

VETOES

Summary Points:

1. When a bill is enacted by the Legislature and delivered to the Governor, the Governor has the choice of: (1) signing the bill; (2) vetoing the bill; or (3) allowing the bill to become law without signing the bill.

2. Unless the Legislature has adjourned or there are not enough days remaining in the legislative session to return a bill to the House of origin, the Governor has 5 days, excluding the day on which the bill is received and excluding Sundays, to sign the bill, veto the bill or allow the bill to become law without signing the bill. If a bill is delivered to the Governor after the Legislature has adjourned *sine die* or in the last few days of the legislative session, the Governor has 10 days, excluding Sundays, after the date of adjournment to make the decision to sign the bill, veto the bill or allow the bill to become law without signing the bill.

3. A vetoed bill is returned to the House of origin. Overriding a veto requires a vote of 2/3 of the members elected to each House, in other words, 28 "Yes" votes in the Assembly and 14 "Yes" votes in the Senate.

4. If 2/3 of the members in the House of origin vote to override the veto of the Governor (A vote of "Yes" to the question "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"), then the bill is transmitted to the second House. If a 2/3 vote to override the veto is not achieved in the House of origin, then the veto is sustained.

5. If 2/3 of the members of the second House vote to override the veto, the bill becomes law. If a 2/3 vote to override the veto is not achieved, then the veto is sustained.

6. If the Governor vetoes a bill after the Legislature adjourns, the Secretary of State will return the bill to the House of origin at the next regular session of the Legislature or at a special session at which vetoed bills are to be considered. A bill so returned to the House of origin is considered in the same manner as a bill returned to the House of origin during the regular legislative session.

NEVADA REVISED STATUTES PERTAINING TO VETOES

NRS 218D.675 Procedure upon delivery to Governor; computation of time for action; approval by Governor; delivery of bill to Secretary of State if approved.

1. As soon as an enrolled bill is delivered to the Governor for action, the Governor or an authorized member of the Governor's staff shall:

(a) Endorse by stamp, on the back of the enrolled bill, over the Governor's signature, from whom and which House the bill was received, the date and hour of receipt and the number of pages comprising the bill; and

(b) Compute and note thereon the time limit for action by the Governor, excluding the day of receipt and Sundays, which must not exceed the constitutional limit for such action.

2. To approve the bill, the Governor must sign the bill, within the constitutional limit for such action, following the signatures of the officials of both Houses as follows:

State of Nevada
Executive Department
Approved

.....a.m.....p.m.
.....(month).....(day).....(year)
.....(Governor)

3. Immediately after such approval, the Governor shall direct a member of the Governor's staff to deliver the bill to the Secretary of State, who shall:

(a) Endorse on the back of the bill, following the endorsement made on the bill pursuant to subsection 1:

Received and filed.
.....(hour)
.....(month).....(day).....(year)
.....(Secretary of State)

(b) Give a receipt for the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.700.
[13:3:1949; 1943 NCL § 7298.13]—(NRS A 1969, 32; 1999, 2198; 2011, 3200)—
(Substituted in revision for NRS 218.400)

NRS 218D.680 Delivery of bill to Secretary of State if bill becomes law without Governor's signature or if veto overridden.

1. If a bill becomes a law without the Governor's signature pursuant to Section 35 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution, the Governor shall direct a member of the Governor's staff to deliver the bill to the Secretary of State, who shall:

(a) Endorse the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.675; and

(b) Give a receipt for the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.700.

2. If a bill becomes a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor pursuant to Section 35 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution, the Legislative Counsel, or such person as the Legislative Counsel designates in writing, shall deliver the bill to the Secretary of State, who shall:

(a) Endorse the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.675; and

(b) Give a receipt for the bill with the information required by NRS 218D.700.

[15:3:1949; A 1955, 732]—(NRS A 1965, 1453; 1999, 2199; 2011, 3201)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 218.420)