administrative Services Division
- (b) Automation Division
- (c) Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History
- (d) Driver's License Division
- (e) Investigation Division
- (f) Nevada Highway Patrol Division
- (g) Nevada Communications Board
- (h) Repository for Information Concerning Hazardous Materials in Nevada
- (i) Motor Carrier Division
- (j) Registration Division
  - (1) Bureau of Enforcement
  - (2) Vehicle Emission Control Section
- (k) Traffic Safety Division
- (l) Peace Officers Standards and Training Committee
- (m) Committee on Testing for Intoxication
- (n) Advisory Commission on the Evaluation and Education of Persons Found Guilty of Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance
- (o) Commission on Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, Enforcement and Treatment

### No. 9—DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

- (a) Buildings and Grounds Division
- (b) State Printing and Micrographics Division
- (c) Purchasing Division
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