

**Committee Action:**  
**Do Pass** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amend & Do Pass** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

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Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

May 14, 2015

**SENATE BILL 307**

**Revises provisions relating to public officers and candidates for public office.  
(BDR 17-768)**

**Sponsored by: Senator Roberson**

**Date Heard: April 23, 2015**

**Fiscal Impact: Effect on Local Government: No  
Effect on the State: Yes**

Senate Bill 307 aligns certain provisions in the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure Act and Nevada's Financial Disclosure Act. The bill:

- Revises the definitions of "expenditure" and "gift" as they relate to reporting by lobbyists and public officers;
- Requires that lobbyists must disclose expenditures made for educational or informational meetings, events, or trips provided to legislators;
- Provides that public officers and candidates must report on their financial disclosure statements any meetings, events, or trips that have been provided by interested persons, as defined; and
- Removes the categorical reporting of expenditures made by a registered lobbyist and, instead, requires the itemization of such expenditures as set forth in regulations adopted by the Legislative Commission.

Senate Bill 307 provides that a lobbyist shall not knowingly or willfully give any gift to a member of the Legislative Branch and a member shall not accept any gift from a lobbyist. This prohibition applies whether or not the Legislature is in session. The Secretary of State is required to provide access through a secure website for the purpose of filing these statements electronically.

Finally, S.B. 307 provides that the required nonelection year contributions and expenses reports, as well as the disposition of unspent contributions report, must be filed 15 days after the end of that nonelection year. The measure requires monthly reporting of contributions and expenses throughout the election year.

**Amendments:** The Chair has approved for consideration the attached amendment, which provides the following:

- Deletes sections 34 through 39 of the bill, relating to proposed changes to the filing deadlines for contributions and expenses reports; and
- Revises the definition of "member of the public officer's or candidate's household."

# MINI MOCK-UP

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT 7316 TO SENATE BILL NO. 307

PREPARED FOR ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS  
MAY 14, 2015

PREPARED BY THE LEGAL DIVISION

**NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT SHOWS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN CONCEPTUAL FORM. THE LANGUAGE AND ITS PLACEMENT IN THE OFFICIAL AMENDMENT MAY DIFFER.**

EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of *green bold underlining* is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) *orange double underlining* is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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

1. **Delete sections 34-39 of the bill in order to keep the existing schedule for filing campaign contribution and expense reports during an election year and after each nonelection year.**

**Intent of the Proposed Amendment:** Sections 34-39 of the bill would require all candidates to file campaign contribution and expense reports monthly during an election year, not later than 15 days after the end of each month. Candidates would also file one report annually after the end of each nonelection year, which is existing law. The amendment would delete sections 34-39 from the bill in order to keep the existing schedule for filing campaign contribution and expense reports during each election year and after each nonelection year pursuant to NRS Chapter 294A.

2. **Amend section 21 of the bill to make revisions to the definition of “member of the public officer’s or candidate’s household.” The definition in the bill applies to the Financial Disclosure Act (NRS 281.558-281.581) and the Lobbying Disclosure Act (NRS Chapter 218H).**

Sec. 21. 1. *“Member of the public officer’s or candidate’s household” means:*

~~1.1~~ (a) *The spouse or domestic partner of the public officer or candidate;*

~~1.2~~ (b) *A relative who lives in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate; or*

(c) *A person, whether or not a relative, who ~~does~~:*

(1) *Lives in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate and who is dependent on and receiving substantial support from the public officer or candidate;*

(2) *Does not live in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate but who is dependent on and receiving substantial support from the public officer or candidate; or*

~~1.3. A person who lived~~

(3) *Lived in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate for 6 months or more in the year immediately preceding the year in which the public officer or candidate files a financial disclosure statement ~~and~~ and who was dependent on and receiving substantial support from the public officer or candidate during that period.*

2. *For the purposes of this section, “relative” means a person who is related to the public officer or candidate, or to the spouse or domestic partner of the public officer or candidate, by blood, adoption, marriage or domestic partnership within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity.*