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# NEVADA LEGISLATIVE MANUAL

*State of Nevada*

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

of the

NEVADA LEGISLATURE

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## INTRODUCTION

The *Nevada Legislative Manual*, required under *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 218F.400, 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 current members of the Legislature; legislative structure and procedures; Legislative Counsel Bureau staff services; and administrative details for legislators. It also includes the structure and selected personnel of the Executive and Judicial Branches of government and local governments.

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 Nevada Legislature

At its 1967 Session, the Legislature of the State of Nevada adopted an official flag, which was designed by the senior government class of Tonopah High School. The flag flies outside the Legislative Building whenever the Senate and Assembly are in session in accordance with NRS 218A.175.



CHAPTER I  
MEMBERS OF THE  
NEVADA LEGISLATURE



BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF  
THE NEVADA SENATE







**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

**MARK A. HUTCHISON**

*Republican*

**Born:** 1963 – Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** Bonanza High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., 1987;  
Brigham Young University, J.D., 1990

**Married:** Cary

**Children:** Whitney, Canton, Kelsey, Weston, Logan, Sophie

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Writing, reading, running, hiking

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**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

**Years in Senate:**

November 2012 to December 2014\*

First elected Lieutenant Governor, November 2014

President of the Senate, 2015 to Current

**Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2013)

Judiciary (2013)

**Interim Committee:**

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on the Medical  
Use of Marijuana (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
(2013-2014)

**Comments:**

\*Resigned from the Senate December 1, 2014.

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **KELVIN D. ATKINSON**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 4*

*Clark County (part)*

*Government Management Analyst*



**Born:** 1969 – Chicago, Illinois

**Educated:** Culver City High School; Howard University; University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Married:** Sherwood

**Children:** Haley

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading, watching the Raiders and Lakers, studying politics, traveling

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 7 Regular Sessions and 10 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2002 to November 2012

#### **Years in Senate:**

November 2012 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Senior Chief Deputy Whip, 2011

Senate Co-Minority Whip, 2015

**Legislative Commission:** 2013; 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2011

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2009; 2011, Chair)

Education (2003; 2005)

Government Affairs (2003; 2005; 2007; 2009)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2003; 2005; 2007)

Transportation (2003; 2005; 2007, and 2009, Chair; 2011)

Ways and Means (2011)

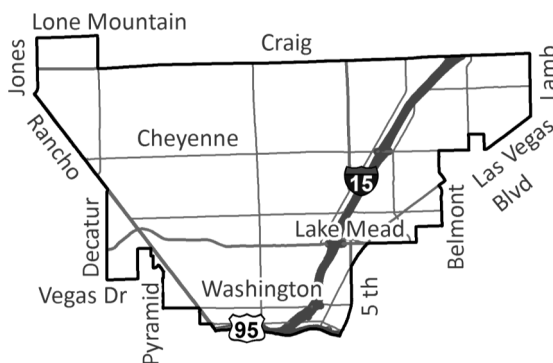
#### **Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2013, Chair; 2015)

Government Affairs (2015)

Legislative Operations and  
Elections (2013; 2015)

Transportation (2013)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION

**KELVIN D. ATKINSON**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 4*

*Clark County (part)*

*Government Management Analyst*

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**Interim Committees:**

Commission on Special License Plates (2005-2006; 2007-2008, Chair)

Development and Promotion of Logistics and Distribution Centers and Issues

Concerning Infrastructure and Transportation (A.C.R. 30) (2009-2010, Chair)

Education Commission of the States (2003-2004)

Feasibility of Long-Range Mass Transit Within State and to Urban Areas of Neighboring States (2003-2004)

Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State Governments-*WEST* (2011-2013, Chair)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee for Federal Stimulus Oversight (A.C.R. 34) (2009-2010)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Energy (2013-2014, Chair)

Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Study Medical and Societal Costs and Impacts of Obesity (S.C.R. 13) (2003-2004)

Nevada AIDS Advisory Task Force (2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2011-2012)

Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board (S.B. 352, 2007) (2013-2014)

Transportation Issues (2007-2008)

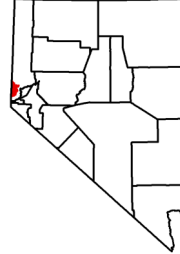
Use, Management, and Allocation of Water Resources (S.C.R. 26) (2005-2006)

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### **GREG BROWER**

*Republican*  
*Senate District No. 15*  
*Washoe County (part)*  
*Attorney at Law*



**Born:** 1964 – South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Educated:** Bonanza High School, Las Vegas, 1982; University of California, Berkeley, A.B., 1986; The George Washington University, J.D., 1992

**Married:** Loren

**Children:** Hayley, Kaitlin

**Military:** Lieutenant, United States Navy, 1987-1993 (Active and Reserve Duty)

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 4 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 1998 to November 2002

#### **Years in Senate:**

January 2011\* to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Co-Minority Whip, 2001

**Legislative Commission:** 1999

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Constitutional Amendments (1999; 2001)

Education (1999)

Elections, Procedures and Ethics (2001)

Judiciary (1999; 2001)

Taxation (1999; 2001)

#### **Senate Committees:**

Education (2011)

Health and Human Services (2011)

Judiciary (2013; 2015, Chair)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2015)

Revenue and Economic Development (2013; 2015)

Select Committee on Economic Growth and

Employment (2011)

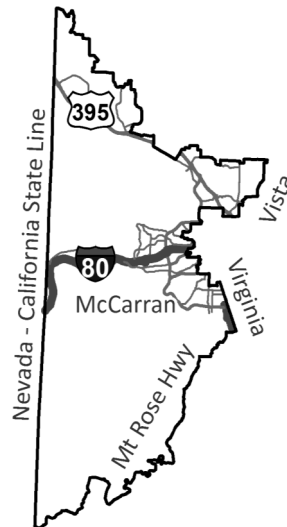
#### **Interim Committees:**

Advisory Commission on Sentencing (2001-2002)

Advisory Commission on the Administration of  
Justice (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste  
(2011-2012)

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study  
Concerning the Impact of Technology Upon  
Gaming (A.B. 360) (2013-2014)



**GREG BROWER**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 15*

*Washoe County (part)*

*Attorney at Law*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Committee to Continue the Review of Programs and Activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin  
(A.C.R. 5) (2001-2002)

Committee to Continue the Review of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (S.C.R. 16)  
(1999-2000, Chair)

Committee to Review Regulations (1999-2000, Chair)

Gaming Policy Committee (2013-2014)

Governor's Steering Committee to Conduct a Fundamental Review of State  
Government (1999-2000)

Host Committee for The Council of State Governments-*WEST* 2002 Annual Meeting  
(2001-2002)

Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2011-2012)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2011-2012)

Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (1999-2000; 2001-2002;  
2011-2012; 2013-2014)

New Method for Funding Public Schools (S.B. 11) (2011-2012)

Structure and Operations of the Nevada Legislature (A.C.R. 12) (2011-2012)

Study of Methods to Encourage Businesses to Organize and Conduct Business in  
Nevada (S.C.R. 19) (1999-2000)

Trademark and Copyright Law (A.B. 383) (2011-2012)

**Comments:**

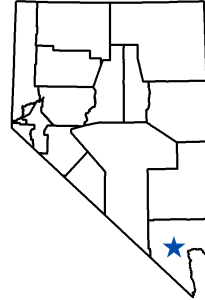
\*Appointed January 18, 2011, to fill vacancy created by resignation of  
Senator William J. Raggio.

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### MOISES (MO) DENIS

*Democrat*  
*Senate District No. 2*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Computer Network Technician*



**Born:** 1961 – Brooklyn, New York

**Educated:** Rancho High School, Las Vegas; Brigham Young University, B.A., Music

**Married:** Susan Cook

**Children:** Diana Marie (Gale), Dustin Lee, Daniel Carlos, Denae Virgilia, Dallin Moises

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Music, theater, camping, reading, basketball, volunteer work

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 6 Regular Sessions and 8 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2004 to November 2010

**Years in Senate:**

November 2010 to Current

**Leadership:**

Senate Assistant Majority Whip, 2011

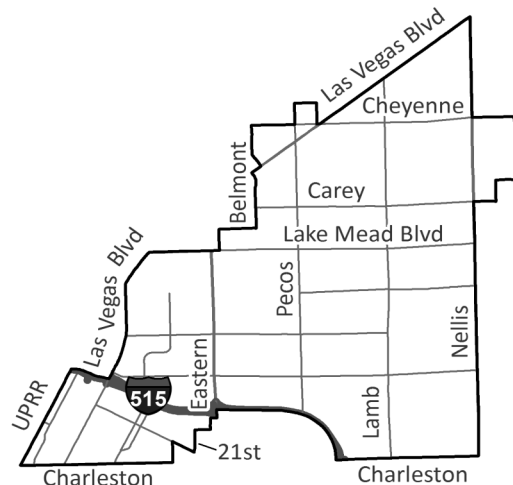
Senate Majority Floor Leader, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

**Legislative Commission:** 2011; 2013; 2015

Served as Chair December 20, 2012, to June 3, 2013

Served as Vice Chair March 29, 2012, to November 6, 2012, elected to replace  
Senator Sheila Leslie

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2005; 2007; 2009; 2011; 2013



**MOISES (MO) DENIS**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 2*

*Clark County (part)*

*Computer Network Technician*  
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**Assembly Committees:**

Education (2007; 2009)  
Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2005)  
Health and Human Services (2009)  
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2005)  
Taxation (2007)  
Ways and Means (2005; 2007; 2009)

**Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2013)  
Education (2011, Chair; 2015)  
Finance (2011; 2013)  
Legislative Operations and Elections (2011)  
Revenue (2011)  
Revenue and Economic Development (2013)  
Transportation (2015)

**Interim Committees:**

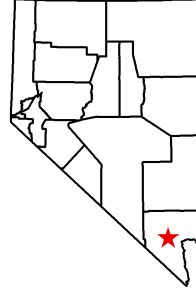
Audit Subcommittee (2011-2012, appointed in 2012 to replace Senator Sheila Leslie)  
Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature (2011-2012)  
Commission on Educational Technology (2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2005-2006)  
Committee on Industrial Programs (2009-2010)  
Committee to Consult with the Director (2011-2012, Chair; 2013-2014)  
Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools (2011-2012, appointed in 2012 to replace Senator Sheila Leslie)  
Education Commission of the States (2007-2008)  
Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State Governments-*WEST* (2011-2013)  
Information Technology Advisory Board (2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Legislative Commission's Subcommittee on Information Technology (2005-2006; 2007-2008, Chair)  
Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2011-2012, Chair; 2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Education (2007-2008; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
New Method for Funding Public Schools (S.B. 11) (2011-2012)  
Structure and Operations of the Nevada Legislature (A.C.R. 12) (2011-2012)  
Task Force on K-12 Public Education Funding (2013-2014)  
Trademark and Copyright Law (A.B. 383) (2011-2012)

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### **PATRICIA FARLEY**

*Republican*  
*Senate District No. 8*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Construction Industry*



**Born:** 1974 – Mesa, Arizona

**Educated:** University of Arizona, B.S.

**Children:** Brooke, Jordan

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Senate:**

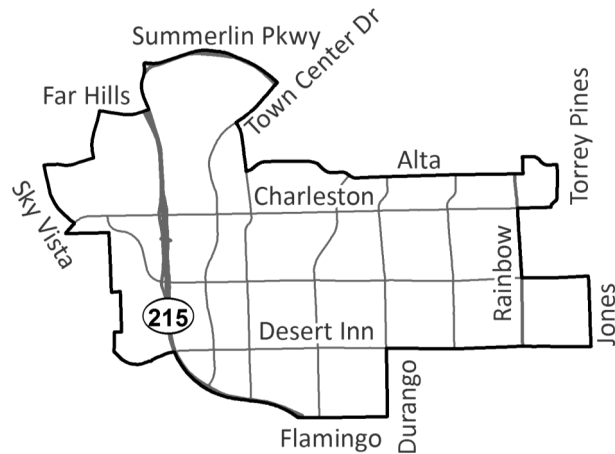
November 2014 to Current

#### **Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2015)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2015, Chair)

Transportation (2015)



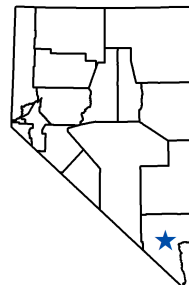


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### AARON D. FORD

*Democrat*  
*Senate District No. 11*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*



**Born:** 1972 – Dallas, Texas

**Educated:** Texas A&M University, B.A.; George Washington University, M.A.; Ohio State University, M.A., J.D., Ph.D.

**Married:** Berna

**Children:** Avery, Devin, Aaron II, Alexander

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Travel

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Senate:

November 2012 to Current

#### Leadership:

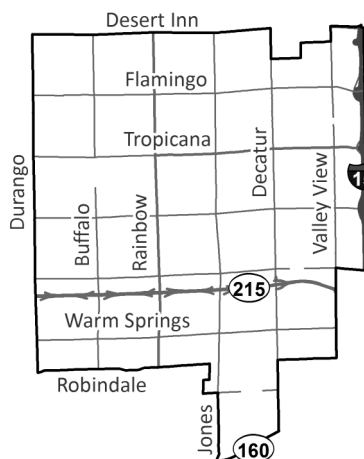
Senate Co-Assistant Majority Whip, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session  
Senate Minority Floor Leader, 2015

#### Senate Committees:

Education (2013)  
Finance (2015, part)  
Judiciary (2013; 2015)  
Natural Resources (2013, Chair)  
Revenue and Economic Development (2015)

#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Council on Parental  
Involvement and Family Engagement  
(2013-2014)  
Council to Establish Academic Standards  
for Public Schools (2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Education  
(2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Energy  
(2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Public Lands  
(2013-2014)  
National Conference of Commissioners  
on Uniform State Laws (2013-2014)  
Technological Crime Advisory Board  
(2013-2014)



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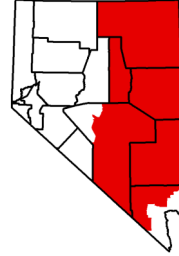


### **PETE GOICOECHEA**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 19*

*Clark (part), Elko, Eureka, Lincoln,  
Nye (part), and White Pine Counties  
Rancher*



**Born:** 1949 – Salt Lake City, Utah

**Educated:** White Pine County schools; Eureka County High School; Utah State University

**Married:** Gladys Tognoni

**Children:** J.J. Goicoechea, D.V.M., Jolene Goicoechea-Lema

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 7 Regular Sessions and 10 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2002 to November 2012

#### **Years in Senate:**

November 2012 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Co-Minority Whip, 2007; 2007 Special Session; 2008 Special Sessions (two);  
2009; and 2010 Special Session

Assembly Minority Floor Leader, 2011 (from June 10, 2010, until January 19, 2012)

#### **Legislative Commission:** 2007

#### **Interim Finance Committee:** 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Government Affairs (2003; 2005; 2007)

Health and Human Services (2011)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2011)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2003; 2005;  
2007; 2009)

Transportation (2003; 2005; 2007; 2009)

Ways and Means (2009; 2011)

#### **Senate Committees:**

Finance (2013; 2015)

Government Affairs (2013; 2015, Chair)

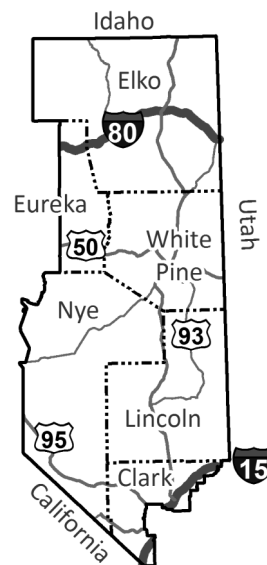
Natural Resources (2013; 2015)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2013-  
2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2009-2010,  
appointed to replace Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert;  
2011-2012)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee for Federal  
Stimulus Oversight (A.C.R. 34) (2009-2010)



**PETE GOICOECHEA**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 19*

*Clark (part), Elko, Eureka, Lincoln, Nye (part), and White Pine Counties*

*Rancher*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure (S.C.R. 37) (2009-2010)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure Working Group to Review Nominations for the Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group (2009-2010)

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2007-2008; 2009-2010)

Legislative Committee for the Fundamental Review of the Base Budgets of State Agencies (2009-2010)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands Subcommittee to Study Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas (S.C.R. 7) (2003-2004)

Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (S.B. 487, 2007) (2011-2012)

Powers Delegated to Local Governments (S.B. 264, Sec. 8) (2009-2010)

Public Employees' Benefits Program (2003-2004; 2005-2006)

Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting (A.C.R. 19) (2009-2010)

Transportation Issues (2007-2008)

Use, Management, and Allocation of Water Resources (S.C.R. 26) (2005-2006)

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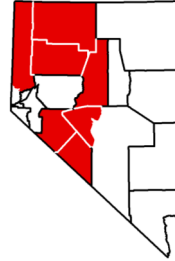
### **DONALD G. GUSTAVSON**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 14*

*Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral,  
Nye (part), Pershing, and Washoe (part)  
Counties*

*Retired Professional Driver*



**Born:** 1943 – Culver City, California

**Educated:** Culver City High School; Santa Monica Junior College; Western Nevada College

**Married:** Cathy

**Children:** Donald G. Gustavson II, Kerry J. Saulnier, Donna D. Stoller

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Model railroading, ballroom dancing

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 8 Regular Sessions and 8 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 1996 to November 2004; November 2008 to November 2010

#### **Years in Senate:**

November 2010 to Current

#### **Legislative Commission:**

February 17, 2012, to 2013, replaced Senator Elizabeth Halseth

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Constitutional Amendments (1999; 2001; 2003)

Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009)

Education (1997; 1999; 2001)

Judiciary (1997; 1999; 2001; 2003; 2009)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2009)

Taxation (2009)

Transportation (1997; 1999; 2001; 2003)

#### **Senate Committees:**

Education (2011; 2013; 2015)

Judiciary (2011)

Natural Resources (2015, Chair)

Select Committee on Economic Growth and

Employment (2011)

Transportation (2013; 2015)

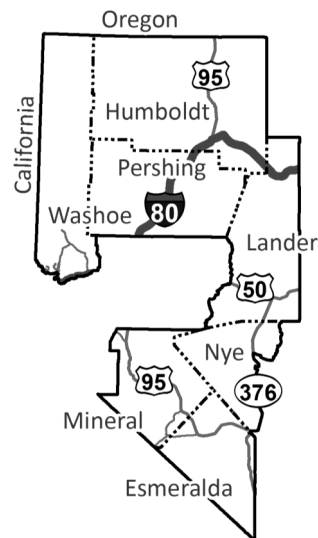
#### **Interim Committees:**

Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in  
Northern Nevada (2013-2014)

Commission on Special License Plates (2003-2004;  
2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste  
(2009-2010)

Deposits and Refunds on Recycled Products  
(A.B. 427) (2011-2012)



**DONALD G. GUSTAVSON**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 14*

*Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, Nye (part), Pershing, and Washoe (part) Counties*

*Retired Professional Driver*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Legislative Committee on Education (2011-2012)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission  
(S.B. 487, 2007) (2009-2010; 2011-2012, Chair)

Study of the Care and Commitment of Mentally Ill (S.C.R. 60) (1997-1998)

Subcommittee on Security (2001-2002)

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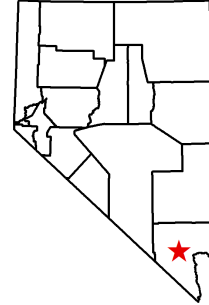
### SCOTT T. HAMMOND

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 18*

*Clark County (part)*

*Teacher*



**Born:** 1966 – Syracuse, New York

**Educated:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., Political Science, 1995; M.A., Political Science, 1997

**Married:** Tonya Hammond

**Children:** Tomás, Olivia, Sofia, Isabella

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2010 to November 2012

**Years in Senate:**

November 2012 to Current

**Leadership:**

Senate Co-Majority Whip, 2015

**Assembly Committees:**

Health and Human Services (2011)

Judiciary (2011)

Transportation (2011)

**Senate Committees:**

Education (2015)

Government Affairs (2013)

Judiciary (2013; 2015)

Transportation (2015, Chair)

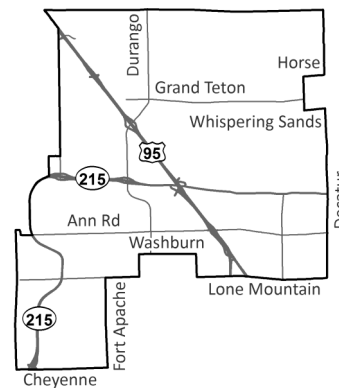
**Interim Committees:**

Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and  
Juvenile Justice (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Education  
(2013-2014)

Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile  
Offender Supervision (2013-2014)

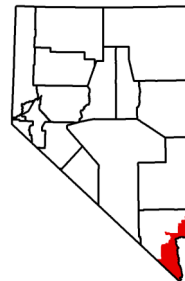
Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual  
Abuse of Children (2013-2014)





**JOSEPH (JOE) P. HARDY, M.D.**

*Republican*  
*Senate District No. 12*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Family Physician and Associate Professor*



**Born:** 1949 – Reno, Nevada

**Educated:** Sparks High School; University of Nevada, Reno; University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine, B.S.; Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, School of Medicine, M.D.

**Married:** Jill Sweningsen Hardy

**Children:** Joseph Paul Jr., Nicole, Emily, Leah, Spencer, Dane, Jack, Ryan

**Grandchildren:** Nineteen

**Military:** Major, United States Air Force

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 7 Regular Sessions and 10 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2002 to November 2010

**Years in Senate:**

November 2010 to Current

**Leadership:**

Assembly Co-Minority Whip, 2007; 2007 Special Session; and 2008 Special Session (one)  
 Senate Minority Whip, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session  
 Senate President Pro Tempore, 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2007; 2009

**Assembly Committees:**

Education (2003; 2005; 2007; 2009)  
 Government Affairs (2003; 2005)  
 Health and Human Services (2003; 2005; 2007; 2009)  
 Ways and Means (2007; 2009)

**Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2013; 2015)  
 Government Affairs (2011; 2015)  
 Health and Human Services (2011; 2013; 2015, Chair)  
 Revenue (2011)  
 Revenue and Economic Development (2015)  
 Transportation (2013)

**Interim Committees:**

Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health  
 (2011-2012; 2013-2014)



**JOSEPH (JOE) P. HARDY, M.D.**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 12*

*Clark County (part)*

*Family Physician and Associate Professor*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (2013-2014)  
Allocation of Limousines (2003-2004)  
Feasibility of Long-Range Mass Transit Within State and to Urban Areas of Neighboring States (2003-2004)  
Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State Governments-*WEST* (2011-2013)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee for Federal Stimulus Oversight (A.C.R. 34) (2009-2010)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review Allocations for Homeless (2007-2008)  
Legislative Committee for Local Government Taxes and Finance (2003-2004)  
Legislative Committee on Health Care (2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Study Current Challenges of Ensuring Adequate Health Care is Available to All Nevadans (S.B. 289) (2003-2004)  
Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Study Health Insurance Expansion Options (2003-2004)  
Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Study Services for the Treatment and Prevention of Substance Abuse (A.B. 2) (2005-2006)  
Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Study Staffing of the System for Delivery of Health Care in Nevada (A.B. 313) (2003-2004)  
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2011-2012)  
Nevada Mental Health Plan Implementation Commission (S.B. 301) (2003-2004)  
Nevada Mental Health Plan Implementation Commission Subcommittee to Continue Work of the Commission (S.B. 301) (2003-2004)  
P-16 Advisory Council (2011-2012)  
P-20W Advisory Council (2013-2014)  
Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (2003-2004)  
Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (2013-2014)  
Taxation of Real Property (A.B. 489) (2005-2006)  
Telecommunication Services in Nevada (2003-2004)  
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Legislative Advisory Committee (2011-2012; 2013-2014)



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### BECKY HARRIS

*Republican*  
*Senate District No. 9*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney/Mediator*



**Born:** 1968 – Provo, Utah

**Educated:** Brigham Young University, B.A.; Brigham Young University, J.D.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.A.

**Married:** Garth Harris

**Children:** Sydney, Mallory

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Hiking, traveling, reading

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Senate:

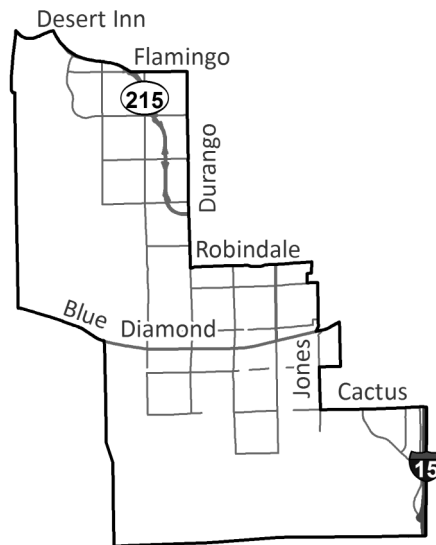
November 2014 to Current

#### Senate Committees:

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2015)

Education (2015, Chair)

Judiciary (2015)



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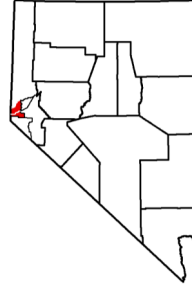
### **BEN KIECKHEFER**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 16*

*Carson City and Washoe County (part)*

*Communications*



**Born:** 1977 – Springfield, Illinois

**Educated:** DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, B.A., English; University of Illinois, Springfield, M.A., Public Affairs Reporting

**Married:** April

**Children:** Aspen, Austin, Lincoln, Lucerne

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Skiing, hunting, reading, family

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Senate:**

November 2010 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Senate Assistant Minority Floor Leader, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

Senate Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2011; 2013; 2015, Chair

**Legislative Commission:** 2013; 2015

#### **Senate Committees:**

Finance (2011; 2013; 2015, Chair)

Health and Human Services (2011; 2013; 2015)

Revenue and Economic Development (2013; 2015)

Select Committee on Economic Growth and

Employment (2011)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Advisory Council on Parental Involvement and Family Engagement (2011-2012)

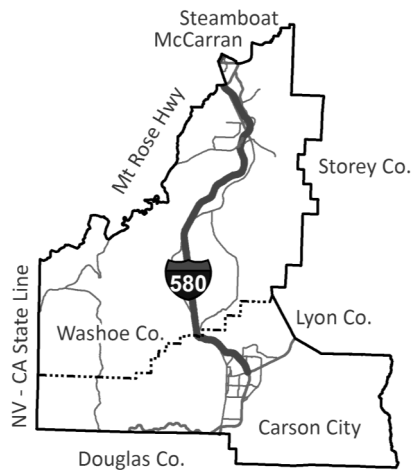
Audit Subcommittee (2013-2014)

Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Committee on Industrial Programs (2013-2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014)

Funding of Higher Education (S.B. 374) (2011-2012)



**BEN KIECKHEFER**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 16*

*Carson City and Washoe County (part)*

*Communications*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Funding of Higher Education's Performance Pool, Economic and Workforce Development, and Research Subcommittee (2011-2012)

Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State Governments-*WEST* (2011-2012)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Early Intervention Services (2011-2012)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review and Advise on the Development of Priorities and Performance Based Budgeting (PPBB) by the Department of Administration, Budget Division (2013-2014)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review Public Works Board Matters (2011-2012)

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2011-2012)

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2013-2014)

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### **RUBEN J. KIHUEN**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 10*

*Clark County (part)*

*Principal, Ramirez Group*



**Born:** 1980 – Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

**Educated:** Rancho High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., Education; University of Oklahoma, Master's in Public Administration (in progress)

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading, traveling, motivating youth, soccer, weight lifting, exercising, movies

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### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 6 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2006 to November 2010

**Years in Senate:**

November 2010 to Current

**Leadership:**

Senate Majority Whip, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

Senate Co-Minority Whip, 2015

**Legislative Commission:** 2013; 2015

**Assembly Committees:**

Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009)

Education (2007; 2009)

Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2007; 2009)

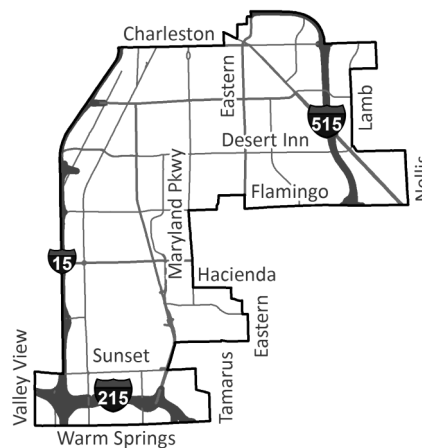
Government Affairs (2007)

Judiciary (2009)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and

Mining (2007)

Transportation (2009)



**RUBEN J. KIHUEN**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 10*

*Clark County (part)*

*Principal, Ramirez Group*

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**Senate Committees:**

Education (2011; 2013)

Health and Human Services (2011)

Judiciary (2011; 2013; 2015)

Revenue and Economic Development (2013, Chair; 2015)

Select Committee on Economic Growth and Employment (2011, Chair)

**Interim Committees:**

Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration  
(2011-2012)

Advisory Council on Parental Involvement (2007-2008)

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2013-2014)

Deposits and Refunds on Recycled Products (A.B. 427) (2011-2012)

Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Nevada Commission on Sports (2009-2010, nonvoting)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2011-2012)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



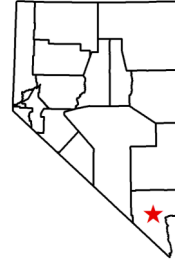
### MARK A. LIPPARELLI

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 6*

*Clark County (part)*

*Consultant, Business Owner*



**Born:** 1965 – Elko, Nevada

**Educated:** University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), B.S., Finance; UNR, M.S., Economics; Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, Executive Development Program

**Married:** Carmen

**Children:** Grace, Ryan

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Senate:

December 2014\* to Current

#### Senate Committees:

Education (2015)

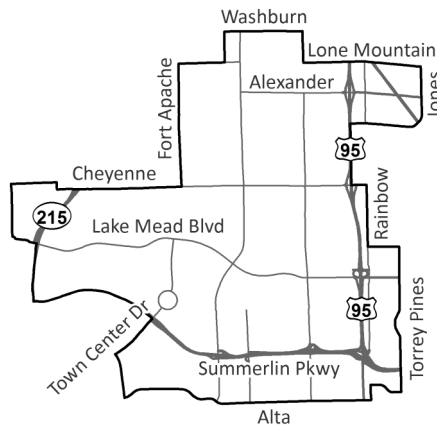
Finance (2015)

Government Affairs (2015)

Health and Human Services (2015)

#### Comments:

\*Appointed December 2, 2014, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Senator Mark A. Hutchison.





**MARK A. MANENDO**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 21*

*Clark County (part)*

*Marketing and Social Media*

*Representative*



**Born:** 1966 – Erie, Pennsylvania

**Educated:** Chaparral High School, 1985; Area Technical Trade Center, 1985; Clark County Community College, A.S., Resort Occupation, 1989; A.A., Hotel, Restaurant and Casino Management, 1990; University of Virginia, Darden Executive Business Administration Course for Emerging Political Leaders

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Volunteer activities, basketball, music, theater

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 11 Regular Sessions and 12 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 1994 to November 2010

**Years in Senate:**

November 2010 to Current

**Leadership:**

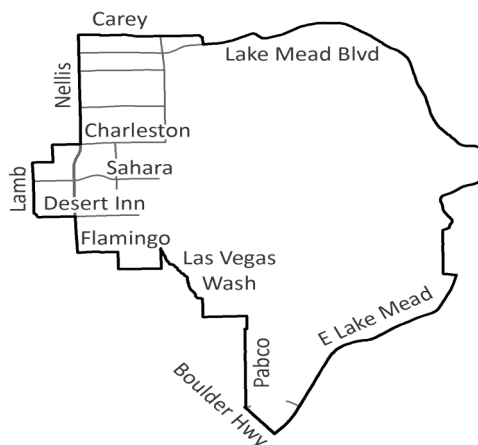
Assembly Co-Assistant Majority Whip, 2001; 2003; and 2003 Special Sessions (two)

**Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2007; 2009)  
 Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009)  
 Economic Development and Tourism (1995)  
 Education (1995; 1997; 1999; 2001; 2003; 2005)  
 Government Affairs (2003, Chair)  
 Health and Human Services (1997; 1999; 2001)  
 Judiciary (1995; 1997; 1999;  
 2001; 2005; 2007; 2009)  
 Labor and Management (1995)  
 Taxation (1995; 1997; 1999)  
 Transportation (2003; 2005;  
 2007; 2009)

**Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy  
 (2015)  
 Government Affairs (2011; 2013)  
 Legislative Operations and  
 Elections (2013)



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**MARK A. MANENDO**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 21*

*Clark County (part)*

*Marketing and Social Media Representative  
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**Senate Committees (continued):**

Natural Resources (2011, Chair; 2013; 2015)  
Select Committee on Economic Growth and Employment (2011)  
Transportation (2011; 2013, Chair; 2015)

**Interim Committees:**

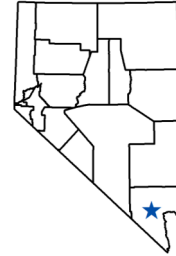
Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southern Nevada (2001-2002;  
2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2013-2014)  
Commission on Special License Plates (2007-2008; 2013-2014, Chair)  
Committee to Review Regulations (1995-1996)  
Deposits and Refunds on Recycled Products (A.B. 427) (2011-2012)  
Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2003-2004)  
Legislative Committee on Education (1999-2000; 2001-2002; 2005-2006; 2011-2012)  
Legislative Committee on Persons With Disabilities (2003-2004)  
Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2011-2012)  
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
(2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Nevada Commission on Aging (2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Nevada Veterans' Services Commission (2011-2012)  
State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational  
Opportunity for Military Children (2009-2010; 2011-2012)  
Structure and Operations of the Nevada Legislature (A.C.R. 12) (2011-2012, appointed  
March 29, 2012, to replace Senator Sheila Leslie)  
Study of Methods to Encourage Businesses to Organize and Conduct Business in  
Nevada (S.C.R. 19) (1999-2000)  
Study of Special Education and Student Discipline (A.C.R. 44) (1997-1998)  
Subcommittee to Study Categories of Misdemeanors (2001-2002, Chair)  
Trademark and Copyright Law (A.B. 383) (2011-2012)





**DAVID R. PARKS**

*Democrat*  
*Senate District No. 7*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Consultant*



**Born:** 1943 – Boston, Massachusetts

**Educated:** University of New Hampshire, B.S.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.B.A.

**Military:** United States Air Force, 1967-1971

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 10 Regular Sessions and 12 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 1996 to November 2008

**Years in Senate:**

November 2008 to Current

**Leadership:**

Assembly Assistant Majority Whip, 1999

Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 2001

Senate President Pro Tempore, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

**Legislative Commission:** 2013

**Interim Finance Committee:** 1999; 2001; 2003; 2007; 2011; 2013; 2015

**Assembly Committees:**

Commerce (1999)

Commerce and Labor (2001; 2003; 2005; 2007)

Constitutional Amendments (2001)

Government Affairs (1997; 2005, Chair)

Growth and Infrastructure (2005)

Infrastructure (1997)

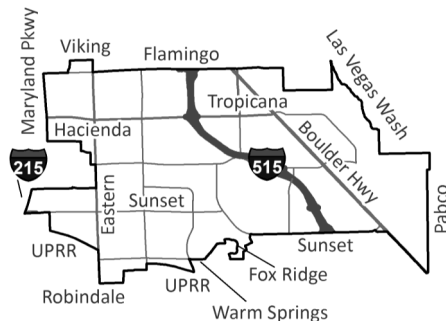
Labor and Management (1997)

Select Committee on Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2007, Chair)

Taxation (2001; 2003, Chair; 2007)

Transportation (1997; 1999)

Ways and Means (1999; 2001; 2003; 2007)



**DAVID R. PARKS**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 7*

*Clark County (part)*

*Consultant*

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**Senate Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2009)  
Commerce, Labor and Energy (2011)  
Finance (2011; 2013; 2015)  
Government Affairs (2013, Chair; 2015)  
Judiciary (2009)  
Natural Resources (2015, part)  
Legislative Operations and Elections (2011, Chair)  
Natural Resources (2009, Chair; 2011)  
Revenue and Economic Development (2013)

**Interim Committees:**

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012)  
Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice Steering Committee (2007-2008)  
Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee to Consider Issues Related to a Study of "Truth in Sentencing" (2007-2008)  
Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2009-2010)  
Allocation of Money Distributed from the Local Government Tax Distribution Account (A.B. 71) (2011-2012)  
Audit Subcommittee (2011-2012, Chair; 2013-2014)  
Commission on Educational Technology (2001-2002)  
Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2009-2010; 2011-2012, Chair; 2013-2014)  
Committee on Industrial Programs (2009-2010, Chair; 2011-2012; 2013-2014, Chair)  
Committee to Consult with the Director (2001-2002; 2012, appointed to replace Senator Sheila Leslie; 2013-2014)  
Development and Promotion of Logistics and Distribution Centers and Issues Concerning Infrastructure and Transportation (A.C.R. 30) (2009-2010)  
Feasibility of Long-Range Mass Transit Within State and to Urban Areas of Neighboring States (2003-2004)  
Funding of Higher Education (S.B. 374) (2011-2012)  
Funding of Higher Education's Community College Funding Subcommittee (2011-2012, Co-Chair)  
Governor's Steering Committee to Conduct a Fundamental Review of State Government (1999-2000)  
Group Homes (A.B. 294) (2009-2010)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Early Intervention Services (2011-2012)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility (2003-2004)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure (S.C.R. 37) (2009-2010)

**DAVID R. PARKS**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 7*

*Clark County (part)*

*Consultant*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure Working Group to Review Responses to the Request for Proposal (2009-2010)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review Allocations for Homeless (2007-2008)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review Public Works Board Matters (2011-2012)

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2013-2014)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2011-2012)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Competition Between Local Governments and Private Enterprises (2001-2002)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Suicide Prevention (2001-2002)

Legislative Committee for Local Government Taxes and Finance (2001-2002, Chair; 2003-2004)

Legislative Committee for the Fundamental Review of the Base Budgets of State Agencies (1999-2000)

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Taxation, Public Revenue, and Tax Policy (2003-2004; 2005-2006)

Legislative Committee on Workers' Compensation (1997-1998; 1999-2000, Chair)

Nevada AIDS Advisory Task Force (2001-2002, ex officio; 2003-2004, ex officio; 2005-2006; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Offender Supervision (2011-2012)

Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (2009-2010)

Nevada's Industrial Insurance Program (2003-2004)

Study of Air Quality Programs in Clark County (S.B. 432) (1999-2000)

Study of Methods to Encourage Businesses to Organize and Conduct Business in Nevada (S.C.R. 19) (1999-2000)

Study of the Construction and Maintenance of Highways (S.C.R. 53) (1997-1998)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2013-2014)

Taxation of Real Property (A.B. 489) (2005-2006, Chair)

Telecommunication Services in Nevada (2003-2004, Chair)

Use, Management, and Allocation of Water Resources (S.C.R. 26) (2005-2006)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### MICHAEL ROBERSON

*Republican*  
*Senate District No. 20*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*



**Born:** 1970 – Webb City, Missouri

**Educated:** University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, B.G.S., Political Science, 1993;  
University of Kansas School of Law, J.D., 1996

**Married:** Liberty Leavitt

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Senate:

November 2010 to Current

#### Leadership:

Senate Minority Floor Leader, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

Senate Majority Floor Leader, 2015

**Legislative Commission:** 2011; 2013; 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2013; 2015

#### Senate Committees:

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2011)

Finance (2013; 2015)

Judiciary (2011; 2015)

Natural Resources (2011)

Revenue and Economic Development (2013; 2015, Chair)

#### Interim Committees:

Behavioral Health and Wellness Council (BHCW) (2013-2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2011-2012)

Legislative Committee on Energy (2013-2014)

National Conference of

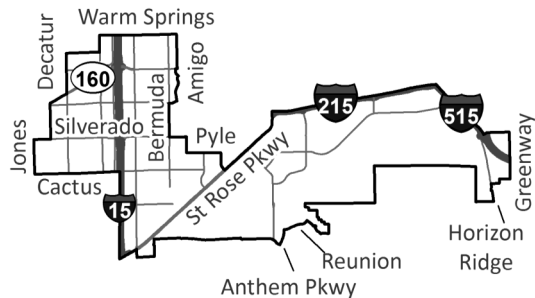
Commissioners on Uniform

State Laws (2011-2012)

Task Force on K-12 Public

Education Funding

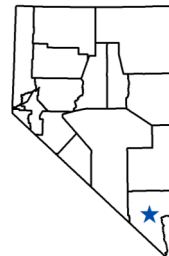
(2013-2014)





## TICK SEGERBLOM

*Democrat*  
*Senate District No. 3*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*



**Born:** 1948 – Boulder City, Nevada

**Educated:** Boulder City High School; Pomona College, B.A.; University of Denver, J.D.

**Married:** Sharon

**Children:** Mary Clare, Eva, Carl

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 6 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2006 to November 2012

#### Years in Senate:

November 2012 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

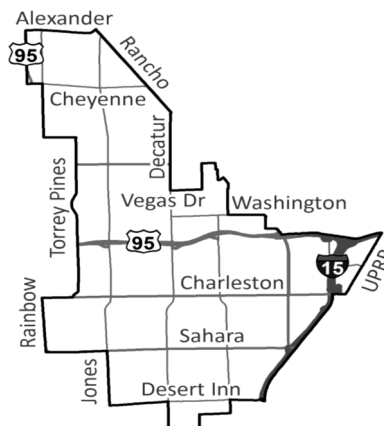
Commerce and Labor (2011)  
 Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009)  
 Education (2007)  
 Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2007; 2009)  
 Judiciary (2007; 2009; 2011)  
 Legislative Operations and Elections (2011, Chair)  
 Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2009)

#### Senate Committees:

Education (2015)  
 Health and Human Services (2013)  
 Judiciary (2013, Chair; 2015)  
 Legislative Operations and Elections (2015)  
 Natural Resources (2013)

#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (2013-2014, Chair)  
 Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on the Medical Use of Marijuana (2013-2014)  
 Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2009-2010; 2013-2014)



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**TICK SEGERBLOM**

*Democrat*  
*Senate District No. 3*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*  
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**Interim Committees (continued):**

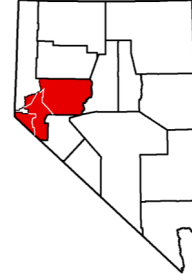
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Impact of Technology Upon Gaming (A.B. 360) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Consult with the Director (2009-2010; 2013-2014)  
Gaming Policy Committee (2013-2014)  
Implementation of Courts of Chancery (A.C.R. 35) (2007-2008)  
Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2013-2014)  
National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (2007-2008; 2009-2010)  
Powers Delegated to Local Governments (S.B. 264, Sec. 8) (2009-2010)  
Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting (A.C.R. 19) (2009-2010, Chair)  
Structure and Operations of the Nevada Legislature (A.C.R. 12) (2011-2012, Chair)  
Trademark and Copyright Law (A.B. 383) (2011-2012, Chair)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **JAMES A. SETTELMAYER**

*Republican*  
*Senate District No. 17*  
*Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, and*  
*Storey Counties*  
*Agriculturalist*



**Born:** 1971 – Carson City, Nevada

**Educated:** California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Agricultural Education/Agricultural Science

**Married:** Sherese

**Children:** Two daughters

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading

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### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 6 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2006 to November 2010

**Years in Senate:**

November 2010 to Current

**Leadership:**

Senate Minority Whip, 2011

Senate Co-Majority Whip, 2015

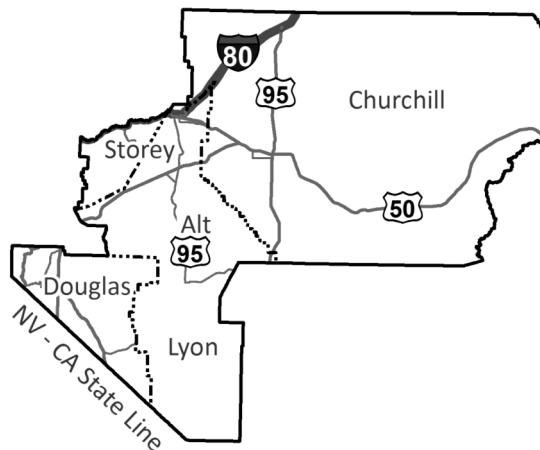
**Legislative Commission:** 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015

**Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2007; 2009)

Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2007; 2009)

Government Affairs (2007; 2009)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION

**JAMES A. SETTELMAYER**

*Republican*

*Senate District No. 17*

*Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties*

*Agriculturalist*

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**Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2011; 2013; 2015, Chair)

Government Affairs (2011)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2011; 2013; 2015)

Natural Resources (2013; 2015)

**Interim Committees:**

Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure (S.C.R. 37) (2009-2010)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure Working Group to Review Responses to the Request for Proposal (2009-2010)

Issues Relating to Senior Citizens and Veterans (A.C.R. 35) (2007-2008)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)

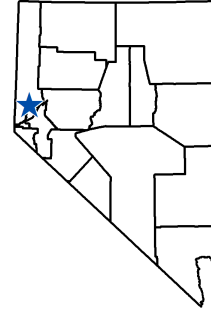
Legislative Delegation to Meet with California Legislators Regarding the TRPA (S.B. 271) (2011-2012)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2011-2012; 2013-2014)





**DEBBIE SMITH**  
*Democrat*  
*Senate District No. 13*  
*Washoe County (part)*  
*Retired*



**Born:** 1956 – Tucson, Arizona

**Married:** Greg Smith

**Children:** Olivia, Ian, Erin

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading, walking, scrapbooking

#### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 7 Regular Sessions and 10 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2000 to November 2002; November 2004 to November 2012

#### Years in Senate:

November 2012 to Current

#### Leadership:

Assembly Co-Assistant Majority Whip, 2007; 2008 Special Sessions (two); 2009; and 2010 Special Session

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, 2011

Senate Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

Senate Assistant Minority Floor Leader, 2015

#### Legislative Commission: 2009; 2011

#### Interim Finance Committee: 2005; 2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015

Served as Chair 2011 to November 6, 2012; February 4, 2013, to November 4, 2014

Served as Vice Chair November 6, 2012, to February 4, 2013

#### Assembly Committees:

Education (2001; 2005; 2007)

Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2009)

Government Affairs (2001)

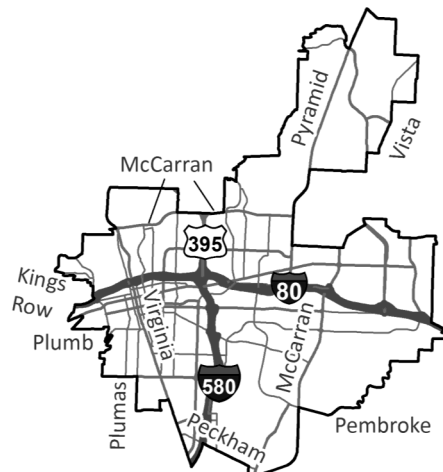
Health and Human Services (2001; 2009, Chair; 2011)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2011)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2005; 2007)

Transportation (2001)

Ways and Means (2005; 2007; 2009; 2011, Chair)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION

### DEBBIE SMITH

*Democrat*  
*Senate District No. 13*  
*Washoe County (part)*  
*Retired*  
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#### Senate Committees:

Finance (2013, Chair; 2015, part)  
Health and Human Services (2013; 2015, part)  
Natural Resources (2015, part)  
Revenue and Economic Development (2013)

#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Group to Conduct Interim Study on Lease-Purchase and Installment-Purchase Agreements by Public Entities (S.B. 426) (2005-2006)  
Behavioral Health and Wellness Council (BHWI) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges (S.B. 391) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges' Subcommittee on Governance and Funding (S.B. 391) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Consult with the Director (2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools (2001-2002, Parent Representative, Washoe County, Chair)  
Education Commission of the States (2001-2002; 2005-2006; 2007-2008)  
Feasibility and Advisability of Consolidating Water-Related Services in Washoe County (S.C.R. 26) (2005-2006)  
Funding of Higher Education (S.B. 374) (2011-2012)  
Funding of Higher Education's Funding Formula Subcommittee (2011-2012)  
Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2007-2008)  
Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State Governments-*WEST* (2011-2013, appointed May 30, 2012, to replace Senator Sheila Leslie)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee for Federal Stimulus Oversight (A.C.R. 34) (2009-2010, Chair)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review and Advise on the Development of Priorities and Performance Based Budgeting (PPBB) by the Department of Administration, Budget Division (2013-2014, Chair)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review Public Works Board Matters (2007-2008; 2009-2010)  
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Legislative Commission's Subcommittee on Information Technology (2001-2002)  
Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Suicide Prevention (2001-2002)  
Legislative Committee for the Fundamental Review of the Base Budgets of State Agencies (2009-2010)  
Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2007-2008)  
Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting (A.C.R. 19) (2009-2010)  
School Financing Adequacy (A.C.R. 10) (2005-2006, Chair)  
Washoe County Schools Construction and Revitalization Advisory Committee (S.B. 154) (2007-2008)  
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Legislative Advisory Committee (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



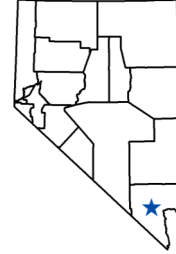
### **PATRICIA (PAT) SPEARMAN**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 1*

*Clark County (part)*

*Retired Soldier; Ordained Minister*



**Born:** 1955 – Indianapolis, Indiana

**Educated:** Norfolk State University, B.S.; Seminary of the Southwest, Master of Divinity; Military Police Officer Basic and Advance Course; Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Certified Equal Opportunity Manager; Walden University, Doctor of Business Administration (completing)

**Military:** United States Army Military Police Corps, 1977-2007

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Playing and listening to music, reading, spending time with family, meeting people, travel

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Senate:**

November 2012 to Current

#### **Senate Committees:**

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2015)

Government Affairs (2013)

Health and Human Services (2015, part)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2013, Chair)

Revenue and Economic Development (2015)

Transportation (2013)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Senior

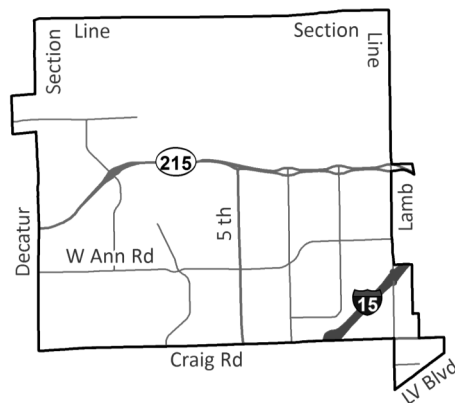
Citizens, Veterans and Adults With  
Special Needs (2013-2014)

Nevada Commission on Homeland  
Security (2013-2014)

Nevada Veterans' Services  
Commission (2013-2014)

State Council for the Coordination of  
the Interstate Compact on  
Educational Opportunity for Military  
Children (2013-2014)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative  
Commission (2013-2014)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



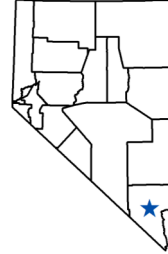
### JOYCE WOODHOUSE

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 5*

*Clark County (part)*

*Teacher, Elementary School Principal,  
Program Administrator (Retired)*



**Born:** 1944 – Wibaux, Montana

**Educated:** Carroll College, Helena, Montana, B.A., Elementary Education, 1966; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Master's Degree, Curriculum and Instruction, 1983; Master's Degree, Educational Administration, 1987

**Married:** Al Wittenberg (deceased)

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading, golfing, volunteer work

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

#### Years in Senate:

November 2006 to November 2010; November 2012 to Current

**Legislative Commission:** 2009

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2009; 2013; 2015

#### Senate Committees:

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2013)

Education (2013, Chair; 2015)

Finance (2009; 2013; 2015)

Health and Education (2009)

Health and Human Services (2015)

Human Resources and Education (2007)

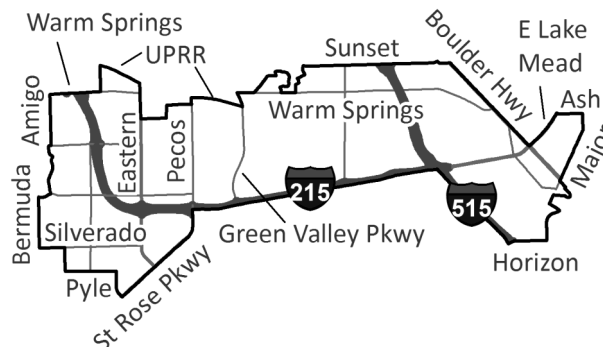
Legislative Operations and Elections (2009, Chair)

Transportation and Homeland Security (2007)

#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Council on Parental Involvement (2007-2008; 2009-2010)

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges (S.B. 391)  
(2013-2014, Chair)



**JOYCE WOODHOUSE**

*Democrat*

*Senate District No. 5*

*Clark County (part)*

*Teacher, Elementary School Principal, Program Administrator (Retired)*  
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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges’  
Subcommittee on Governance and Funding (S.B. 391) (2013-2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2007-2008; 2009-2010)

Education Commission of the States (2009-2010; 2013-2014)

Governance and Oversight of the System of K-12 Public Education (A.C.R. 2)  
(2009-2010)

Issues Relating to Senior Citizens and Veterans (A.C.R. 35) (2007-2008)

Interim Finance Committee’s Subcommittee to Review and Advise on the Development  
of Priorities and Performance Based Budgeting (PPBB) by the Department of  
Administration, Budget Division (2013-2014)

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2013-2014)

Legislative Commission’s Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2009-2010)

Legislative Committee for the Fundamental Review of the Base Budgets of State  
Agencies (2009-2010, Chair)

Legislative Committee on Education (2009-2010 and 2013-2014, Chair)

Legislative Committee on Health Care (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
(2009-2010)

Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (2007-2008)

Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting (A.C.R. 19) (2009-2010)

Task Force on K-12 Public Education Funding Technical Advisory Committee  
(S.B. 500) (2013-2014, Chair)



BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF  
THE NEVADA ASSEMBLY



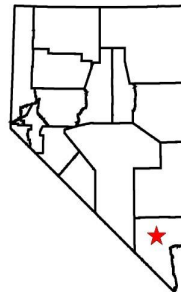


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **D. PAUL ANDERSON**

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 13*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Business Owner*



**Born:** 1970 – Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** Chapman University, B.S., Business and Finance, Orange, California

**Married:** April Christensen Anderson

**Children:** Jacob, Taylor, Jordan, Joseph

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Cycling, outdoor sports, reading, traveling with family

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2012 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Majority Floor Leader, 2015

#### **Interim Finance Committee:** 2013; 2015

Served as Vice Chair November 5, 2014, to February 1, 2015

Served as Chair February 2, 2015, to current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2013)

Transportation (2013)

Ways and Means (2013; 2015, Chair)

#### **Interim Committees:**

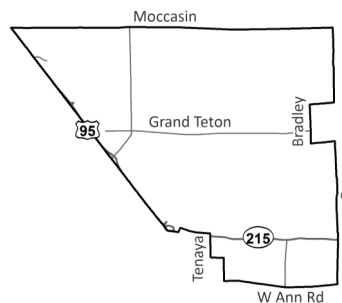
Commission on Educational Technology (2013-2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014)

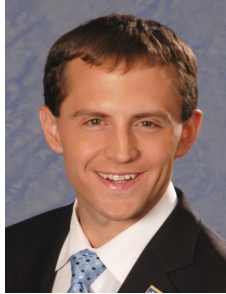
Information Technology Advisory Board (2013-2014)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review and Advise on the Development of Priorities and Performance Based Budgeting (PPBB) by the Department of Administration, Budget Division (2013-2014)

Technological Crime Advisory Board (2013-2014)

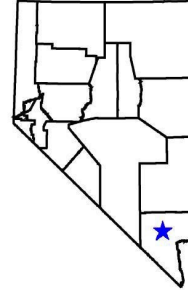


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### ELLIOT T. ANDERSON

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 15*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Legal Clerk*



**Born:** 1982 – Marshfield, Wisconsin

**Educated:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.A., Political Science, Magna Cum Laude; Attending William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV

**Military:** United States Marine Corps, 2001-2005

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Running, basketball, reading

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

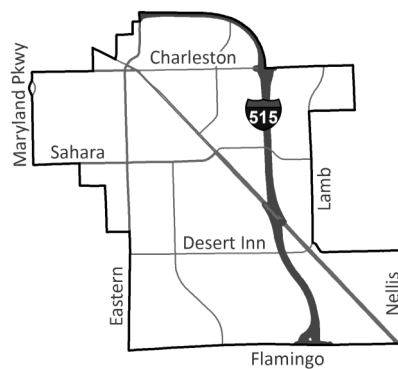
November 2010 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Education (2011; 2013, Chair; 2015)  
Government Affairs (2011; 2013)  
Judiciary (2015)  
Legislative Operations and Elections (2013; 2015)  
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2011)  
Taxation (2011)

#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southern Nevada (2013-2014)  
Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2011-2012)  
Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014, part)  
Legislative Committee on Education (2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2011-2012)  
Nevada Veterans' Services Commission (2011-2012; 2013-2014)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



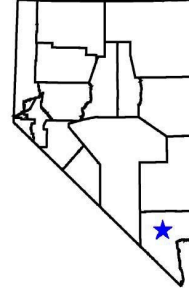
### NELSON ARAUJO

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 3*

*Clark County (part)*

*Senior Director of Collective Impact  
and Diversity, United Way of  
Southern Nevada*



**Born:** 1987 – Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A. Communications; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.P.A.

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Crossfit training

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2014 to Current

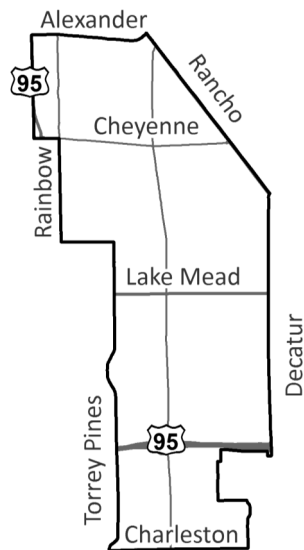
#### Assembly Committees:

Health and Human Services (2015)

Judiciary (2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2015)

Transportation (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **DEREK W. ARMSTRONG**

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 21*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*



**Born:** 1980 – Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.A., Economics; William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, J.D.

**Military:** United States Marine Corps, 2000-2005

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2014 to Current

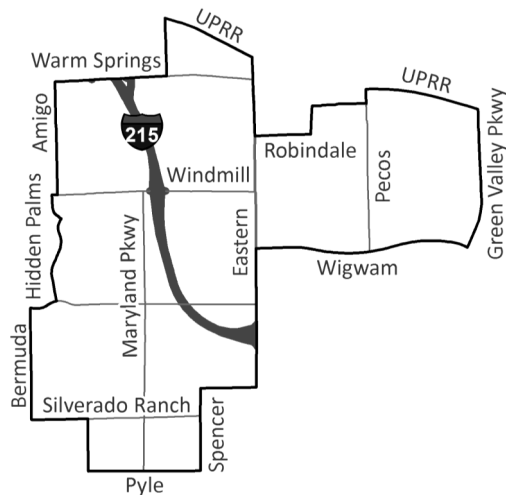
**Interim Finance Committee:** 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Education (2015)

Taxation (2015, Chair)

Ways and Means (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 27*  
*Washoe County (part)*  
*Licensed Social Worker*



**Born:** 1978 – Ventura, California

**Educated:** McQueen High School, Reno; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A.; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, M.S.W.

**Married:** Jeff Thompson

**Children:** Lillian, Eli, Sandra, Truckee

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Family, volunteer activities, baking

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2010 to Current

#### Leadership:

Assembly Co-Assistant Minority Floor Leader, 2015

#### Legislative Commission: 2015

#### Interim Finance Committee: 2015

#### Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2011; 2013, Chair)  
Health and Human Services (2011; 2013; 2015)  
Taxation (2011; 2013; 2015)  
Transportation (2011)  
Ways and Means (2015)

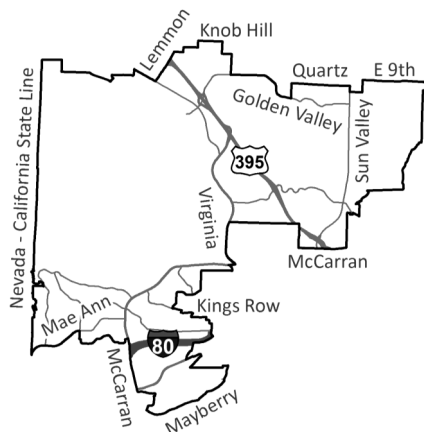
#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Council on Parental  
Involvement and Family  
Engagement (2013-2014)

Board of Directors for Corporation for  
Public Benefit for Nevada Youth  
Legislature (2011-2012;  
2013-2014)

Legislative Commission's  
Subcommittee to Review  
Regulations (2011-2012;  
2013-2014)

Legislative Committee for the Review  
and Oversight of the Tahoe  
Regional Planning Agency and the  
Marlette Lake Water System  
(2011-2012, appointed to replace  
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION

**TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON**

*Democrat  
Assembly District No. 27  
Washoe County (part)  
Licensed Social Worker  
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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2011-2012)  
Legislative Committee on Health Care (2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
(2011-2012; 2013-2014, Chair)  
Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission  
(S.B. 487, 2007) (2011-2012)

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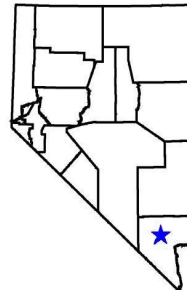
### IRENE BUSTAMANTE ADAMS

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 42*

*Clark County (part)*

*Consultant and Business Executive*



**Born:** 1968 – Hanford, California

**Educated:** Kerman High School, Kerman, California; California State University, Fresno, B.S.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, E.M.B.A.

**Married:** Brad

**Children:** Olivia, Alaina

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading, sports, community service

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2010 to Current

**Legislative Commission:** 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2015

#### Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2011; 2013; 2015)

Government Affairs (2011; 2013)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2011)

Taxation (2011; 2013, Chair; 2015)

Ways and Means (2015)

#### Interim Committees:

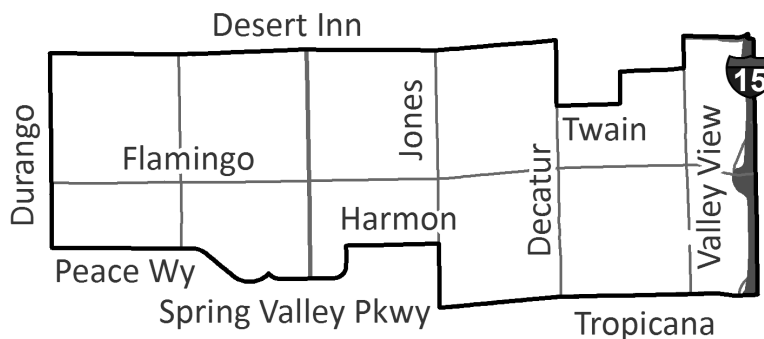
Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014, Chair)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2011-2012)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2011-2012, Chair as of

February 27, 2012, appointed to replace Senator Sheila Leslie; 2013-2014)

Technological Crime Advisory Board (2011-2012)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### MAGGIE CARLTON

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 14*

*Clark County (part)*

*Community and Workforce Development,  
Great Basin Primary Care Association*



**Born:** 1957 – St. Louis, Missouri

**Married:** Merritt Carlton

**Children:** M. Grace Gelzer, Lucy Carlton

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Gardening

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 9 Regular Sessions and 12 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2010 to Current

**Years in Senate:**

November 1998 to November 2010

**Leadership:**

Assembly Co-Assistant Minority Floor

Leader, 2015

**Legislative Commission:** 2003; 2009

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2011; 2013; 2015

Served as Chair December 11, 2012, and

January 25, 2013

Served as Vice Chair February 4, 2013, to

November 4, 2014

**Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2011; 2013; 2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining  
(2011, Chair; 2015)

Transportation (2013)

Ways and Means (2011; 2013, Chair; 2015)

**Senate Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (1999; 2001; 2003;  
2005; 2007; 2009, Chair)

Energy, Infrastructure and  
Transportation (2009)

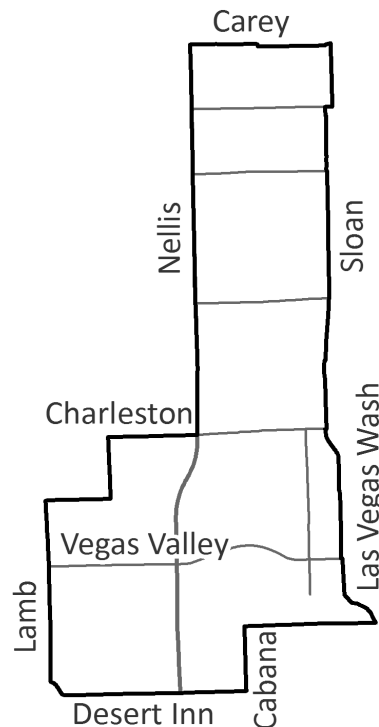
Legislative Affairs and Operations (1999)

Natural Resources (1999; 2001; 2003;  
2005; 2007)

Taxation (2009)

Transportation (2001; 2003)

Transportation and Homeland Security  
(2005; 2007)





**MAGGIE CARLTON**

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 14*

*Clark County (part)*

*Community and Workforce Development,*

*Great Basin Primary Care Association*

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**Interim Committees:**

Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (1997-1998, appointed December 12, 1998, to replace Senator Bernice Mathews; 1999-2000; 2001-2002; 2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010)

Allocation of Limousines (2003-2004)

Audit Subcommittee (2011-2012; 2013-2014, Chair)

Commission on Special License Plates (2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010, Chair)

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2013-2014, Chair)

Committee to Continue the Review of Programs and Activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin (A.C.R. 5) (2001-2002)

Governor's Steering Committee to Conduct a Fundamental Review of State Government (1999-2000)

Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2007-2008; 2009-2010)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Early Intervention Services (2011-2012)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review and Advise on the Development of Priorities and Performance Based Budgeting (PPBB) by the Department of Administration, Budget Division (2013-2014)

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2013-2014, Chair)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2007-2008; 2009-2010)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review the U.S. Department of Labor's Report on the Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Program (2009-2010, Chair)

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008)

Legislative Committee on Children, Youth, and Families (2003-2004)

Legislative Committee on Health Care (2011-2012, appointed February 15, 2012, to replace Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce)

Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Review the Laws and Regulations Governing Providers of Health Care, the Use of Lasers and Intense Pulsed Light Therapy, and the Use of Injections of Cosmetic Substances (S.B. 4) (2007-2008, Chair)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2011-2012, Chair; 2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands Subcommittee to Study Domestic and Municipal Water Wells (A.B. 408) (1999-2000)

Legislative Committee on Workers' Compensation (1999-2000)

Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (2001-2002)

Nevada's Industrial Insurance Program (2003-2004)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2011-2012)

Study of the Integration of State and Local Child Welfare Systems (A.C.R. 53) (1999-2000)

Telecommunication Services in Nevada (2003-2004)

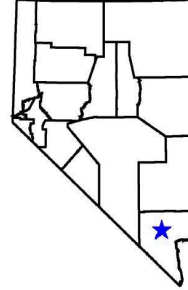
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Legislative Advisory Committee (2005-2006)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **RICHARD CARRILLO**

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 18*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Business Owner, Contractor,*  
*Refrigeration Instructor*



**Born:** 1967 – Belen, New Mexico

**Married:** Annette Gunter

**Children:** Heather

**Grandchildren:** Giovanni

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Volunteering, golfing, classic cars, motorcycles, autocrossing

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2010 to Current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Government Affairs (2015)

Health and Human Services (2011)

Judiciary (2011; 2013)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2013; 2015)

Select Committee on the Assembly (2013)

Transportation (2011; 2013, Chair; 2015)

#### **Interim Committees:**

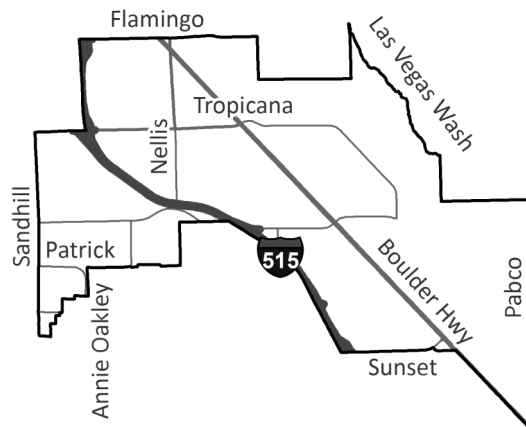
Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2011-2012)

Commission on Special License Plates (2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2013-2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014, part)

Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Offender Supervision (2011-2012)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### OLIVIA DIAZ

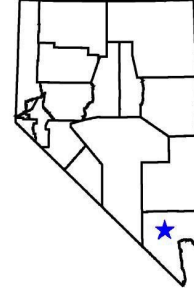
*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 11*

*Clark County (part)*

*Elementary School Teacher,*

*English Language Learner Specialist*



**Born:** 1978 – Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** Rancho High School, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., English, minor in Communications; NOVA Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, M.S., Bilingual Education

**Married:** Frank Alejandro

**Children:** Danny, Frankie, Xavier Carson

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Jogging, hiking, travel, movies

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2010 to Current

#### Leadership:

Assembly Co-Assistant Majority Whip, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

#### Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2013; 2015)

Education (2011; 2013; 2015)

Judiciary (2011; 2013; 2015)

Taxation (2015)

Transportation (2011)

#### Interim Committees:

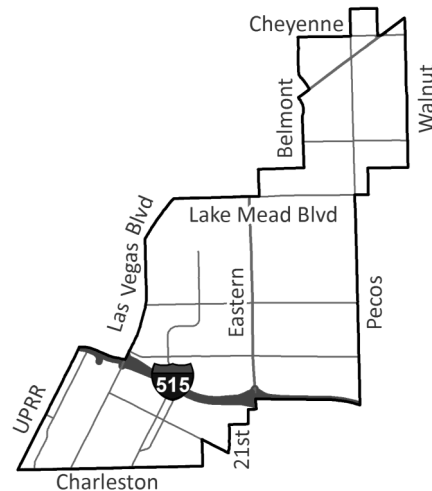
Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (2011-2012)

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on the Medical Use of Marijuana (2013-2014)

Advisory Council on Parental Involvement and Family Engagement (2011-2012)

Advisory Council on the State Program for Fitness and Wellness (2011-2012)

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Impact of Technology Upon Gaming (A.B. 360) (2013-2014)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **JILL DICKMAN**

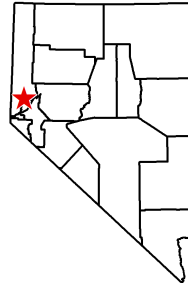
*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 31*

*Washoe County (part)*

*Nevada Business Owner—*

*Custom Manufacturing*



**Born:** Hancock, Michigan

**Educated:** L'Anse High School, Michigan; Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan

**Married:** Thomas

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Playing the harp, knitwear designer, accounting

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2014 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Assistant Majority Whip, North, 2015

#### **Interim Finance Committee:** 2015

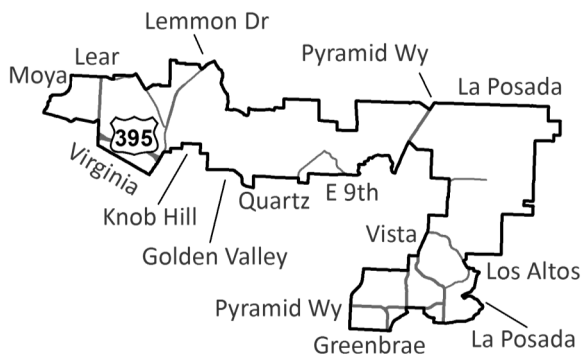
#### **Assembly Committees:**

Health and Human Services (2015)

Taxation (2015)

Transportation (2015)

Ways and Means (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **VICTORIA A. DOOLING**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 41*

*Clark County (part)*

*Manufacturing, Sales, and Consulting*



**Born:** 1944 – Houston, Texas

**Educated:** William Howard Taft High School, Woodland Hills, California; Pierce College, Woodland Hills, California

**Married:** Richard

**Children:** Todd, Candace

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Clothing design, cooking

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2014 to Current

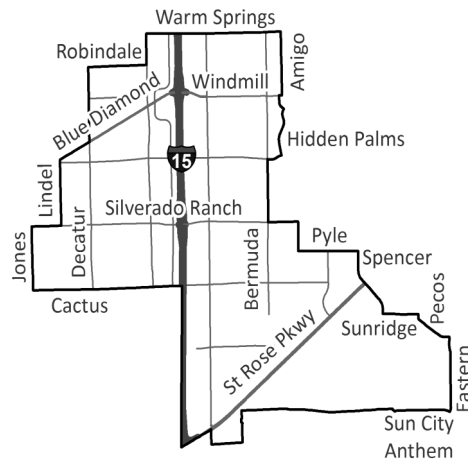
#### **Assembly Committees:**

Education (2015)

Government Affairs (2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2015)

Transportation (2015)

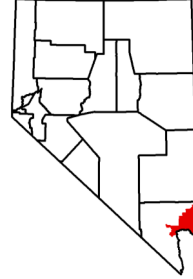


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### CHRIS EDWARDS

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 19*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Strategic Planning*



**Born:** 1965 – Sleepy Hollow, New York

**Educated:** University of Notre Dame, Indiana, B.A., Government; The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., M.P.A.

**Military:** United States Navy, 1987-present (active and reserve)

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Travel, discus-throwing, racquetball, sports enthusiast

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### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2014 to Current

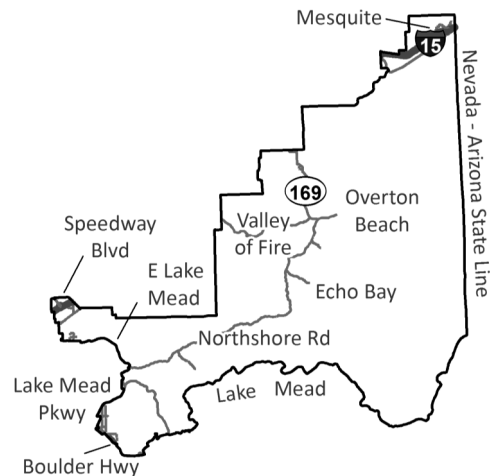
#### **Interim Finance Committee:** 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Education (2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2015)

Ways and Means (2015)





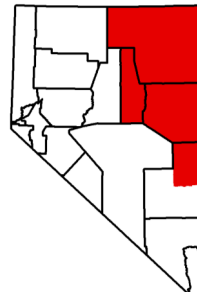
**JOHN C. ELLISON**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 33*

*Elko, Eureka, Lincoln (part), and  
White Pine Counties*

*Electrical Contractor*



**Born:** 1953 – Elko, Nevada

**Educated:** Elko High School

**Married:** Cindy

**Children:** Billy, Michelle, Nicole, John Jr. (deceased)

**Military:** United States Marine Corps

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Flying, shooting, spending time with family, grandchildren, and friends

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**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2010 to Current

**Leadership:**

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, 2015

**Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2011; 2013; 2015)

Government Affairs (2011; 2013; 2015, Chair)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining  
(2011; 2013; 2015)

Taxation (2011)

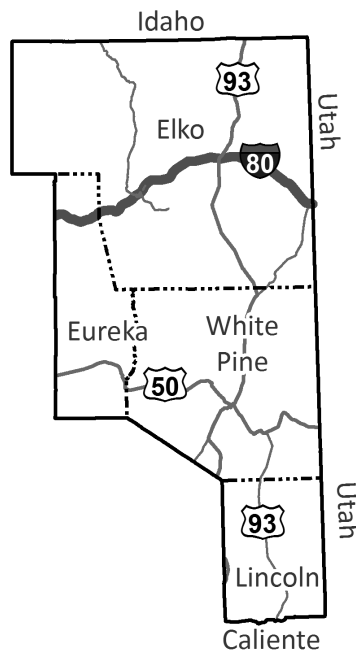
**Interim Committees:**

Allocation of Money Distributed From the  
Local Government Tax Distribution Account  
(A.B. 71) (2011-2012)

Commission on Special License Plates  
(2011-2012)

Committee on Industrial Programs  
(2011-2012)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands  
(2013-2014)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **MICHELE FIORE**

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 4*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*CEO*



**Born:** 1970 – Brooklyn, New York

**Children:** Sheena, Savannah

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

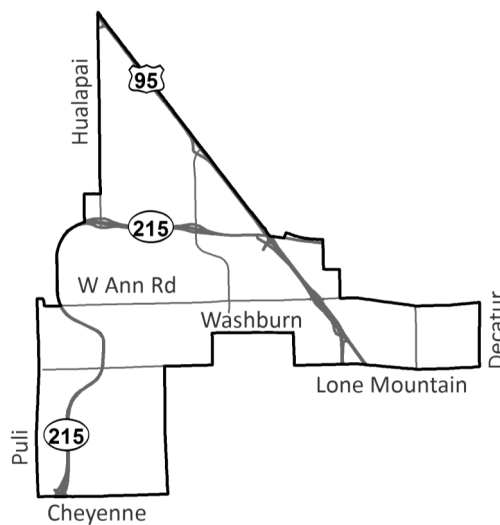
November 2012 to Current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2015)  
Education (2013)  
Health and Human Services (2013)  
Judiciary (2013, 2015)  
Legislative Operations and Elections (2015)  
Transportation (2015)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on the Medical Use of Marijuana (2013-2014)  
Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2013-2014)  
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2013-2014)  
Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (2013-2014)



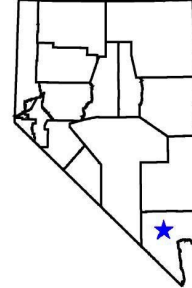


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### EDGAR R. FLORES

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 28*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*



**Born:** 1986 – Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.A., English; William S. Boyd School of Law (UNLV), J.D.

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Assembly:

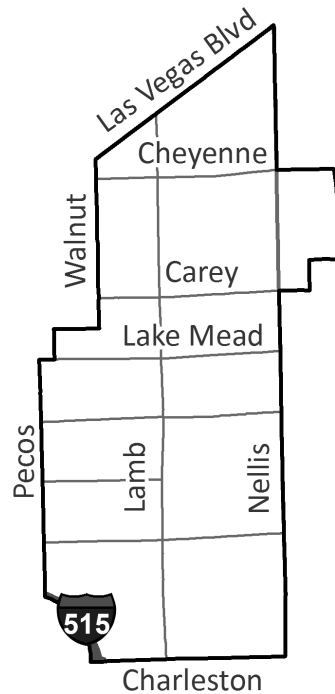
November 2014 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Education (2015)

Government Affairs (2015)

Transportation (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### DAVID M. GARDNER

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 9*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*



**Born:** 1981 – Mesa, Arizona

**Educated:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., University Studies; William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, J.D.; Extern for Chief Judge Nakagawa

**Married:** Melissa

**Children:** Ryan, Bella, Brady, Callum

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Spending time with my children, playing, and watching sports

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### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2014 to Current

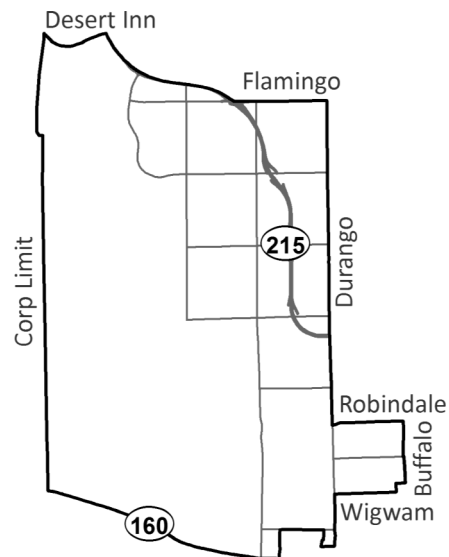
#### Assembly Committees:

Education (2015)

Health and Human Services (2015)

Judiciary (2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2015)

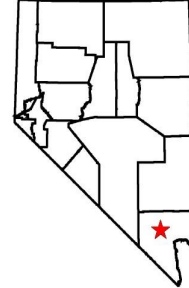


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### JOHN HAMBRICK

*Republican  
Assembly District No. 2  
Clark County (part)  
Retired Investigator*



**Born:** 1945 – St. Paul, Minnesota

**Educated:** Certified Fraud Examiner, University of Minnesota; Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, Georgia; Border Patrol Academy, Brownsville, Texas; Basic and Advanced Treasury School, Washington, D.C.

**Married:** Nancy

**Children:** Laura Sullivan, John

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Baseball, shooting, volunteering

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 4 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2008 to Current

#### Leadership:

Assembly Speaker, 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2011; 2013; 2015

#### Assembly Committees:

Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009)

Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2009)

Health and Human Services (2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)

Judiciary (2009)

Taxation (2015)

Transportation (2011; 2013)

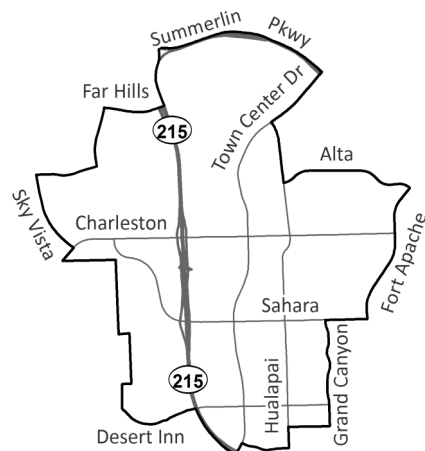
Ways and Means (2011; 2013; 2015)

#### Interim Committees:

Committee on Industrial Programs  
(2009-2010)

Interim Finance Committee's  
Subcommittee on Early Intervention  
Services (2011-2012)

Legislative Committee on Child  
Welfare and Juvenile Justice  
(2009-2010; 2011-2012;  
2013-2014)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



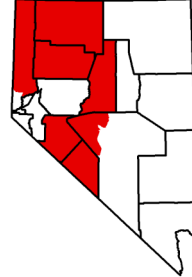
### IRA HANSEN

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 32*

*Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral,  
Nye (part), Pershing, and Washoe  
(part) Counties*

*Plumbing Contractor*



**Born:** 1960 – Reno, Nevada

**Married:** Alexis (Lloyd)

**Children:** Daniel, Rachel, Jacob, Sarah, Ian, Forrest, Mallory, Larissa

**Grandchildren:** Lily, London, Finnan, Ellie, Forrest, Emerson, Sawyer, Redd, Oliver, Wyatt

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Nevada history, reading, hunting/fishing, nature study, camping

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2010 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 2015

**Legislative Commission:** 2011; 2013; 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2013; 2015)

Education (2011)

Judiciary (2011; 2013; 2015, Chair)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining  
(2011; 2013; 2015)

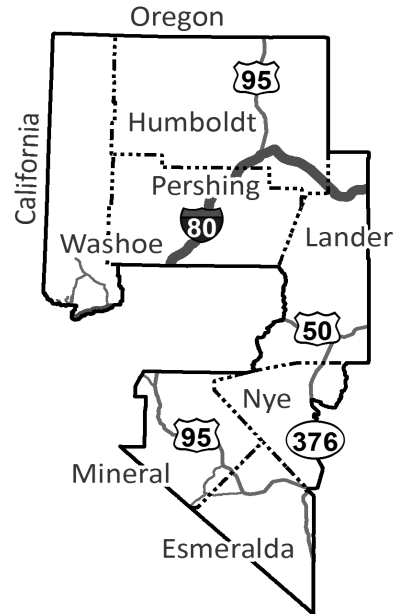
#### **Interim Committees:**

Gaming Policy Committee (2013-2014)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to  
Review Regulations (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands  
(2011-2012; 2013-2014)

New Method for Funding Public Schools  
(S.B. 11) (2011-2012)

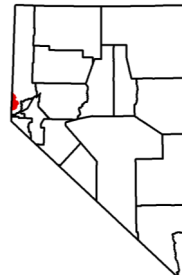


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **PAT HICKEY**

*Republican  
Assembly District No. 25  
Washoe County (part)  
Contractor, Journalist,  
College Instructor*



**Born:** 1950 – Carson City, Nevada

**Educated:** South Lake Tahoe High School; Regents College of New York, B.S.; University of Nevada, Reno, M.A., Journalism

**Married:** Shin

**Children:** Johnmin, Shinae, Daemin, Hannah

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Fishing, writing, skiing, family holidays

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 1996 to November 1998; November 2010 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Minority Floor Leader, 2013 (beginning January 19, 2012); 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

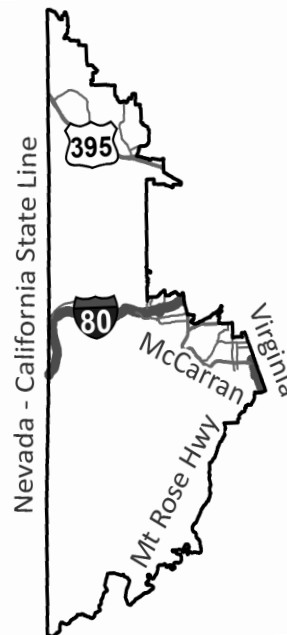
**Interim Finance Committee:** 2011; 2013; 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2011)  
Education (1997; 2015)  
Government Affairs (1997)  
Health and Human Services (1997; 2013)  
Legislative Operations and Elections (2011; 2013)  
Taxation (2013; 2015)  
Ways and Means (2011; 2013; 2015)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Behavioral Health and Wellness Council (BHWI)  
(2013-2014)  
Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste  
(1997-1998)  
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning  
Community Colleges (S.B. 391) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning  
Community Colleges' Subcommittee on Academics  
and Workforce Alignment (S.B. 391) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014)  
Funding of Higher Education (S.B. 374) (2011-2012)  
Funding of Higher Education's Community College  
Funding Subcommittee (2011-2012)  
Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for  
The Council of State Governments-*WEST*  
(2011-2012)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION

**PAT HICKEY**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 25*

*Washoe County (part)*

*Contractor, Journalist, College Instructor*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Legislative Committee on Education (1997-1998)

Task Force on K-12 Public Education Funding (2013-2014)

Trademark and Copyright Law (A.B. 383) (2011-2012)

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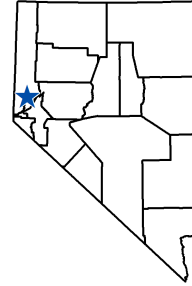


### AMBER JOINER

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 24*

*Washoe County (part)*



**Born:** 1976 – Reno, Nevada

**Educated:** Robert McQueen High School, Reno; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A. *magna cum laude*; Atitlan Language Academy, Advanced Spanish Program, Santa Anna, Costa Rica; Sichuan University (USAC), Chengdu, China; University of Maryland, College Park, M.A.; University of Nevada, Reno, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science

**Married:** Kyle

**Children:** Eleanor, Stewart

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Camping, hiking, fishing, gardening

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### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Assembly:

December 2014\* to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

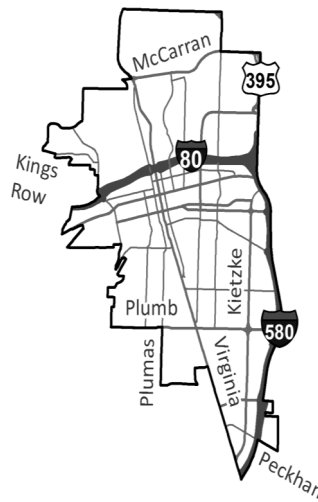
Education (2015)

Government Affairs (2015)

Health and Human Services (2015)

#### Comments:

\*Appointed December 30, 2014, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Assemblyman David P. Bobzien.



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **BRENT A. JONES**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 35*

*Clark County (part)*

*Business Owner, Real Water*



**Born:** 1963 – Ojai, California

**Educated:** California State University, Northridge, B.S., Business Administration;  
Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California, J.D.

**Married:** Aimee

**Children:** Blain, Baylee, Avianna

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

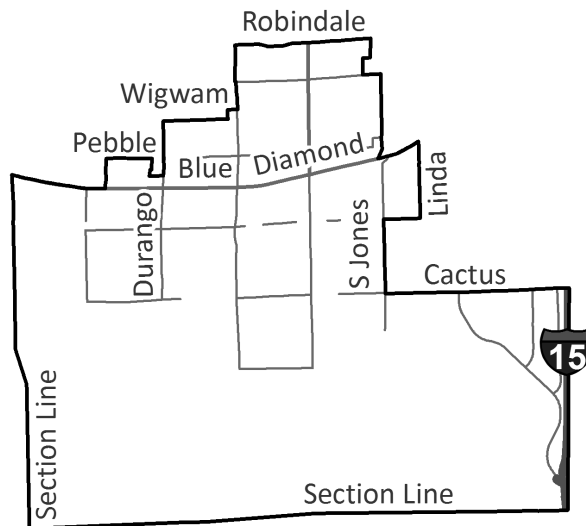
November 2014 to Current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Health and Human Services (2015)

Judiciary (2015)

Transportation (2015)



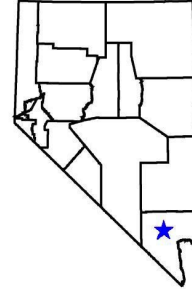


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### MARILYN KIRKPATRICK

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 1*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Food Sales Executive*



**Born:** 1967

**Educated:** Vegas Verdes Elementary School; Brinley Junior High School; Western High School; Krolak Business School

**Married:** Mike

**Children:** Jessica, Tamara, Destiny, Dalton, Sarah, Tara

**Grandchildren:** Brianna, Brett, Sierra, Ryan, Lexie, Emma, Madelyn

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 6 Regular Sessions and 8 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2004 to Current

**Leadership:**

Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 2011

Assembly Speaker, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

Assembly Minority Floor Leader, 2015

**Legislative Commission:** 2009; 2011; 2013, Chair; 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2013; 2015

**Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)

Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2007)

Government Affairs (2005; 2007, 2009, and 2011, Chair)

Growth and Infrastructure (2005)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2011; 2013)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2005)

Taxation (2009; 2011, Chair; 2013; 2015)

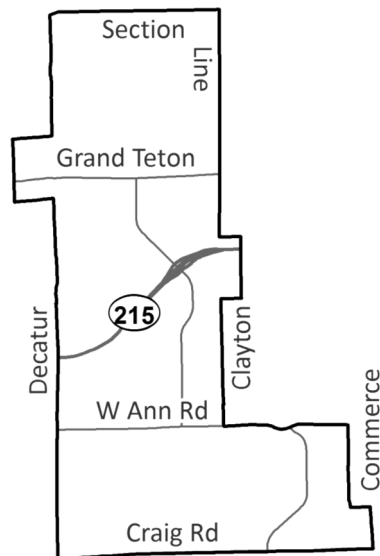
Transportation (2015)

Ways and Means (2013; 2015)

**Interim Committees:**

Allocation of Money Distributed From the Local Government Tax Distribution Account (A.B. 71) (2011-2012, Chair)

Availability and Inventory of Affordable Housing (A.C.R. 11) (2005-2006)



**MARILYN KIRKPATRICK**

*Democrat  
Assembly District No. 1  
Clark County (part)  
Food Sales Executive  
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**Interim Committees (continued):**

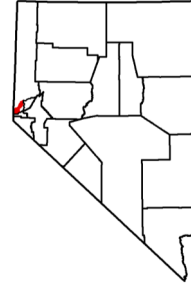
Behavioral Health and Wellness Council (BHWI) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges (S.B. 391) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges' Subcommittee on Academics and Workforce Alignment (S.B. 391) (2013-2014, Chair)  
Committee to Consult with the Director (2011-2012)  
Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Group Homes (A.B. 294) (2009-2010, Chair)  
Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State Governments-*WEST* (2011-2012)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure (S.C.R. 37) (2009-2010)  
Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure Working Group to Review Responses to the Request for Proposal (2009-2010)  
Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014, Chair)  
Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2011-2012)  
Legislative Committee on Energy (2013-2014)  
Legislative Delegation to Meet with California Legislators Regarding the TRPA (S.B. 271) (2011-2012)  
Mortgage Lending and Housing Issues (2007-2008)  
Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (2007-2008)  
Powers Delegated to Local Governments (S.B. 264, Sec. 8) (2009-2010)  
Production and Use of Energy (S.C.R. 19) (2009-2010)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **RANDY KIRNER**

*Republican  
Assembly District No. 26  
Washoe County (part)  
Business Executive*



**Born:** 1946 – Los Angeles, California

**Educated:** University of North Georgia, Business Administration, B.S.; Georgia State University, M.B.A.; West Coast University, Information Systems Management, M.S.; University of La Verne, Organizational Leadership, Ed.D.

**Married:** Peggy A. Kirner

**Children:** Jim, Karen

**Grandchildren:** Five

**Military:** United States Army, 1967-1972, Infantry, Captain; Vietnam 1970-1971

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Travel

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2010 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Minority Policy Coordinator, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and  
2014 Special Session

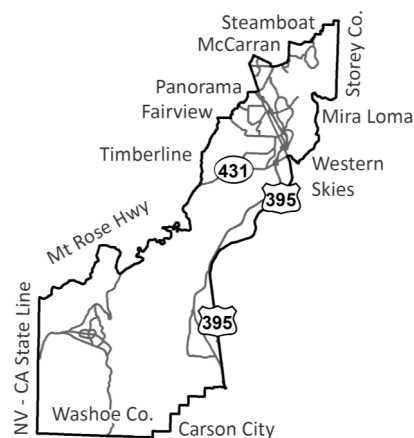
**Interim Finance Committee:** 2011; 2013; 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2015, Chair)  
Education (2011; 2013)  
Taxation (2013; 2015)  
Transportation (2011)  
Ways and Means (2011; 2013; 2015)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study  
Concerning the Impact of Technology  
Upon Gaming (A.B. 360) (2013-2014)  
Committee to Consult with the Director  
(2013-2014)  
Interim Retirement and Benefits  
Committee (2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee for the Review and  
Oversight of the Tahoe Regional  
Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake  
Water System (2013-2014)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### JOHN MOORE

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 8*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Real Estate Agent, Business Owner*



**Born:** 1964 – Kansas City, Missouri

**Military:** United States Army, Airborne Ranger

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Baseball, hiking, camping

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Assembly:

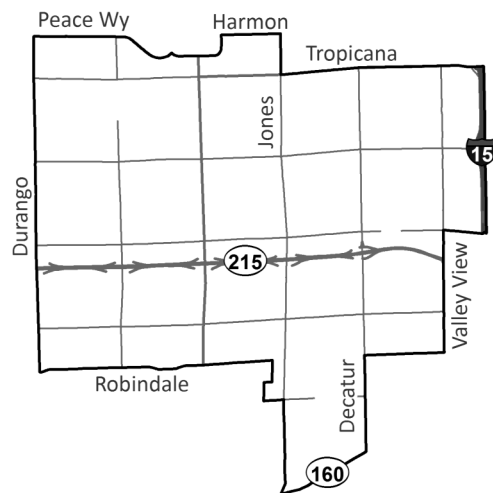
November 2014 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2015)

Health and Human Services (2015)

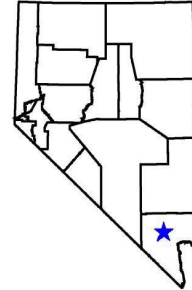
Legislative Operations and Elections (2015)





**HARVEY J. MUNFORD**

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 6*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Retired School Teacher*



**Born:** 1940 – Akron, Ohio

**Educated:** Montana State University at Billings, B.A., Biology and Physical Education, and M.A., Guidance and Counseling and Political Science

**Married:** Viviana

**Children:** Vivian, Helen, Donna, Jamila, Steve

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Horseback riding, watching old Western movies, dancing, playing the organ

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 6 Regular Sessions and 8 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2004 to Current

**Assembly Committees:**

Education (2005; 2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)

Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2005; 2007; 2009)

Government Affairs (2005; 2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2013; 2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2009; 2011)

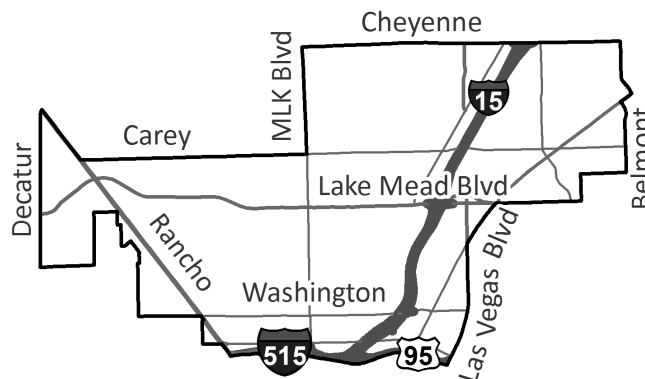
Taxation (2011)

**Interim Committees:**

Legislative Committee on Education (2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Protection of Natural Treasures (S.C.R. 35) (2005-2006)

Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board (S.B. 352, 2007) (2009-2010)

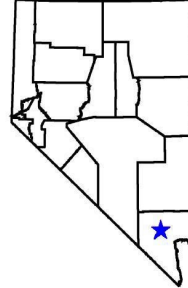


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **DINA NEAL**

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 7*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Contract Administrator and*  
*Adjunct Professor*



**Born:** 1972 – North Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** Chaparral High School, Las Vegas; Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, B.A., Political Science; Southern University Law Center, J.D.

**Children:** Alexandra, Tuwaski

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading, swimming, education

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

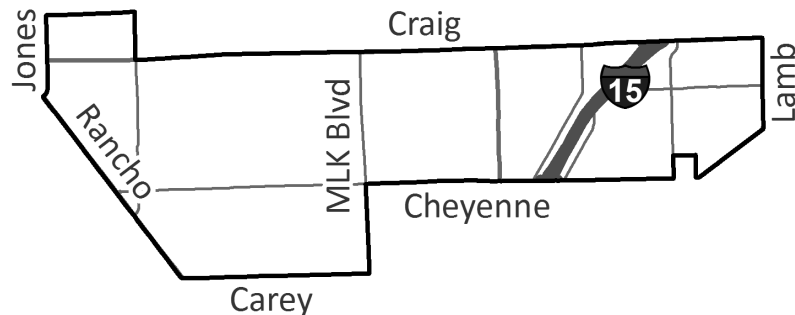
November 2010 to Current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2015)  
Education (2011; 2013)  
Government Affairs (2011; 2013; 2015)  
Select Committee on the Assembly (2013)  
Taxation (2011; 2013; 2015)  
Transportation (2011)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Education Commission of the States (2011-2012)  
Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State  
Governments-*WEST* (2011-2013)  
Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board (S.B. 352, 2007) (2011-2012;  
2013-2014)

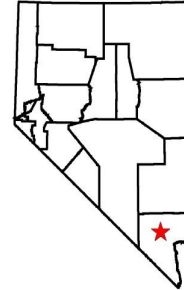


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### ERVEN T. NELSON

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 5*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney*



**Born:** 1956 – Washington, D.C.

**Educated:** Clark High School, Las Vegas; Brigham Young University, B.A., Political Science; J. Reuben Clark Law School, J.D. (Honors)

**Married:** Lisa

**Children:** Joel, Derek, Brooke, Paige, Hayley, Rex, Nina

**Grandchildren:** Nixon, Lily, Miles, Violet, Lorenzo, Stone, Beau, Ari, Jane

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Camping, hiking, political history

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Assembly:

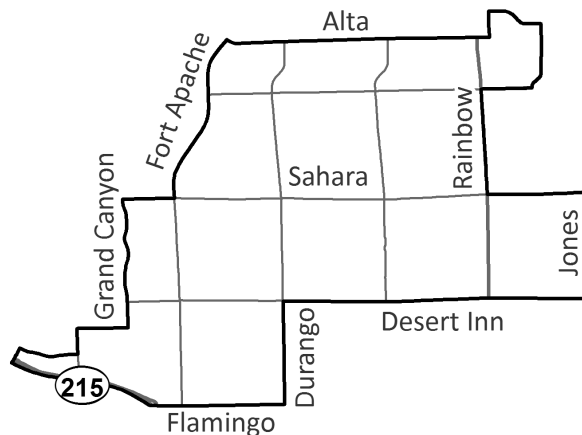
November 2014 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2015)

Judiciary (2015)

Taxation (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



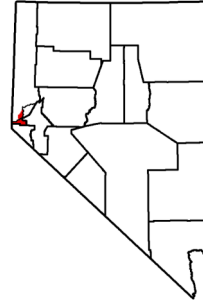
### **PHILIP (P. K.) O'NEILL**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 40*

*Carson City and Washoe County (part)*

*Retired Law Enforcement*



**Born:** 1951 – Washington, D.C.

**Educated:** Georgetown Preparatory School, Bethesda, Maryland; Sierra Nevada College, B.S., Business Management

**Married:** Nancy

**Children:** Laura, Philip

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Sailing, motorcycle travel, bicycling, football, soccer, studying history, target shooting, hunting

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

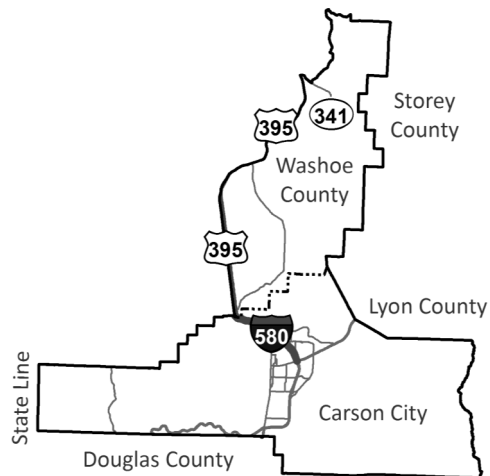
November 2014 to Current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2015)

Judiciary (2015)

Transportation (2015)



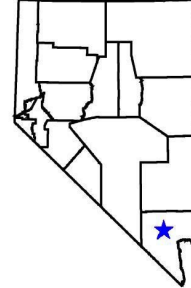


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### JAMES OHRENSCHALL

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 12*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Attorney at Law*



**Born:** Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** Chaparral High School, Sunset High School, Las Vegas; College of Southern Nevada; University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.A., Economics; William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, J.D.

**Spouse:** Riana

**Children:** Two children

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Hiking, climbing, skiing

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### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 6 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2006 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2011; 2013; 2015)  
Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009)  
Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments (2007; 2009)  
Judiciary (2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)  
Legislative Operations and Elections (2011; 2013, Chair; 2015)  
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2007; 2009)  
Taxation (2007)

#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southern Nevada (2011-2012)  
Commission on Educational Technology  
(2011-2012)  
Committee on Industrial Programs  
(2011-2012, Chair)  
Deposits and Refunds on Recycled Products  
(A.B. 427) (2011-2012, Chair)  
Governor's Workforce Investment Board  
(2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and  
Juvenile Justice (2013-2014)  
Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and  
Juvenile Justice's Task Force to Study  
Juvenile Justice Issues (2013-2014, Chair)  
National Conference of Commissioners on  
Uniform State Laws (2011-2012;  
2013-2014)



**JAMES OHRENSCHALL**

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 12*

*Clark County (part)*

*Attorney at Law*

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**Interim Committees (continued):**

Nevada AIDS Advisory Task Force (2009-2010)

Nevada Autism Task Force (A.B. 629) (2007-2008)

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Legislative Advisory  
Committee (2007-2008)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



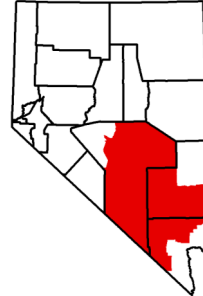
### **JAMES OSCARSON**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 36*

*Clark (part), Lincoln (part), and  
Nye (part) Counties*

*Health Care, Marketing*



**Born:** 1957 – Ogden, Utah

**Educated:** Community College of Southern Nevada

**Married:** Rebecca

**Children:** Jared, Joel, Bren

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Fishing, travel, exploring rural Nevada with family

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2012 to Current

**Legislative Commission:** 2015

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Government Affairs (2013)

Health and Human Services (2013; 2015, Chair)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2013)

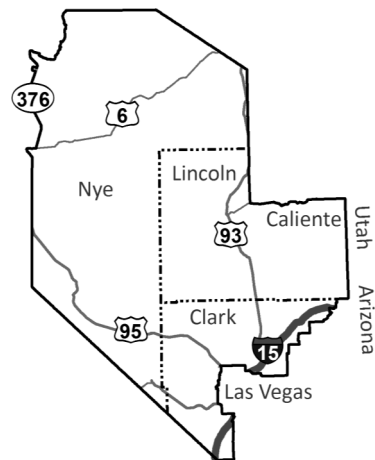
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2015)

Ways and Means (2015)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Health Care (2013-2014)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### VICTORIA SEAMAN

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 34*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Realtor, Businesswoman*



**Born:** 1958 – Santa Maria, California

**Educated:** College of Southern Nevada, Political Science, A.A. (Honors); University of Nevada, Las Vegas (studied political science and marriage and family therapy)

**Married:** John

**Children:** Tatiana

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Yoga, racquetball, cooking, and reading

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### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2014 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

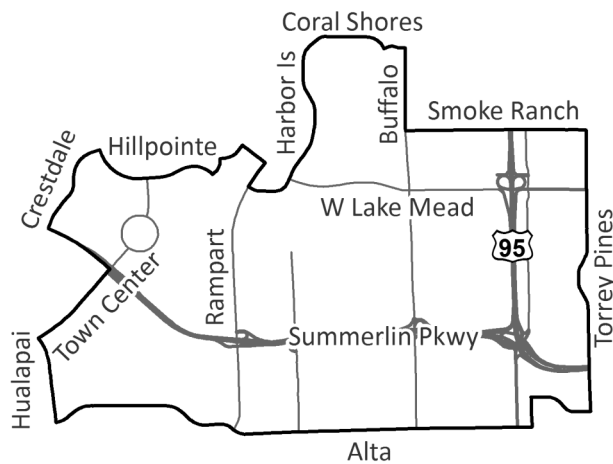
Assembly Assistant Majority Whip, South, 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2015)

Judiciary (2015)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **SHELLY M. SHELTON**

*Republican  
Assembly District No. 10  
Clark County (part)  
Business Owner*



**Born:** 1966 – Worthington, Minnesota

**Educated:** Spencer School of Business, Buena Vista University

**Married:** Tony

**Children:** Chris, Abby, Fayth

**Grandchildren:** Carlos, Nichole, Mark

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Traveling, home schooling daughter

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### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

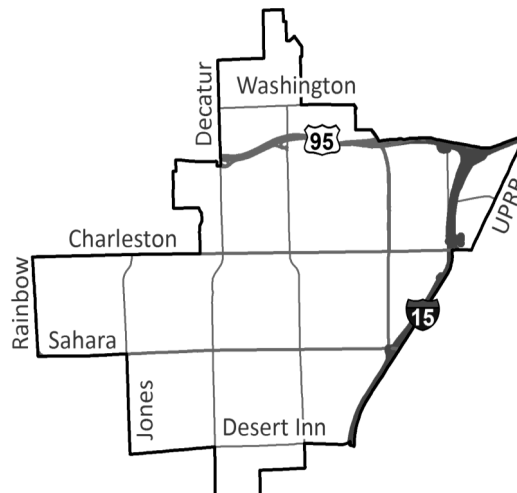
November 2014 to Current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Education (2015)

Government Affairs (2015)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### STEPHEN H. SILBERKRAUS

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 29*

*Clark County (part)*

*Multimedia Professional, Author*



**Born:** 1981

**Educated:** Palisades Charter High School, Los Angeles, California; Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, California; University of California, Santa Barbara, B.S., Political Science; Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Departments Citizen's Academy Graduate; Henderson Police Departments Citizen's Academy Graduate

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Fencing, studying history, photography, shooting, travel, enjoying the arts

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### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

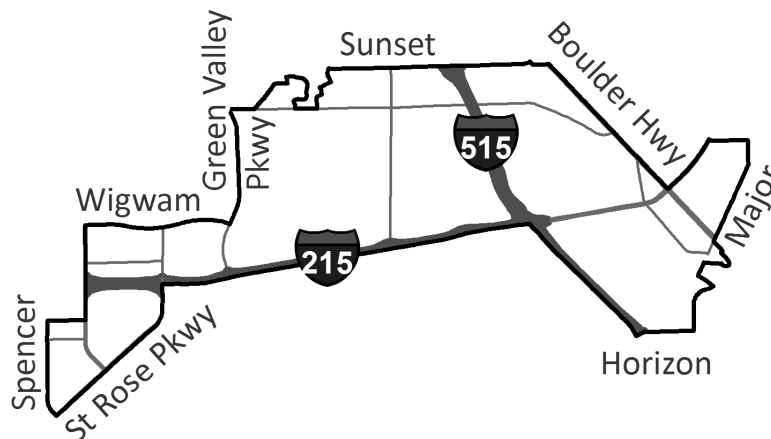
November 2014 to Current

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Commerce and Labor (2015)

Government Affairs (2015)

Transportation (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



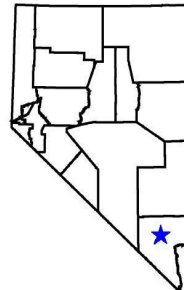
### ELLEN B. SPIEGEL

*Democrat*

*Assembly District No. 20*

*Clark County (part)*

*Business Consultant*



**Born:** 1962 – New York City, New York

**Educated:** Cornell University, B.S., Ithaca, New York

**Married:** Bill

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Cooking, traveling, theater/art appreciation

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 4 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2008 to November 2010; November 2012 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2009; 2015)

Health and Human Services (2009; 2013; 2015)

Judiciary (2013)

Transportation (2009; 2013; 2015)

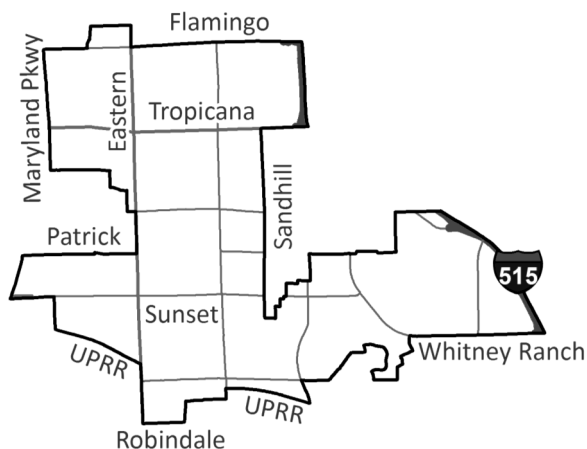
#### Interim Committees:

Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Health Care (2009-2010)

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
(2009-2010; 2013-2014)

Nevada Commission on Aging (2013-2014)

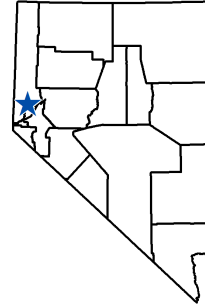


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **MICHAEL C. SPRINKLE**

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 30*  
*Washoe County (part)*  
*Paramedic/Firefighter*



**Born:** 1968 – San Francisco, California

**Educated:** Loyola Marymount University, B.L.A.

**Married:** Kristi

**Children:** Michael, Devin, Austin

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Multiple sports, fishing, hiking, camping, reading, theater

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### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 2 Regular Session and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2012 to Current

**Interim Finance Committee:** 2013; 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Health and Human Services (2013; 2015)

Transportation (2013; 2015)

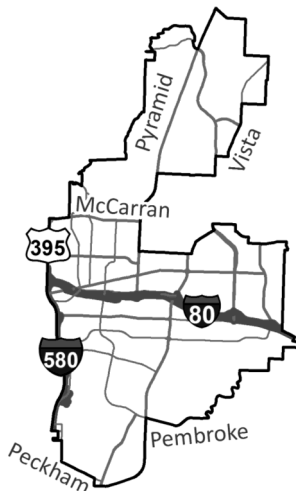
Ways and Means (2013; 2015)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Audit Subcommittee (2013-2014)

Committee on Industrial Programs (2013-2014)

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2013-2014, Chair)

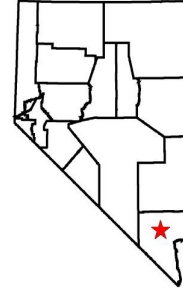






**LYNN D. STEWART**

*Republican  
Assembly District No. 22  
Clark County (part)  
Retired High School Teacher;  
University Student Teaching  
Supervisor*



**Born:** 1941 – Salt Lake City, Utah

**Educated:** Las Vegas High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Brigham Young University, B.S. and M.A.

**Married:** Dianne

**Children:** Layne Duff Stewart, Suzanne Conger

**Grandchildren:** Seven

**Military:** United States Army, 1967-1970; ILT Transportation Corps; Vietnam, 1969-1970

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Reading (history and politics), taking grandchildren on “adventures”

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**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 6 Special Sessions

**Years in Assembly:**

November 2006 to Current

**Leadership:**

Assembly Assistant Minority Floor Leader; 2008 Special Session (one); 2009; 2010 Special Session; and 2011

Assembly Co-Minority Whip, 2013; 2013 Special Session; and 2014 Special Session

**Legislative Commission:** 2011; 2013; 2015

**Assembly Committees:**

Education (2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)

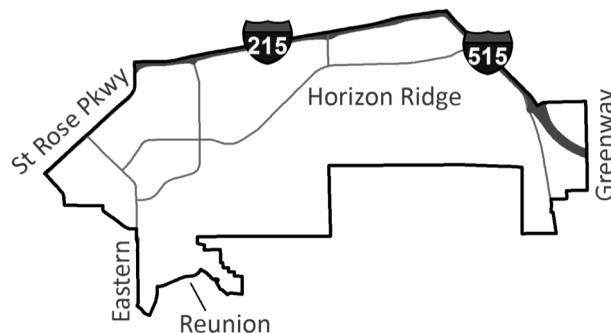
Government Affairs (2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)

Health and Human Services (2007; 2009)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2011; 2015, Chair)

Assembly Select Committee on the Assembly (2013)

Taxation (2011; 2013)



**LYNN D. STEWART**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 22*

*Clark County (part)*

*Retired High School Teacher;*

*University Student Teaching Supervisor*

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**Interim Committees:**

Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature  
(2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2011-2012)

Governance and Oversight of the System of K-12 Public Education (A.C.R. 2)  
(2009-2010)

Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for The Council of State  
Governments-*WEST* (2011-2013)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue  
Structure (S.C.R. 37) (2009-2010)

Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue  
Structure Working Group to Review Responses to the Request for Proposal  
(2009-2010)

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2011-2012;  
2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Education (2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
(2009-2010)

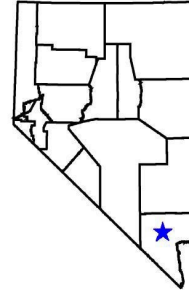
Structure and Operations of the Nevada Legislature (A.C.R. 12) (2011-2012)

## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### HEIDI SWANK

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 16*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Executive Director,*  
*Nevada Preservation Foundation*



**Born:** 1968 – Prescott, Wisconsin

**Educated:** Prescott High School, Prescott, Wisconsin; Hamline University, B.A., St. Paul, Minnesota; Northwestern University, M.A., Ph.D., Evanston, Illinois

**Married:** Scott

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Camping, hiking, collecting midcentury furniture

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2012 to Current

#### Interim Finance Committee: 2015

#### Assembly Committees:

Education (2013; 2015)

Government Affairs (2013)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2013; 2015)

Transportation (2013)

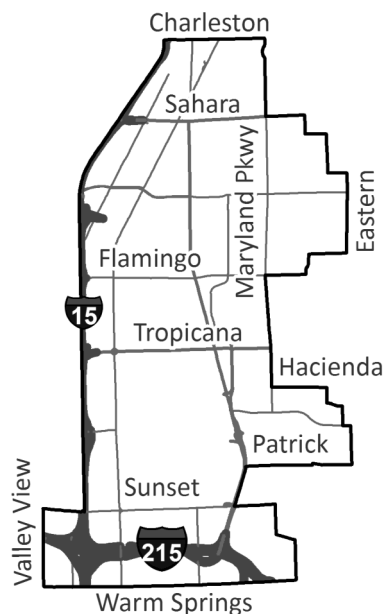
Ways and Means (2015)

#### Interim Committees:

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee  
(2013-2014)

Legislative Committee for the Review and  
Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning  
Agency and the Marlette Lake Water  
System (2013-2014)

P-20W Advisory Council (2013-2014)

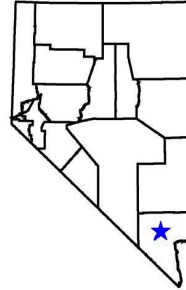


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### TYRONE THOMPSON

*Democrat*  
*Assembly District No. 17*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Public Administrator*



**Born:** 1967 – North Las Vegas, Nevada

**Educated:** Valley High School, Las Vegas, Nevada; Northern Arizona University, B.S., Criminal Justice; University of Phoenix, M.A., Organizational Management

**Children:** Godsons: Rylan and Jace Witt

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Community mediation, journaling, volunteering

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

April 2013\* to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Health and Human Services (2013; 2015)

Judiciary (2013; 2015)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2013; 2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2013)

#### Interim Committees:

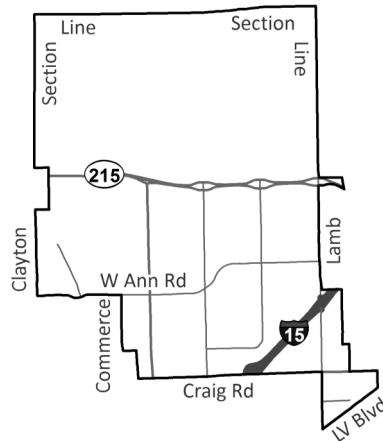
Advisory Committee on Nevada Criminal Justice Information Sharing (2013-2014)

Committee to Consult with the Director (2013-2014)

Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2013-2014)

#### Comments:

\*Appointed April 16, 2013, to fill vacancy created by expulsion of Assemblyman Steven J. Brooks.



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **ROBIN L. TITUS, M.D.**

*Republican*

*Assembly District No. 38*

*Churchill and Lyon (part) Counties*

*Family Practice Physician*



**Born:** 1954 – Trenton, New Jersey

**Educated:** Smith Valley High School; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S.; University of Nevada School of Medicine, M.D.

**Married:** Allen Veil

**Children:** Jennifer, Buck; Stepchildren: Veronica, Erica, Clint

**Grandchildren:** Reagan, Riley, Keelan, Sophia

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Hunting, fishing, exploring Nevada's ghost towns, hiking, running

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### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2014 to Current

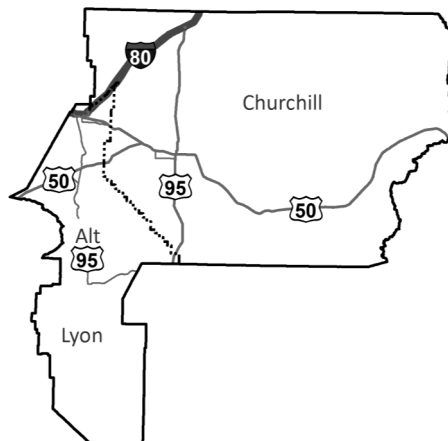
#### **Interim Finance Committee:** 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Health and Human Services (2015)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2015, Chair)

Ways and Means (2015)



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### GLENN E. TROWBRIDGE

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 37*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Retired Government Executive*



**Born:** 1943 – Charleston, West Virginia

**Educated:** San Diego State University, B.S., Psychology; National University, M.B.A., Cum Laude

**Married:** Patricia Lynn Hill

**Children:** Thomas

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Travel, fitness, sports officiating

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

#### Years in Assembly:

December 2014\* to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2015, part)

Health and Human Services (2015)

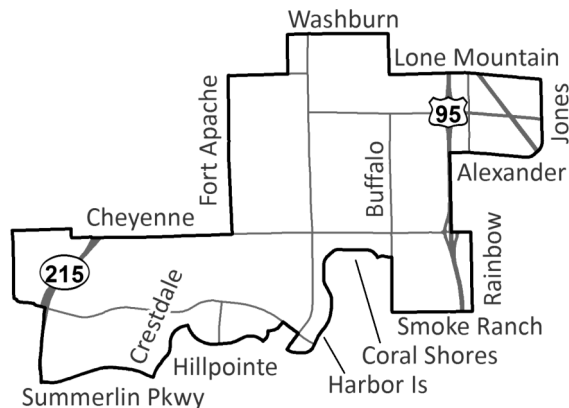
Judiciary (2015, part)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2015)

Taxation (2015)

#### Comments:

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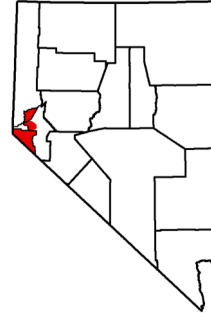


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### **JIM WHEELER**

*Republican  
Assembly District No. 39  
Douglas, Lyon (part), and  
Storey Counties  
Retired CEO*



**Born:** 1953 – Los Angeles, California

**Educated:** North Hollywood High School, North Hollywood, California; Pierce College, Woodland Hills, California; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

**Children:** Dana, Nick, Charlee

**Military:** United States Air Force, 1975-1977

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Golf, horse reining, automobile racing

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

Served in 2 Regular Session and 2 Special Sessions

#### **Years in Assembly:**

November 2012 to Current

#### **Leadership:**

Assembly Majority Whip, 2015

#### **Assembly Committees:**

Government Affairs (2015, part)

Judiciary (2013; 2015, part)

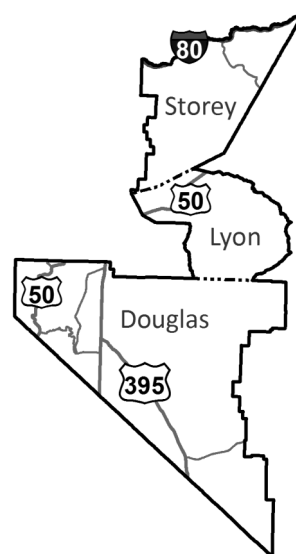
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining  
(2013; 2015)

Transportation (2013; 2015, Chair)

#### **Interim Committees:**

Commission on Special License Plates  
(2013-2014)

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens,  
Veterans and Adults With Special Needs  
(2013-2014)

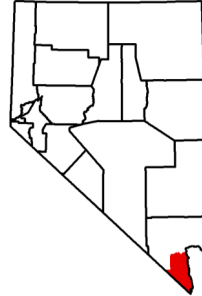


## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2015 SESSION



### MELISSA WOODBURY

*Republican*  
*Assembly District No. 23*  
*Clark County (part)*  
*Elementary School Teacher*



**Born:** Palo Alto, California

**Educated:** Boulder City High School; Brigham Young University, B.S., Special Education; Southern Utah University, M.Ed.; studied abroad in Africa, France, and Israel

**Hobbies/Special Interests:** Baseball, outdoor recreation, traveling, musical theater, piano

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 4 Special Sessions

#### Years in Assembly:

November 2008 to Current

#### Assembly Committees:

Education (2009; 2011; 2013; 2015, Chair)  
Government Affairs (2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)  
Taxation (2011)  
Transportation (2009; 2011; 2013; 2015)

#### Interim Committees:

Nevada Interagency Coordinating Council (2013-2014)





MEMBERS OF THE  
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## CHAPTER I

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#### SENATE

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<u><b>Name, Party, District,* and County</b></u>	<u><b>Mailing and E-Mail Addresses</b></u>	<u><b>Telephone and/or Fax</b></u>
<b>Atkinson, Kelvin D. (D)**</b> No. 4 Clark (part)	4120 Birchmont Street Las Vegas, NV 89130 <i>Kelvin.Atkinson@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 457-9995 (H/F)
<b>Brower, Greg (R)**</b> No. 15 Washoe (part)	4790 Caughlin Parkway, No. 170 Reno, NV 89519 <i>Greg.Brower@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 785-5410 (O)
<b>Denis, Moises (Mo) (D)</b> No. 2 Clark (part)	3204 Osage Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101 <i>Moises.Denis@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 657-6857 (H) (702) 743-3571 (C)
<b>Farley, Patricia (R)</b> No. 8 Clark (part)	1930 Village Center Circle, No. 3-619 Las Vegas, NV 89134 <i>Patricia.Farley@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 335-4794 (O)
<b>Ford, Aaron D. (D)**</b> No. 11 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 96003 Las Vegas, NV 89193 <i>Aaron.Ford@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 772-5544 (O/C)
<b>Goicoechea, Pete (R)**</b> No. 19 Clark (part), Elko, Eureka, Lincoln, Nye (part), White Pine	P.O. Box 97 Eureka, NV 89316 <i>Pete.Goicoechea@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 237-5300 (H) (775) 237-7383 (O) (775) 778-1620 (C) (775) 237-5102 (F)
<b>Gustavson, Donald G. (R)</b> No. 14 Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, Nye (part), Pershing, Washoe (part)	P.O. Box 51601 Sparks, NV 89435 <i>Don.Gustavson@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 722-1278 (C)
<b>Hammond, Scott T. (R)**</b> No. 18 Clark (part)	8408 Gracious Pine Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89143 <i>Scott.Hammond@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 523-9055 (H)
<b>Hardy, Joseph (Joe) P., M.D. (R)</b> No. 12 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 60306 Boulder City, NV 89006 <i>Joe.Hardy@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 293-7506 (H) (702) 581-3066 (C) (702) 293-2172 (F)
<b>Harris, Becky (R)</b> No. 9 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 401146 Las Vegas, NV 89140 <i>Becky.Harris@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 324-0404 (O)

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<b>Kieckhefer, Ben (R)</b> No. 16 Carson City, Washoe (part)	10045 Goler Wash Court Reno, NV 89521 <i>Ben.Kieckhefer@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 853-8320 (H) (775) 223-9618 (C)
<b>Kihuen, Ruben J. (D)</b> No. 10 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 427 Las Vegas, NV 89125 <i>Ruben.Kihuen@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 274-1707 (C)
<b>Lipparelli, Mark A. (R)**</b> No. 6 Clark (part)	401 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701 <i>Mark.Lipparelli@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 528-3330 (C)
<b>Manendo, Mark A. (D)</b> No. 21 Clark (part)	4030 Beisner Street Las Vegas, NV 89122 <i>Mark.Manendo@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 451-8654 (H) (702) 451-9060 (F)
<b>Parks, David R. (D)**</b> No. 7 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 71887 Las Vegas, NV 89170 <i>David.Parks@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 736-6929 (H)
<b>Roberson, Michael (R)</b> No. 20 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 530940 Henderson, NV 89053 <i>Michael.Roberson@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 612-6929 (H)
<b>Segeberblom, Tick (D)**</b> No. 3 Clark (part)	700 South Third Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 <i>Tick.Segeberblom@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 388-9600 (O) (702) 385-2909 (F)
<b>Settlemeyer, James A. (R)</b> No. 17 Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey	2388 Highway 395 Minden, NV 89423 <i>James.Settlemeyer@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 450-6114 (C)
<b>Smith, Debbie (D)</b> No. 13 Washoe (part)	1285 Baring Boulevard, No. 402 Sparks, NV 89434 <i>Debbie.Smith@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 391-8031 (O) (775) 331-9064 (F)
<b>Spearman, Patricia (Pat) (D)**</b> No. 1 Clark (part)	5575 Simmons Street, Suite 1-174 North Las Vegas, NV 89031 <i>Pat.Spearman@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 706-5785 (H) (702) 701-0612 (O)
<b>Woodhouse, Joyce (D)**</b> No. 5 Clark (part)	246 Garfield Drive Henderson, NV 89074 <i>Joyce.Woodhouse@sen.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 896-1453 (H) (702) 407-9258 (F)

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**ASSEMBLY**

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<b><u>Name, Party, District,* and County</u></b>	<b><u>Mailing and E-Mail Addresses</u></b>	<b><u>Telephone and/or Fax</u></b>
<b>Anderson, D. Paul (R)</b> No. 13 Clark (part)	10000 West Charleston Boulevard Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89135 <i>Paul.Anderson@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 410-6645 (O) (702) 735-7372 (F)
<b>Anderson, Elliot T. (D)</b> No. 15 Clark (part)	3135 South Mojave Road, Unit 227 Las Vegas, NV 89121 <i>Elliot.Anderson@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 733-4073 (H)
<b>Araujo, Nelson (D)</b> No. 3 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 295 Las Vegas, NV 89125 <i>Nelson.Araujo@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 900-2189 (C)
<b>Armstrong, Derek W. (R)</b> No. 21 Clark (part)	2480 West Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 140 Henderson, NV 89052 <i>Derek.Armstrong@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 216-1010 (O) (702) 769-2836 (C) (702) 540-7613 (F)
<b>Benitez-Thompson, Teresa (D)</b> No. 27 Washoe (part)	P.O. Box 20637 Reno, NV 89515 <i>Teresa.BenitezThompson@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 247-7665 (C)
<b>Bustamante Adams, Irene (D)</b> No. 42 Clark (part)	3800 Reflection Way Las Vegas, NV 89147 <i>Irene.BustamanteAdams@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 542-3900 (H)
<b>Carlton, Maggie (D)</b> No. 14 Clark (part)	5540 East Cartwright Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89110 <i>Maggie.Carlton@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 236-5401 (O)
<b>Carrillo, Richard (D)</b> No. 18 Clark (part)	4819 Diza Court Las Vegas, NV 89122 <i>Richard.Carrillo@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 273-8786 (H)
<b>Diaz, Olivia (D)</b> No. 11 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 365072 North Las Vegas, NV 89036 <i>Olivia.Diaz@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 501-8994 (H)
<b>Dickman, Jill (R)</b> No. 31 Washoe (part)	1344 Disc Drive, No. 201 Sparks, NV 89436 <i>Jill.Dickman@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 771-9579 (C) (775) 355-7667 (F)
<b>Dooling, Victoria A. (R)</b> No. 41 Clark (part)	2505 Anthem Village Drive, Suite 492 Henderson, NV 89052 <i>Vicki.Dooling@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 808-2017 (C)
<b>Edwards, Chris (R)</b> No. 19 Clark (part)	6088 Riflecree Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89156 <i>Chris.Edwards@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 715-4308 (C)

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<b>Fiore, Michele (R)</b> No. 4 Clark (part)	9085 West Rosada Way Las Vegas, NV 89149 <i>Michele.Fiore@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 302-5163 (H) (702) 210-8460 (O)
<b>Flores, Edgar R. (D)</b> No. 28 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 42302 Las Vegas, NV 89116 <i>Edgar.Flores@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 308-0483 (C)
<b>Gardner, David M. (R)</b> No. 9 Clark (part)	9661 Waukegan Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89148 <i>David.Gardner@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 813-0271 (C)
<b>Hambrick, John (R)</b> No. 2 Clark (part)	1930 Village Center Circle, Suite 3-419 Las Vegas, NV 89134 <i>John.Hambrick@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 242-8580 (H) (702) 499-6169 (C) (702) 242-3406 (F)
<b>Hansen, Ira (R)</b> No. 32 Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, Nye (part), Pershing, Washoe (part)	68 Amigo Court Sparks, NV 89441 <i>Ira.Hansen@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 221-2502 (C) (775) 322-8889 (F)
<b>Hickey, Pat (R)</b> No. 25 Washoe (part)	1180 Forest Street Reno, NV 89509 <i>Pat.Hickey@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 762-8006 (C) (775) 329-7802 (F)
<b>Joiner, Amber (D)</b> No. 24 Washoe (part)	P.O. Box 9810 Reno, NV 89507 <i>Amber.Joiner@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 338-6733 (C)
<b>Jones, Brent A. (R)</b> No. 35 Clark (part)	4497 Via Bianca Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89141 <i>Brent.Jones@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 521-0632 (C)
<b>Kirkpatrick, Marilyn (D)</b> No. 1 Clark (part)	4747 Showdown Drive North Las Vegas, NV 89031 <i>Marilyn.Kirkpatrick@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 655-0332 (H) (702) 767-1315 (C)
<b>Kirner, Randy (R)</b> No. 26 Washoe (part)	18124 Wedge Parkway, Suite 519 Reno, NV 89511 <i>Randy.Kirner@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 852-3857 (H)
<b>Moore, John (R)</b> No. 8 Clark (part)	5155 West Tropicana Avenue No. 2020 Las Vegas, NV 89103 <i>John.Moore@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 482-7676 (C)

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<b>Neal, Dina (D)</b> No. 7 Clark (part)	3217 Brautigan Court North Las Vegas, NV 89032 <i>Dina.Neal@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 738-5870 (H) (702) 399-2114 (F)
<b>Nelson, Erven T. (R)</b> No. 5 Clark (part)	10785 West Twain Avenue, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89135 <i>Erven.Nelson@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 870-6060 (O) (702) 498-9111 (C) (702) 870-6090 (F)
<b>O'Neill, Philip (P. K.) (R)</b> No. 40 Carson City, Washoe (part)	1216 Sonoma Street Carson City, NV 89701 <i>PK.ONeill@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 741-8309 (C) (775) 664-0551 (F)
<b>Ohrenschall, James (D)</b> No. 12 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 97741 Las Vegas, NV 89193 <i>James.Ohrenschall@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 432-6999 (H) (702) 523-4766 (C)
<b>Oscarson, James (R)</b> No. 36 Clark (part), Lincoln (part), Nye (part)	P.O. Box 1600 Pahrump, NV 89048 <i>James.Oscarson@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 513-7468 (C)
<b>Seaman, Victoria (R)</b> No. 34 Clark (part)	8808 Rozetta Court Las Vegas, NV 89134 <i>Victoria.Seaman@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 466-0407 (C)
<b>Shelton, Shelly M. (R)</b> No. 10 Clark (part)	845 South Kenny Way Las Vegas, NV 89107 <i>Shelly.Shelton@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 343-4546 (C)
<b>Silberkraus, Stephen H. (R)</b> No. 29 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 530364 Henderson, NV 89053 <i>Stephen.Silberkraus@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 900-0998 (O)
<b>Spiegel, Ellen B. (D)</b> No. 20 Clark (part)	2764 North Green Valley Parkway No. 327 Henderson, NV 89014 <i>Ellen.Spiegel@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 577-2167 (O)
<b>Sprinkle, Michael C. (D)</b> No. 30 Washoe (part)	P.O. Box 51202 Sparks, NV 89435 <i>Mike.Sprinkle@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 742-5935 (H)
<b>Stewart, Lynn D. (R)</b> No. 22 Clark (part)	2720 Cool Lilac Avenue Henderson, NV 89052 <i>Lynn.Stewart@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 614-0631 (H) (702) 370-2185 (C)
<b>Swank, Heidi (D)</b> No. 16 Clark (part)	546 Barbara Way Las Vegas, NV 89104 <i>Heidi.Swank@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 371-6217 (H)

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<b>Titus, Robin L., M.D.</b> (R) No. 38 Churchill, Lyon (part)	P.O. Box 377 Wellington, NV 89444 <i>Robin.Titus@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 465-2587 (H) (775) 465-2676 (F)
<b>Trowbridge, Glenn E.</b> (R) No. 37 Clark (part)	1965 Verbania Drive Las Vegas, NV 89134 <i>Glenn.Trowbridge@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 363-2183 (O)
<b>Wheeler, Jim</b> (R) No. 39 Douglas, Lyon (part), Storey	P.O. Box 2135 Minden, NV 89423 <i>Jim.Wheeler@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(775) 546-3471 (C)
<b>Woodbury, Melissa</b> (R) No. 23 Clark (part)	P.O. Box 401508 Las Vegas, NV 89140 <i>Melissa.Woodbury@asm.state.nv.us</i>	(702) 580-6119 (O) (702) 240-2332 (F)

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### SENATE

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No. 1, Clark (part).....	Spearman, Patricia (Pat) (D)†
No. 2, Clark (part).....	Denis, Moises (Mo) (D)
No. 3, Clark (part).....	Segerblom, Tick (D)†
No. 4, Clark (part).....	Atkinson, Kelvin D. (D)†
No. 5, Clark (part).....	Woodhouse, Joyce (D)†
No. 6, Clark (part).....	Lipparelli, Mark A. (R)**†
No. 7, Clark (part).....	Parks, David R. (D)†
No. 8, Clark (part).....	Farley, Patricia (R)
No. 9, Clark (part).....	Harris, Becky (R)
No. 10, Clark (part).....	Kihuen, Ruben J. (D)
No. 11, Clark (part).....	Ford, Aaron D. (D)†
No. 12, Clark (part).....	Hardy, Joseph (Joe) P., M.D. (R)
No. 13, Washoe (part) .....	Smith, Debbie (D)
No. 14, Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, Nye (part), Pershing, Washoe (part).....	Gustavson, Donald G. (R)
No. 15, Washoe (part) .....	Brower, Greg (R)†
No. 16, Carson City, Washoe (part) .....	Kieckhefer, Ben (R)
No. 17, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey.....	Settelmeyer, James A. (R)
No. 18, Clark (part).....	Hammond, Scott T. (R)†
No. 19, Clark (part), Elko, Eureka, Lincoln, Nye (part), White Pine .....	Goicoechea, Pete (R)†
No. 20, Clark (part).....	Roberson, Michael (R)
No. 21, Clark (part).....	Manendo, Mark A. (D)

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No. 1, Clark (part).....	Kirkpatrick, Marilyn (D)
No. 2, Clark (part).....	Hambrick, John (R)
No. 3, Clark (part).....	Araujo, Nelson (D)
No. 4, Clark (part).....	Fiore, Michele (R)
No. 5, Clark (part).....	Nelson, Erven T. (R)
No. 6, Clark (part).....	Munford, Harvey J. (D)
No. 7, Clark (part).....	Neal, Dina (D)
No. 8, Clark (part).....	Moore, John (R)
No. 9, Clark (part).....	Gardner, David M. (R)
No. 10, Clark (part).....	Shelton, Shelly M. (R)
No. 11, Clark (part).....	Diaz, Olivia (D)
No. 12, Clark (part).....	Ohrenschall, James (D)
No. 13, Clark (part).....	Anderson, D. Paul (R)
No. 14, Clark (part).....	Carlton, Maggie (D)
No. 15, Clark (part).....	Anderson, Elliot T. (D)
No. 16, Clark (part).....	Swank, Heidi (D)
No. 17, Clark (part).....	Thompson, Tyrone (D)
No. 18, Clark (part).....	Carrillo, Richard (D)
No. 19, Clark (part).....	Edwards, Chris (R)
No. 20, Clark (part).....	Spiegel, Ellen B. (D)
No. 21, Clark (part).....	Armstrong, Derek W. (R)
No. 22, Clark (part).....	Stewart, Lynn D. (R)
No. 23, Clark (part).....	Woodbury, Melissa (R)
No. 24, Washoe (part).....	Joiner, Amber (D)
No. 25, Washoe (part).....	Hickey, Pat (R)
No. 26, Washoe (part).....	Kirner, Randy (R)
No. 27, Washoe (part).....	Benitez-Thompson, Teresa (D)
No. 28, Clark (part).....	Flores, Edgar R. (D)
No. 29, Clark (part).....	Silberkraus, Stephen H. (R)
No. 30, Washoe (part).....	Sprinkle, Michael C. (D)
No. 31, Washoe (part).....	Dickman, Jill (R)
No. 32, Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, Nye (part), Pershing, Washoe (part).....	Hansen, Ira (R)
No. 33, Elko, Eureka, Lincoln (part), White Pine.....	Ellison, John C. (R)
No. 34, Clark (part).....	Seaman, Victoria (R)
No. 35, Clark (part).....	Jones, Brent A. (R)
No. 36, Clark (part), Lincoln (part), Nye (part).....	Oscarson, James (R)
No. 37, Clark (part).....	Trowbridge, Glenn E. (R)
No. 38, Churchill, Lyon (part).....	Titus, Robin L., M.D. (R)
No. 39, Douglas, Lyon (part), Storey.....	Wheeler, Jim (R)
No. 40, Carson City, Washoe (part).....	O'Neill, Philip (P. K.) (R)
No. 41, Clark (part).....	Dooling, Victoria A. (R)
No. 42, Clark (part).....	Bustamante Adams, Irene (D)

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## INTERIM COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

### 2013–2014

(The Chair is named first on each committee or subcommittee;  
the Vice Chair, if one was selected, follows the Chair;  
and the members are listed alphabetically unless otherwise stated.)

#### INTERIM COMMITTEES

##### **Interim Finance Committee (NRS 218E.400)**

*Composition of the IFC until the November 4, 2014, General Election:* Smith (Chair), Carlton (Vice Chair), Aizley, P. Anderson, Bobzien, Denis, Eisen, Flores, Goicoechea, Grady, Hambrick, C. Hardy, Hickey, Hogan, Horne, Kieckhefer, Kirkpatrick, Kirner, Parks, Roberson, Sprinkle, Woodhouse.

**Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review and Advise on the Development of Priorities and Performance Based Budgeting (PPBB) by the Department of Administration, Budget Division**  
Smith (Chair), Carlton (Vice Chair), P. Anderson, Bobzien, Kieckhefer, Woodhouse.

##### **Legislative Commission (NRS 218E.150)**

Kirkpatrick (Chair), Frierson (Vice Chair), Atkinson, Daly, Denis, Duncan, Hansen, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Roberson, Settlemeyer, Stewart.

#### STATUTORY COMMITTEES

##### **Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (NRS 176.0123)**

Segerblom (Chair), Justice James W. Hardesty, Nevada Supreme Court (Vice Chair), Brower, Duncan, Frierson. Judge David Barker, Eighth Judicial District Court; Connie Bisbee, Chairman, Board of Parole Commissioners; Chuck Callaway, Police Director, Office of Intergovernmental Services, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; Catherine Cortez Masto, Attorney General; James (Greg) Cox, Director, Department of Corrections; Larry Digesti, Representative, State Bar of Nevada; Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney; Phil Kohn, Clark County Public Defender; Lisa Morris Hibbler, Victims' Rights Advocate; Jorge Pierrott, Sergeant, Parole and Probation; Richard Siegel, Legislative Chairperson, ACLU of Nevada, Inmate Advocate; D. Eric Spratley, Lieutenant, Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

##### **Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on the Medical Use of Marijuana (NRS 176.01247)**

Segerblom (Chair), Diaz, Fiore, Hutchison. Christine Jones Brady, Deputy Public Defender, Washoe County; Yvanna Cancela, Political Director, Culinary Workers Union Local 226; Bob Coffin, Councilmember, City of Las Vegas; Russ Cutolo, Sergeant, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; Chris Giunchigliani, Commissioner, Clark County; Gary Modafferi, Esq.; Sandra Douglass Morgan, City Attorney, City of North Las Vegas; Keith Munro, Assistant Attorney General; Hillary Schieve, Councilmember, City of Reno; Jennifer Solas, Advocate for Persons Who Use Medical Marijuana; Eric Spratley, Lieutenant, Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Vanessa Spinazola, Legislative and Advocacy Director, ACLU of Nevada; John Watkins, Esq.; Chad Westom, Health Bureau Chief, Department of Health and Human Services, Public and Behavioral Health; Kristina Wildeveld, Esq.

##### **Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee to Review Arrestee DNA (NRS 176.01246)**

Steven Yeager, Deputy Public Defender, Clark County (Chair), Rachel Anderson, Professor of Law, UNLV; Tracy Birch, Executive Director, Criminalistics Bureau, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; Steve Gresko, Senior Criminalist/CODIS Administrator, Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Renee Romero, Director, Forensics Lab, Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Vanessa Spinazola, Legislative and Advocacy Director, ACLU of Nevada; Bertral Washington, Las Vegas Urban League.

**Commission on Special License Plates (NRS 482.367004)**

Manendo (Chair), Carrillo (Vice Chair), Gustavson, Healey, Wheeler. Nonvoting Members: Troy Dillard, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles; James Wright, Director, Department of Public Safety; Claudia Vecchio, Director, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.

**Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085)**

Carlton (Chair), Parks (Vice Chair), Carrillo, Goicoechea, Hogan, Kihuen, Oscarson, Spearman.

**Committee on Industrial Programs (NRS 209.4817)**

Parks (Chair), C. Hardy (Vice Chair), Kieckhefer, Sprinkle. Bruce Aguilera, Representing Business; Robert Conway, Representing Organized Labor; James (Greg) Cox, Director, Department of Corrections; Tom Dickman, Representing Manufacturing; Mike Magnani, Representing Organized Labor; Greg Smith, Administrator, Purchasing Division, Department of Administration; Allen J. Puliz, Representing Manufacturing.

**Committee to Consult With the Director (NRS 218E.225)**

Bustamante Adams (Chair), P. Anderson, Daly, Denis, Flores, Hickey, Kieckhefer, Kirner, Parks, Roberson, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Thompson.

**Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (NRS 218E.420)**

Carlton (Chair), Smith (Vice Chair), Kirner, Parks, Swank, Woodhouse.

**Legislative Commission's Audit Subcommittee (NRS 218E.240)**

Carlton (Chair), Parks (Vice Chair), Denis, C. Hardy, Sprinkle. Alternate Members: Eisen, Grady, Kieckhefer, Kirkpatrick.

**Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (NRS 233B.067)**

Kirkpatrick (Chair), Atkinson, Benitez-Thompson, Denis, Hansen, Settelmeyer, Stewart.

**Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (NRS 218E.555)**

Sprinkle (Chair), Kieckhefer (Vice Chair), Kirner, Parks, Settelmeyer, Swank.

**Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (NRS 218E.705)**

Frierson (Chair), Segerblom (Vice Chair), Hambrick, Hammond, Kihuen, Ohrenschall.

**Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice's Task Force to Study Juvenile Justice Issues (A.B. 202, Chapter 483, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Assemblyman James Ohrenschall (Chair). Esther Brown, Founder and Executive Director, Embracing Project; Frank Cervantes, Director, Washoe County Juvenile Services; James (Greg) Cox, Director, Department of Corrections; Brigid J. Duffy, Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division, Family Court and Services Center, Clark County; Marianne Hamrick, L.C.S.W., Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation; Steve McBride, Deputy Administrator, Juvenile Services, Division of Child and Family Services; Shannon Richards, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Susan D. Roske, Chief Deputy Public Defender, Juvenile Division, Office of the Clark County Public Defender; The Honorable William O. Voy, Family Division, Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County.

**Legislative Committee on Education (NRS 218E.605)**

Woodhouse (Chair), E. Anderson (Vice Chair), Denis, Dondero Loop, Ford, Hammond, Munford, Stewart.

**Legislative Committee on Energy (NRS 218E.805)**

Atkinson (Chair), Kirkpatrick (Vice Chair), Bobzien, Ford, C. Hardy, Roberson.

**Legislative Committee on Health Care (NRS 439B.200)**

Jones (Chair), Dondero Loop (Vice Chair), Benitez-Thompson, J. Hardy, Oscarson, Woodhouse.

**Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)**

Aizley (Chair), Parks (Vice Chair), Carlton, Ellison, Ford, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hansen. Tom Collins, Clark County Commissioner.

**Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (NRS 218E.750)**

Benitez-Thompson (Chair), Spearman (Vice Chair), Hutchison, Manendo, Spiegel, Wheeler.

**Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (NRS 232B.210)**

Bustamante Adams (Chair), Spearman (Vice Chair), Daly, Fiore, Parks, Settelmeyer.

**INTERIM STUDIES**

**Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges (S.B. 391, Chapter 494, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Woodhouse (Chair), Aizley, Cegavske, Hickey, Kirkpatrick, Smith.

**Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges' Subcommittee on Academics and Workforce Alignment (S.B. 391, Chapter 494, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Kirkpatrick (Chair), Cegavske, Hickey. Chelsie Adams (appointed by Committee Chair); Timothy M. Dyhr, Representing Rural Nevada Business and Economic Development Community; Regent Kevin C. Melcher, Representing Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; Ummam Osambela (appointed by Committee Chair); Michael E. Skaggs, Representing Northern Nevada Business and Economic Development Community; Randy Soltero (appointed by Committee Chair); Vicky Van Meetren, Representing Southern Nevada Business and Economic Development Community; Carole Vilardo (appointed by Committee Chair); Frank R. Woodbeck, Executive Director, Nevada College Collaborative.

**Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges' Subcommittee on Governance and Funding (S.B. 391, Chapter 494, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Smith (Chair), Aizley, Woodhouse. Michael Brown (appointed by Committee Chair); Marcus Conklin (appointed by Committee Chair); Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani (appointed by Committee Chair); Elko Mayor Chris J. Johnson, Representing Local Governments; North Las Vegas Mayor John J. Lee (appointed by Committee Chair); Carson City Supervisor John McKenna, Representing Local Governments; Mary Pierczynski, Ed.D., Representing K-12 Education; Churchill County Commissioner Bus Scharmann, Representing Local Governments; Regent Allison Stephens, Representing Board of Regents of the University of Nevada.

**Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Impact of Technology Upon Gaming (A.B. 360, Chapter 508, sec. 15, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Horne (Chair), Brower, Diaz, Jones, Kirner, Segerblom. Nonvoting Members: Peter C. Bernhard, Chairman, Nevada Gaming Commission; A. G. Burnett, Chairman, State Gaming Control Board; Michael Cohen, Representative, Nonrestricted Gaming Licensees; Mark A. Lipparelli, Representative, Manufacturers or Developers of Gaming Technology; Randy Miller, Representative, Restricted Gaming Licensees; Mike Sloan, Representative, Entities Engaged in the Business of Interactive Gaming; Whitney Thier, Representative, Operators of Race Books and Sports Pools.

**Task Force on K-12 Public Education Funding (S.B. 500, Chapter 500, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Denis (Chair), Flores (Vice Chair), Hickey, Roberson. Dale Erquiaga, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Adrienne Lawrence, Designee, State Public Charter School Authority; Pedro Martinez, Nevada Association of School Superintendents Appointment; Bob Burnham, Nevada Association of School Boards Appointment; Dawn Miller, Nevada Parent Teacher Association Appointment; Andrew Fromdahl, Nevada State Education Association Appointment; James McIntosh, Governor Appointment (District Financial Officer); Judy Osgood, Governor Appointment (Parent); Denette Corrales, Advisory Council on Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Appointment; Marc Hechter, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Stephanie Smith, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment.

**Task Force on K-12 Public Education Funding Technical Advisory Committee (S.B. 500, Chapter 500, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Woodhouse (Chair). Jim McIntosh, Clark County School District Chief Financial Officer; Mike Schroeder, Washoe County School District Budget Director; Jeff Zander, Elko County School District Superintendent; Mike Alastuey, Education Finance Consultant; Dr. Jay Chambers, American Institutes for Research; Stephanie Day, Deputy Director, Department of Administration; Paul Johnson, White Pine County School District Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesse Levin, American Institutes for Research; Dr. Walt Rulffes, Former Superintendent, Clark County School District; Julia Teska, Director, Department of Administration.

**NONLEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

**Advisory Board on Dream Tags (NRS 502.225)**

Dianna Belding, Judi Caron. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (NRS 442.133)**

Farley, Spiegel. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Northern Nevada (NRS 417.230)**

Grady, Gustavson. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Advisory Committee's website for additional information.)

**Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southern Nevada (NRS 417.230)**

E. Anderson, Manendo. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Advisory Committee's website for additional information.)

**Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Treatment of Stroke and Heart Disease (NRS 439.492)**

Erin Russell, Steve Stanko. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Advisory Committee on Nevada Criminal Justice Information Sharing (NRS 179A.079)**

Jones, Thompson. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (NRS 179D.132)**

Fiore, Segerblom. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Advisory Council on Mortgage Investments and Mortgage Lending (NRS 645B.860)**

Janis Grady, Charles Mohler, Kyle Nagy, Darren K. Proulx, Alicia Taylor. (Note: Please see the Division of Mortgage Lending's website for additional information.)

**Advisory Council on Parental Involvement and Family Engagement (NRS 385.610)**

Benetiz-Thompson, Ford. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Advisory Council's website for additional information.)

**Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.B. 345, Chapter 235, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Nancy Brune, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Dr. Theresa Corry, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Derek Fialkiewicz, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Mary Frey, Assembly Minority Leader Appointment; Dr. Anne Grisham, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Richard M. Knoeppel, Senate Minority Leader Appointment; Judy Kraus, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Dr. Michael Mohar, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Sharon Pearson, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Missy Young, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (NRS 439.518)**

Eisen, J. Hardy. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Advisory Council's website for additional information.)

**Behaviorial Health and Wellness Council (BHCW)**

Hickey, Kirkpatrick, Roberson, Smith. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Council's website for additional information.)

**Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature (NRS 385.581)**

Benitez-Thompson, Kieckhefer, Stewart. Alex Bybee, Victoria Carreon, Zhan Okuda-Lim, former Senator Valerie Wiener. (Note: Please see the Board's website for additional information.)

**Board of Directors of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (NRS 695I.300)**

Lynn Etkins, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Dr. Judith P. Ford, Majority Leader of the Senate Appointment. Governor Appointments: Leslie Ann Johnstone, Marie Kerr, Dr. Ronald Kline, Elsie LaVonne Lewis, Barbara Smith Campbell.

**Board of Economic Development (NRS 231.033)**

Kathleen Drakulich, Governor Appointment; Weldon E. (Don) Havins, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Sam Routson, Assembly Minority Leader Appointment; Rob Roy, Governor Appointment; William Weidner, Governor Appointment; Benny Yerushalmi, Senate Majority Leader Appointment.

**Commission on Educational Technology (NRS 388.790)**

P. Anderson, Denis. Mike Amie, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Jhone Ebert, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**Commission on Ethics (NRS 281A.200)**

John Carpenter, Tim Cory, Paul H. Lamboley, James M. Shaw. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**Commission on Nuclear Projects (NRS 459.0091)**

Dr. Marie Boutte, Paul Workman. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools (NRS 389.510)**

Bobzien, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Denis, Majority Leader of the Senate Appointment; Ford, Majority Leader of the Senate Appointment; Steven Laden. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Council's website for additional information.)

**Economic Forum (NRS 353.226)**

Ken Wiles (Chair), Governor Appointment; Matthew Maddox (Vice Chair), Governor Appointment; Marvin Leavitt, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Jennifer Lewis, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Linda Rosenthal, Governor Appointment.

**Education Commission of the States (NRS 399.015)**

Aizley, Cegavske, Dondero Loop, Woodhouse. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**Gaming Policy Committee (NRS 463.021)**

Brower, Hansen. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Committee's website for additional information.)

**Governing Body of a University School for Profoundly Gifted Pupils (NRS 392A.080)**

Dr. Eugene Paslov, Annette Whittemore. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Davidson Academy of Nevada's website for additional information.)

**Governor's Workforce Investment Board (Public Law 105-220)**

Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Manendo, Thompson. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Board's website for additional information.)

**Information Technology Advisory Board (NRS 242.122)**

P. Anderson, Denis. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Advisory Board's website for additional information.)

**Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission (NRS 514A.040)**

Brower. Roger Bremner, Speaker of the Assembly Recommendation; Robert E. Campbell, Senate Minority Leader Recommendation; Kyle Davis, Senate Majority Leader Recommendation; Dennis Neilander, Speaker of the Assembly Recommendation; John Restrepo, Governor Appointment; Vacant, Senate Majority Leader Recommendation. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NRS 219.020)**

Brower, Cohen, Ford, Ohrenschall. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the National Conference's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Academy of Health (NRS 439B.250)**

Bobbette Bond, Chris Bosse, Dr. John Ellerton, Dr. Mary Guinan, Debra Toney, Mike Uboldi. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Academy's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Statewide AIDS Advisory Task Force**

Healey, Parks. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Task Force's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Capital Investment Corporation Board of Directors (NRS 355.270)**

Kate Marshall, State Treasurer (Chair); Jim DeVolld, Governor Appointment; David Goldwater, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Chris Howard, Senate Minority Leader Appointment; Robert Lund, NSHE Chancellor Appointment; Jerrie E. Merritt, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; James R. York, Assembly Minority Leader Appointment. (Note: Please see the Board's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway (A.B. 696, Chapter 566, *Statutes of Nevada 1993*)**

Delsye Mills, John Tyson. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Nevada Commission on Aging (NRS 427A.032)**

Manendo, Spiegel. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NRS 239C.120)**

Healey, Spearman. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs (NRS 232.852)**

Richard F. Boulware, Esq.; Amarpreet Chadha; Radha Chanderraj; Angie de Braga; Tamar Hoapili; Evan Louie; Semilla Neal; Meli Pulido; Anna Siefert. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Interagency Coordinating Council (Public Law 99-457, Part C of IDEA)**

Woodbury. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Council's website for additional information.)

**Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NRS 427A.320)**

Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., Silver Senator (Forum President); Mary D. Roberts, Senatorial District 1; Rick Kuhlmeier, Senatorial District 2; Clo Banks, Senatorial District 3; Verlia Davis Hoggard, Senatorial District 4; Colleen Brown, Senatorial District 5; Betty Rumford, Senatorial District 6; Joann M. Bongiorno, Senatorial District 7; Evelyn A. Cannestra, M.S.W., Senatorial District 8; Barbara Altman, Senatorial District 9; Harriet Trudell, Senatorial District 10; Stephanie L. Rose, Senatorial District 11; Clare Tobler, Senatorial District 12; (Vacant), Senatorial District 13; John (Jack) Paul Ginter, Jr., Senatorial District 14;



Reba June Burton, Senatorial District 15; John C. Yacenda, Ph.D., M.P.H., P.A.H.M., Senatorial District 16; Margaret A. Spooner, Senatorial District 17; Patsy Metler, Senatorial District 18; Ray B. Jones, Senatorial District 19; James Downer, Senatorial District 20; (Vacant), Senatorial District 21; Lucy Peres, Silver Senator, Ex Officio Member, National Silver Haired Congress; Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., Silver Senator, Ex Officio Member, National Silver Haired Congress; Russ Schoenbeck, Silver Representative, Ex Officio Member, National Silver Haired Congress; La Lonnie Strait, Silver Representative, Ex Officio Member, National Silver Haired Congress.

**Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (NRS 213.215)**

Cohen, Parks. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Offender Supervision (NRS 621.015)**

Eisen, Hammond. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Nevada Veterans' Services Commission (NRS 417.150)**

E. Anderson, Spearman. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Commission's website for additional information.)

**P-20 W Advisory Council (NRS 400.030)**

Cegavske (Chair), Senate Minority Leader Appointment; J Hardy, M.D., Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Swank, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment. Sue Daellenbach, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Linda Johnson, Assembly Minority Leader Appointment; Dr. Kim Metcalf, Senate Majority Leader Appointment. (Note: Please see the Council's website for additional information.)

**Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board (S.B. 352, Chapter 407, *Statutes of Nevada 2007*)**

Atkinson, Neal. Additional nonlegislative members.

**State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (NRS 392C.020)**

Spearman.

**State Public Charter School Authority (NRS 386.509)**

Marc Abelman, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Kathleen Conaboy, Governor Appointment; Nora Luna, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Melissa Mackedon, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Robert McCord, Ed.D., Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Michael C. Van, Charter School Association of Nevada Appointment; Elissa Wahl, Governor Appointment. Additional nonlegislative members (Note: Please see the Authority's website for additional information.)

**State Public Works Board (NRS 341.020)**

Bryce Clutts, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment; Steven Kwon, Majority Leader of the Senate Appointment. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Board's website for additional information.)

**Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs (NRS 391.516)**

Jane Bantz, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Lou DeSalvio, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (A.B. 80, Chapter 409, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

J. Hardy, Hogan. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Task Force's website for additional information.)

**Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (NRS 432B.700)**

Cohen, Fiore, Hammond, Jones. Bruce Hotchkiss, Dr. Kristen J. Macleod, M.D., Jill Tolles.

**Technological Crime Advisory Board (NRS 205A.040)**

P. Anderson, Ford. Additional nonlegislative members. (Note: Please see the Board's website for additional information.)

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Campus Improvement Authority Board of Directors (A.B. 335, Chapter 507, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)**

Kirk D. Hendrick, Senate Majority Leader Appointment; Kim Sinatra, Speaker of the Assembly Appointment. Additional nonlegislative members.

**Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Legislative Advisory Committee**

Aizley, J. Hardy, Smith. (Note: Please see the Legislative Advisory Committee's website for additional information.)

## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP

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### Seventy-Eighth Session, 2015

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The Chair is named first, the Vice Chair is named second, followed by majority party members in alphabetical order and then minority party members in alphabetical order.

#### COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY—

Settelmeyer, Farley, Hardy, Harris, Atkinson, Manendo, Spearman

#### EDUCATION—

Harris, Hammond, Gustavson, Lipparelli, Denis, Segerblom, Woodhouse

#### FINANCE—

Kieckhefer, Roberson, Goicoechea, Lipparelli, Ford (part), Parks, Smith (part), Woodhouse

#### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Goicoechea, Hardy, Lipparelli, Atkinson, Parks

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES—

Hardy, Kieckhefer, Lipparelli, Smith (part), Spearman (part), Woodhouse

#### JUDICIARY—

Brower, Harris, Hammond, Roberson, Ford, Kihuen, Segerblom

#### LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS—

Farley, Settelmeyer, Brower, Atkinson, Segerblom

#### NATURAL RESOURCES—

Gustavson, Goicoechea, Settelmeyer, Manendo, Parks (part), Smith (part)

#### REVENUE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—

Roberson, Brower, Hardy, Kieckhefer, Ford, Kihuen, Spearman

#### TRANSPORTATION—

Hammond, Gustavson, Farley, Denis, Manendo

#### PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE—

Joseph (Joe) P. Hardy, M.D.

#### MAJORITY LEADER—

Michael Roberson

#### ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER—

Ben Kieckhefer

#### MAJORITY WHIPS—

Scott T. Hammond

James A. Settelmeyer

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**MINORITY LEADER**

Aaron D. Ford

**ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER—**

Debbie Smith

**MINORITY WHIPS—**

Kelvin D. Atkinson

Ruben J. Kihuen

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### Seventy-Eighth Session, 2015

The Chair is named first, the Vice Chair is named second, followed by majority party members in alphabetical order and then minority party members in alphabetical order.

#### COMMERCE AND LABOR—

Kirner, Seaman, P. Anderson, Ellison, Fiore, Hansen, Nelson, O'Neill, Silberkraus, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Diaz, Kirkpatrick, Neal, Ohrenschall

#### EDUCATION—

Woodbury, Stewart, Armstrong, Dooling, Edwards, Gardner, Hickey, Shelton, E. Anderson, Diaz, Flores, Joiner, Munford, Swank

#### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Ellison, Moore, Dooling, Shelton, Silberkraus, Stewart, Trowbridge (part), Wheeler (part), Woodbury, Carrillo, Flores, Joiner, Munford, Neal, Spiegel

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES—

Oscarson, Titus, Dickman, Gardner, Hambrick, Jones, Moore, Trowbridge, Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Joiner, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Thompson

#### JUDICIARY—

Hansen, Nelson, Fiore, Gardner, Jones, O'Neill, Seaman, Trowbridge (part), Wheeler (part), E. Anderson, Araujo, Diaz, Ohrenschall, Thompson

#### LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS—

Stewart, Shelton, Fiore, Moore, Seaman, Trowbridge, E. Anderson, Munford, Ohrenschall, Thompson

#### NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING—

Titus, Wheeler, Dooling, Edwards, Ellison, Gardner, Hansen, Oscarson, Araujo, Carlton, Carrillo, Swank

#### TAXATION—

Armstrong, Kirner, Dickman, Hambrick, Hickey, Nelson, Trowbridge, Benitez-Thompson, Bustamante Adams, Diaz, Kirkpatrick, Neal

#### TRANSPORTATION—

Wheeler, Dickman, Dooling, Fiore, Jones, O'Neill, Silberkraus, Woodbury, Araujo, Carrillo, Flores, Kirkpatrick, Spiegel, Sprinkle

#### WAYS AND MEANS—

P. Anderson, Hambrick, Armstrong, Dickman, Edwards, Hickey, Kirner, Oscarson, Titus, Benitez-Thompson, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Kirkpatrick, Sprinkle, Swank

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**SPEAKER—**

John Hambrick

**SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE—**

John C. Ellison

**MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—**

D. Paul Anderson

**ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—**

Ira Hansen

**MAJORITY WHIP—**

Jim Wheeler

**ASSISTANT MAJORITY WHIPS—**

Jill Dickman-North

Victoria Seaman-South

**MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—**

Marilyn Kirkpatrick

**ASSISTANT MINORITY FLOOR LEADERS—**

Teresa Benitez-Thompson

Maggie Carlton

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## CHAPTER II

### LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE, FINANCIAL OPERATION, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This chapter provides an introduction to the Nevada Legislature. It is intended to serve as a handy reference not only for legislators, but also for citizens who wish to participate in the legislative process.

The Legislature is Nevada's foremost political institution. Not only does it enact *laws*, it also creates the machinery for carrying out those enactments. In establishing departments, boards, commissions, and bureaus, the Legislature defines the scope of their powers and the extent of their responsibilities. It also regulates the activities of these State agencies by granting or denying them the authority to hire employees and expend public funds. In addition, the Legislature sets down the fundamental rules of government in Nevada in the form of administrative procedures, civil service rules, and election laws.

#### LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY

The legislative process has acquired a vocabulary of its own over the years. Often these words have a precise and definite meaning that 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.

Appendix F provides a list of frequently used terms, primarily from *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*. That manual also contains a number of terms not commonly used in Nevada. The list defines the words most commonly used in the Nevada Legislature as well as those that will assist in a clear understanding of the various subjects and procedures described in this publication. Where possible, the first use of these terms in the *Nevada Legislative Manual* is provided in italics.

#### THE LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE

Nevada has a two-house (*bicameral*) Legislature consisting of a *Senate* and an *Assembly*. The two houses jointly are designated by the *Nevada 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 (with Nevada's Supreme Court at the top of the structure). According to 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 . . . 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.<sup>3</sup>

## **Size and Apportionment**

Unlike some states, Nevada does not fix the number of its Senators and members of the Assembly in its constitution. Instead, the *Nevada 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> The actual size of the Legislature is set by *statute*.<sup>6</sup>

Since 1983, the Nevada Legislature has had a 42-member Assembly and a 21-member Senate. It has not always been that way. The Legislature had the maximum 75 members in 1875, 1877, 1879, 1913, and 1915, during periods of population growth. The Legislature could, in theory, be as small as three members—two Assembly members and one Senator. However, the smallest Nevada Legislature consisted of 45 members. This situation occurred during the *sessions* of 1893 through 1899, a period of population decline. The *Nevada Constitution* states that Senators and members of the Assembly must be *apportioned* among the several counties of the State or among legislative districts, which may be established by law.<sup>7</sup> The United States Supreme Court has held that both houses of state legislatures must be apportioned on a population basis under the principle of one person, one vote.<sup>8</sup>

Membership in both houses of the Legislature is geographically apportioned throughout the State on the basis of population. Normally, the Legislature redistricts once every ten years during the session next following the federal decennial census, as required by the *Nevada Constitution*.<sup>9</sup>

## **2011 Reapportionment and Redistricting**

The Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce was required to deliver *redistricting* data from the decennial census in 2010 to the states not later than April 1, 2011. Upon receipt of this data, the 2011 Session of the Nevada Legislature was required to reapportion and redistrict the election districts for the members of the Legislature, the members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Nevada, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, and the State Board of Education.

Due to an impasse that arose when Governor Brian Sandoval *vetoed* the redistricting measures approved by the Nevada Legislature, the Legislature was unable to complete the legislative and congressional redistricting process during the 120-day regular session. Two redistricting measures, Senate Bill 497 and Assembly Bill 566, were approved by the Legislature, generally on party-line votes, on May 10 and May 25, 2011, respectively. However, both bills were vetoed by the Governor and returned to the Legislature. No attempts were made to override or sustain those vetoes during the regular session. When the Governor indicated that he would not call the Legislature into *special session* for redistricting, the task fell to the courts. Following a number of hearings, judicial briefs, motions, and pleas, District Court Judge James T. Russell, in First Judicial District Case No. 11 OC 00042 1B, *Guy et al. v. Miller*, appointed three Special Masters to accomplish redistricting. As directed by the court, the Special Masters held public hearings in Las Vegas and Carson City on October 10 and 11, 2011, respectively. Their report and completed maps were submitted to the District Judge on October 14, 2011. Following certain changes requested by the court, an order adopting and approving the Special Masters' report and redistricting maps as modified by the court was filed on October 27, 2011. An addendum to the October 27 order was filed on December 8, 2011, to facilitate the transitional period from the court's original order until the terms of the congressional representatives and state lawmakers began. The redistricting plans were attached to and incorporated by reference in the court orders.

The court-approved maps include four congressional districts (an increase of one), while the size of the Nevada Legislature is retained at 63–21 members in the Senate and 42 members in the Assembly. For the first time in Nevada's redistricting history, all districts in both houses are single-member, and two Assembly districts are perfectly nested within each Senate district. Maps A through F in Appendix G describe the boundaries of Nevada legislative districts as developed by the Special Masters in 2011. In addition, detailed maps of every district and related statistics are available on the *Legislative Counsel Bureau's* website at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Districts/Reapp/2011/FinalPlans.cfm> and through the Bureau's Publications/Gift Shop Unit.

The average population of the Assembly districts is 64,299 people (based on the 2010 U.S. Census). The Senate districts have an average population of 128,598 citizens. The average legislative district in Nevada has increased by 35 percent in population over the past decade. The State's population was about 1.2 million in 1990, reached nearly 2 million in 2000, and was just over 2.7 million in 2010. There are now 15 Senate districts wholly within Clark County; 4 districts in the Washoe County/Carson City area, 1 of which includes 5 counties in western Nevada; and 2 rural districts. One rural district consists of Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties. The other one consists of Elko, Eureka, Lincoln, White Pine, and parts of Nye and northern Clark Counties. The 42 Assembly districts include 30 districts wholly within Clark County, 8 districts in the Washoe County/Carson City/western Nevada area, and 4 Assembly districts within the 2 rural Senate districts.

## Membership Qualifications

Members of the Assembly are elected every two years by the qualified electors in their respective districts. Senators, on the other hand, serve four-year terms, which are staggered so that, as near as possible, one-half of the number of Senators is elected every two years. A constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1996 limits legislators to 12 years of service in one *house* (six terms for Assembly members and three terms for Senators).<sup>10</sup> An opinion issued by Nevada's Supreme Court states that the term limit amendment only applies to periods of service commencing after November 27, 1996.<sup>11</sup> Thus term limits first impacted members of the Legislature during the 2010 election cycle.

Members of both houses are elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, at intervals of two or four years, depending upon the house in question. Their terms of office begin on the day following their election,<sup>12</sup> but members are not typically sworn in by oath of office until the first day of the legislative session (first Monday of the following February).

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 the respective county and district, and an actual citizen resident of Nevada for a minimum of one year next preceding the election.<sup>13</sup> However, the *Nevada 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, [may] expel a member."<sup>14</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.

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>15</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>16</sup> A legislator may not be appointed to any civil office of profit in the State that was created, or the salary for which was raised, during the legislator's term of office and for a period of one year after the expiration of the term.<sup>17</sup>

## Vacancies

If a legislator resigns from office, the resignation must be delivered to the Governor. If a legislator dies or resigns 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 who resides

in the district and is a member of the same political party as the former incumbent to fill the unexpired term.<sup>18</sup>

If the Senator or Assembly member 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 chairs, on behalf of the boards, cast a proportionate number of votes based on the population of the district in each county. 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 separate boards.<sup>19</sup>

### **Officers and Employees**

Each house of the Legislature employs such staff as is necessary to its operation. During the legislative session, this staff expands to approximately 200 committee staff, personal secretaries, and others who ensure that the session functions smoothly. Several positions are permanent and full-time when the Legislature is not in session: the *Secretary of the Senate*, the *Chief Clerk of the Assembly*, and support staff for each house.

The legislative employees are under the supervision of the elected officer of each house. In the Senate, this is the Secretary of the Senate; in the Assembly, the Chief Clerk. The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly are elected as officers by the members of the houses they serve. They, in turn, supervise the work of the legislative employees.<sup>20</sup>

The Secretary and Chief Clerk perform many varied duties. They are present at each daily session of their respective houses, and during those sessions they “read” each *bill* and *resolution*—though in greatly abbreviated form—to the members of the house. The Secretary and Chief Clerk maintain all records of the Senate and Assembly, supervise compilation of the daily *journals* and the *histories* of their respective houses, and advise the *presiding officer* of each house on matters of parliamentary procedure and the house rules.

When the Legislature is not in session, the permanent legislative officers and employees assist legislative leaders with administrative matters that arise during the *interim*, oversee the publication of the final certified journals and the histories, speak with school and civic groups about the legislative process, represent the State at national conferences of legislative officers, develop and implement a variety of programs designed to engage the public, and prepare for the next session.

## 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 major protagonists in efforts to influence legislation. They frequently point out concerns 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>21</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 a legislative session and within 30 days after the close of a session concerning his or her lobbying activities. Each report must include the total expenditures for the month and, if the lobbyist had expenditures of \$50 or more during the month, the report must itemize expenses in connection with any event hosted by an organization that sponsors the registrant; expenditures for entertainment, gifts, and loans; and other expenditures directly associated with legislative *action*. With the exception of expenditures associated with a function to which every legislator was invited, the reports must identify the legislators on whose behalf the expenditures were made. Data on personal expenditures for food, lodging, and travel expenses or membership dues are not required in the monthly reports. Violation of the Act is a misdemeanor.

Other sections in the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (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>22</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>23</sup> It is a misdemeanor to misrepresent any fact knowingly when testifying or otherwise communicating to a legislator, though witnesses are absolutely privileged to publish

defamatory material that is relevant to a proceeding.<sup>24</sup> Moreover, both the giving of a bribe to a legislator and receiving a bribe are crimes against the legislative power and are subject to severe punishments under the law.<sup>25</sup> Although lobbying activities are customarily prohibited on the *floor* of both chambers,<sup>26</sup> lobbyists may appear before any committee of the Legislature.

## LEGISLATIVE POWERS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Legislator Duties

The *Nevada Constitution* vests the lawmaking authority for the State in the Nevada Legislature.<sup>27</sup> Generally, the Legislature is empowered to enact the laws of the State;<sup>28</sup> levy taxes on individuals, businesses, property, and sales;<sup>29</sup> appropriate the funds collected for the support of public institutions and the administration of State government;<sup>30</sup> propose amendments to the constitutions of the U.S. and Nevada;<sup>31</sup> and consider legislation proposed by *initiative petitions*.<sup>32</sup> In addition, the Legislature is directed to establish a State university;<sup>33</sup> a public school system;<sup>34</sup> and a statewide, uniform system of county and township government.<sup>35</sup> The Legislature also has the power to create, revise, or abolish certain county positions;<sup>36</sup> determine the compensation of legislative officers and employees,<sup>37</sup> certain State officials,<sup>38</sup> Supreme Court justices and District Court judges,<sup>39</sup> and specified county officers;<sup>40</sup> decide the winner of a tied election for a district or State office or the office of U.S. Senator or Representative;<sup>41</sup> *impeach* and try the Governor, other State officials, or any judge, except a justice of the peace;<sup>42</sup> and pardon, reprieve, or compel the enforcement of a sentence for the conviction for treason.<sup>43</sup> The Legislature also provides oversight of the Executive and Judicial Departments of government through the *budget*<sup>44</sup> and audit<sup>45</sup> processes and reviews the regulations developed by State agencies.<sup>46</sup>

The majority of the Legislature's work, however, consists of generating, revising, and occasionally *repealing* the laws of the State. Through a process defined by the *Nevada Constitution*, State law, and *legislative rules*, the members of the Legislature consider over 1,000 bills and resolutions throughout each regular session. The regular sessions of the Senate and Assembly are required to be held during each odd-numbered year, beginning on the first Monday of February.<sup>47</sup> At other times, the Governor may, for a specific purpose, call the Legislature into special session,<sup>48</sup> or the Legislature may, upon a petition signed by a *two-thirds majority* of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, convene a special session for a specific purpose without action by the Governor.<sup>49</sup>

During the session, legislators have several responsibilities. They shepherd the measures they introduce through the legislative process by providing testimony at *hearings*, working with others to improve the legislation, and encouraging their colleagues to vote in favor of their bills. Legislators also serve on the committees that review each piece of legislation. Each legislator is typically assigned to two or more *standing committees*. As committee members, legislators listen to and question



witnesses about the provisions of a measure,<sup>50</sup> participate in subcommittees created to focus on a specific bill or issue,<sup>51</sup> and vote on whether the bill or resolution should be transmitted to the full house.

At times, all legislators may be assigned to participate in a *committee of the whole*.<sup>52</sup> Typically, such a committee is formed only occasionally during a regular session. Much more common are the *conference committees*, formed to resolve differences between amendments proposed by each house to the same bill.<sup>53</sup> Occasionally, legislators may be assigned to a *joint committee* of the two houses.<sup>54</sup>

Legislators also are required to attend the meetings of their respective houses,<sup>55</sup> commonly referred to as “*floor sessions*.” The meeting procedures of the Senate, Assembly, and these various committees are discussed elsewhere in this manual.

When not on the floor or in meetings, legislators confer with constituents who call or visit, with lobbyists who represent organizations or certain opinions, and with staff who provide assistance and requested information. Legislators are frequently asked to speak to various groups and attend numerous community functions, most often when the Legislature is not in session.

When the session ends, legislators continue to make speeches, assist constituents, serve on special legislative committees, and compile information in preparation for the next session. Often, legislators serve as facilitators among various groups. For example, a legislator might contact a government agency on behalf of a constituent or bring opposing factions together to solve a problem. In addition, legislators monitor the implementation of certain bills passed during the preceding session. In this capacity, a legislator might attend a hearing conducted by a State agency formulating pertinent regulations.

Between sessions, a legislator may serve on one or more interim committees. Some of these committees study a specific subject, provide oversight of ongoing issues, or are part of national organizations that bring together legislators from the various states to discuss similar problems. Permanent committees of the Legislature are created through statute.<sup>56</sup> Temporary committees usually originate in concurrent resolutions<sup>57</sup> passed in one session and are dissolved by the beginning of the next.

The foregoing description of legislative responsibilities is not comprehensive. Like employees in the private sector, legislators are often responsible for other duties as assigned. Any legislator who chairs a committee or assumes a *leadership* role conducts those duties in addition to the ones mentioned. Legislators are also expected by their political parties and communities to perform certain functions, such as attending party *caucuses* and important local events. In addition, most legislators hold full-time jobs and must fulfill their responsibilities to their employers. Although Nevada prides itself on having a citizen Legislature, it demands a significant commitment of time and effort from each of its citizen representatives.



## 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>58</sup> An administrative body may not serve subpoenas to compel legislators or the Lieutenant Governor to give testimony or produce relevant material to the body during legislative sessions.<sup>59</sup> The statutes also protect legislators by prohibiting employment contracts that work a loss of seniority of any person absent from regular duties or place of employment while attending a legislative session.<sup>60</sup> In addition, legislative service cannot be considered as a break in service by an administrator of a private pension plan.<sup>61</sup>

## Limitations on the Legislative Power

Although 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, or 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 deeds, wills, 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>62</sup>

These restrictions, however, do not deny the power of the Legislature to establish and regulate the compensation and fees of certain county officers or 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. It is likewise permitted 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>63</sup>

In addition, the State's constitution prohibits the Legislature from levying a personal income tax or authorizing a state-operated lottery in Nevada.<sup>64</sup> It must establish a uniform system of county and township government throughout the State.<sup>65</sup> It may not abolish any county without the approval of the electors residing within the county's jurisdiction.<sup>66</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 *U.S. Constitution* and, hence, are doubly safeguarded from legislative encroachment.<sup>67</sup> The *Nevada Constitution* also sets a state debt limitation of 2 percent, exclusive of interest, of the assessed valuation of the State<sup>68</sup> and prohibits State assumption of the debts of any county, town, city, or other corporation, unless such debts have been incurred to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, or provide for the public defense.<sup>69</sup>

The Nevada Legislature cannot exercise powers reserved by the *U.S. 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>70</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.

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 one dollar of assessed valuation. Consistent with this constitutional limitation, NRS 361.453 currently further limits the total ad valorem tax levy to not more than \$3.64 on each \$100 of assessed valuation with certain exceptions. In the case of mines and mining claims, only the net proceeds of minerals may be taxed. Personal property in interstate

transit may not be taxed in Nevada, and the Legislature may not impose a state inheritance tax upon the inhabitants of the State. Business inventories are also exempt from taxation.<sup>71</sup>

Outside of these and a few other minor restrictions mentioned in the *Nevada 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. Disrupting 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>72</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>73</sup> Misdemeanor crimes involving the legislative process include knowingly misrepresenting any fact when testifying or otherwise communicating to a legislator, though witnesses are absolutely privileged to publish defamatory material that is relevant to a proceeding.<sup>74</sup>

It is a felony to alter legislative measures or enrolled bills or resolutions with fraudulent intent. Conviction may result in imprisonment in the State prison for a minimum term of not less than one year and a maximum term of not more than four years. The court may also impose a fine of not more than \$5,000.<sup>75</sup>

### **Contracts in Which a Legislator Has an Interest**

A legislator shall not become a named contractor or named subcontractor under any contract or order for supplies for the State or any of its departments, or for the Legislature or either house, if the contract or order is paid for in whole or in part by money appropriated by the Legislature of which that Legislator is a member.<sup>76</sup> Further, a legislator shall not be interested, directly or indirectly, as a principal, in any such contract.<sup>77</sup> Finally, a legislator shall not be interested in any contract made by the Legislature of which that Legislator is a member, or to be a purchaser or interested in any purchase or sale made by the Legislature of which that Legislator is a member.<sup>78</sup>

Despite the general prohibitions stated above, Nevada law provides that a legislator may sell or enter into a contract to sell, to the State or any of its departments, any item, commodity, service or capital improvement, if the sources of supply are limited; the contracting process is controlled by rules of open competitive bidding; the legislator has not taken part in developing the contract or sale plans or specifications and will not be personally involved in opening, considering, or accepting any bids for the sale or contract. Under these same conditions, an exception is provided to the general rule stipulating a public officer (including a legislator) or employee shall not bid on or enter into a contract between any State or local agency and any business entity in which the public officer or employee has a significant pecuniary interest.<sup>79</sup>

In addition, any legislator may, if not named in a contract, receive, as direct salary or wages, compensation for which the original source was a legislative *appropriation* to any governmental entity or a private entity not owned or controlled by the legislator. Finally, the law provides that any legislator may receive, for services as an instructor or teacher from any county school district or the Nevada System of Higher Education, compensation for which the original source was a legislative appropriation to any governmental entity or a private entity not owned or controlled by the legislator.<sup>80</sup> The statute provides that a legislator who violates these provisions concerning prohibited interests in a contract is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and forfeits his or her office.<sup>81</sup>

As mentioned earlier under the section entitled “Lobbyists,” anyone offering or giving a bribe or threatening a legislator to influence a vote or to be absent from the house of which the legislator is a member or any committee of the Legislature must, under the law, be punished by imprisonment in the State prison for a minimum term of not less than one year and a maximum term of not more than five years. The court may also impose a fine of not more than \$10,000.<sup>82</sup> Any legislator asking for or receiving a bribe is liable to the same penalty.<sup>83</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>84</sup>

## **Ethics and Conflict of Interest**

The ethical conduct of legislators falls under the jurisdiction of the house of which the legislator is a member for those actions taken within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity (e.g., disclosure, voting and abstention, et cetera) and under the jurisdiction of Nevada’s Commission on Ethics for conduct that falls outside the sphere of legitimate legislative activity. *Nevada Revised Statutes* also provides certain requirements and limitations on conduct of a legislator.

Meanwhile, Rule No. 23 of the Senate Standing Rules and Rule No. 23 of the Assembly Standing Rules provide for the creation of a Committee on Ethics in each house which is charged with hearing requests for advice or complaints brought by

Senators or members of the Assembly or others on questions of potential breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest. Except under specific circumstances, all proceedings held by the Committee on Ethics to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of any person on matters of ethics or conflicts of interest are confidential. Both standing rules further set forth the parameters under which a conflict of interest by a legislator is determined and stipulate that if a conflict of interest exists with a legislative matter, the legislator shall make a general disclosure of the conflict on the record during a committee meeting or on the floor of the Senate or Assembly, as applicable. The disclosure must be entered into the appropriate committee minutes or journal for the Senate or Assembly. The legislator is not required to make that general disclosure at length again regarding the same conflict of interest when the matter in question arises on subsequent occasions during the same session; instead, the legislator may make reference on the record to the previous disclosure.<sup>85</sup>

Rule No. 23 of the Senate Standing Rules and Rule No. 23 of the Assembly Standing Rules also set forth parameters under which an abstention in voting by a legislator. To determine whether to abstain from voting upon, advocating, or opposing a matter about which a legislator has a conflict of interest, the legislator should consider whether: (1) the conflict impedes the legislator's independence of judgment; and (2) the legislator's interest is greater than the interests of an entire class of persons similarly situated.<sup>86</sup> Finally, the rules specify that if a legislator who is a member of a committee declares on the record when a vote is to be taken by the committee that he or she will abstain, the *quorum* to act upon and the number of votes necessary to act upon the matter is reduced as though the legislator abstaining were not a member of the committee.<sup>87</sup>

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

Every legislator is required to submit to the Secretary of State reports of contributions and campaign expenses. For specific information about the requirements and deadlines for these reports, please contact the Elections Division of the Office of Secretary of State at (775) 684-5705 or refer to the Campaign Guide which is published by the Secretary of State and can be found at the Secretary of State's website: <http://nvso.gov/>.

*Nevada Revised Statutes* 294A.160 prohibits the expenditure of money received as a campaign contribution for a candidate's personal use. It also limits the disposition of unspent contributions. *Nevada Revised Statutes* 294A.365 requires the reporting of the manner in which the unspent contributions are disposed.

### **Financial Disclosure**

Every candidate for the Legislature is required to file statements of financial disclosure with the Secretary of State. Such statements must be filed no later than the tenth day after the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office and then once a year

thereafter, including the year that the term expires, on or before January 15 of each year.<sup>88</sup> The Secretary of State is required to retain the statements for six years.<sup>89</sup>

Under the law, statements of financial disclosure are required to contain specific information concerning the candidate's:

1. Length of residence in Nevada and the legislative district;
2. Sources of income;
3. Real estate holdings valued at \$2,500 or more (except for a personal residence);
4. Specified creditors to whom the candidate or members of the candidate's household owe \$5,000 or more;
5. Certain gifts received by the candidate with a value of \$200 or more; and
6. A list of all business entities in which the candidate or a member of the candidate's household is involved as a trustee, beneficiary, director, officer, owner, partner, or shareholder of at least 1 percent of the stock.<sup>90</sup>

A legislator who fails to file a statement of financial disclosure in a timely manner is subject to a civil penalty and payment of court costs and attorney's fees.<sup>91</sup>

## **FINANCIAL OPERATION OF THE LEGISLATURE**

### **Legislative Fund**

During each legislative session, the Legislature appropriates monies from the State General Fund to pay for the cost of the session and the activities of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. These appropriations are deposited in the Legislative Fund.<sup>92</sup> The expenses paid from the Legislative Fund include legislator and staff salaries, travel expenses of both legislators and staff, and operating and capital costs of the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

### **Legislator Compensation and Allowances**

Legislators are paid a salary for the first 60 days of a regular session and for up to 20 days of a special session. Under NRS 218A.630, the minimum daily salary for legislators is \$130. For legislators elected on or after November 8, 2006, the compensation of the office of the Senator or Assembly member is increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage increase in the salaries of the classified employees of the State during the immediately preceding term of that office.<sup>93</sup>

Legislators receive additional payments for their travel and per diem during a legislative session. The per diem, which is intended to cover the legislator's lodging, meals, and incidental expenses, is equal to the federal rate for the Carson City area, which is currently \$148. This per diem amount is paid each day that the Legislature is in session. Costs associated with travel during a session (moving expenses, housing and

furniture rental, and travel related to legislative business) are reimbursed, subject to an overall limit of \$10,000 during a regular session and \$1,200 during a special session.<sup>94</sup>

For travel to and from Carson City for the legislative session, for a pre-session orientation conference, or a training session each legislator is entitled to per diem plus reimbursement of actual travel expenses. Each legislator whose permanent residence is more than 50 miles from Carson City, and who enters into a lease or other agreement for housing during session, is also entitled to a supplemental housing allowance during the session. This allowance is equal to the fair market rent for a one bedroom unit in Carson City, as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Fiscal Year 2015 rate for the Carson City area is \$683 per month.<sup>95</sup>

In addition to these amounts, each legislator is entitled to a communications allowance of \$2,800 and a postage allowance of \$60.<sup>96</sup> Legislators who are chairs of standing committees or hold leadership positions are entitled to an additional \$900 allowance.<sup>97</sup> Each member also is entitled to a certain number of business cards, stationery, and envelopes from the State Printing Office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.<sup>98</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>99</sup>

When the Legislature is not in session, each Senator and Assembly member is entitled to receive a salary and the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided by law for each day of attendance at a conference, training session, meeting, seminar, or other gathering at which the legislator officially represents the State of Nevada or its Legislature. The salary varies depending on the activity, but does not exceed the amount provided by law.<sup>100</sup>

### **Legislators' Retirement**

Members of the Nevada Legislature may choose to participate in the Legislators' Retirement System. During a regular session, 15 percent of each legislator's gross compensation is withheld as a contribution to the retirement plan. The State's contribution is made from the Legislative Fund based on the recommendation of a consulting actuary. The minimum requirement for retirement with monthly benefits is ten 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 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 five 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>101</sup>



## ENDNOTES FOR CHAPTER II

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- <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> Appendix to Chapter 218B of *Nevada Revised Statutes*, pages 218B-72 to 218B-163. 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 (1964); *Lucas v. 44th General Assembly of Colorado*, 377 U.S. 713 (1964); 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> *Secretary of State v. Burk*, 124 Nev. 579, 188 P.3d 1112; *Child v. Lomax*, 124 Nev. 600, 188 P.3d 1103.
- <sup>12</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4; *Child v. Lomax*, 124 Nev. Adv. Op. 57 (2008).
- <sup>13</sup> NRS 218A.200, 281.050, 293.177, and 293.181.
- <sup>14</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 6.
- <sup>15</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 9.
- <sup>16</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 10.
- <sup>17</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 8.
- <sup>18</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 12; NRS 218A.250 and 218A.260.
- <sup>19</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>20</sup> NRS 218A.510, *et seq.*, Senate Standing Rule No. 3, Assembly Standing Rule No. 3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>21</sup> Chapter 218H of NRS.
- <sup>22</sup> NRS 218A.915.
- <sup>23</sup> NRS 198.010.
- <sup>24</sup> NRS 218E.085.
- <sup>25</sup> NRS 218A.960 and 218A.965.
- <sup>26</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 94, Assembly Standing Rule No. 94, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>27</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 1.
- <sup>28</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 23.
- <sup>29</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 9, Sec. 2; Art. 10, Sec. 1.
- <sup>30</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 19.
- <sup>31</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 16, Sec. 1; *United States Constitution*, Art. 5.
- <sup>32</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 19, Sec. 2.
- <sup>33</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 11, Sec. 4.
- <sup>34</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 11, Sec. 5.
- <sup>35</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 25.
- <sup>36</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 32.
- <sup>37</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Secs. 28 and 33.
- <sup>38</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 15, Sec. 9.
- <sup>39</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 6, Sec. 15.

- <sup>40</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 32.
- <sup>41</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 4; NRS 293.400.
- <sup>42</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 7, Secs. 1 and 2.
- <sup>43</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 13.
- <sup>44</sup> NRS 353.230.
- <sup>45</sup> NRS 218G.010, *et seq.*
- <sup>46</sup> Chapter 233B of NRS.
- <sup>47</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2.
- <sup>48</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 9.
- <sup>49</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2A.
- <sup>50</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 43, Assembly Standing Rule No. 55, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>51</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 53, Assembly Standing Rule No. 42, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>52</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 46, Assembly Standing Rule No. 45, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>53</sup> Joint Rule No. 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>54</sup> Joint Rule No. 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>55</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 12, Assembly Standing Rule No. 10, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>56</sup> For example, see: Legislative Commission (NRS 218E.150); Interim Finance Committee (NRS 218E.400); or Committees on Health Care (NRS 439B.200), High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085), or Public Lands (NRS 218E.510).
- <sup>57</sup> Joint Rule No. 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>58</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 11.
- <sup>59</sup> NRS 218A.440.
- <sup>60</sup> NRS 218A.300.
- <sup>61</sup> NRS 218A.310.
- <sup>62</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 20.
- <sup>63</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>64</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 24 and Art. 10, Sec. 1.
- <sup>65</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 25.
- <sup>66</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 36.
- <sup>67</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 1, Secs. 1 through 20.
- <sup>68</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 9, Sec. 3.
- <sup>69</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 9, Sec. 4.
- <sup>70</sup> *U.S. Constitution*, Art. 1, Secs. 8 and 10; and various amendments to the *U.S. Constitution*, particularly the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.
- <sup>71</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 10, Secs. 1, 2, and 5.
- <sup>72</sup> NRS 218A.905 and 218A.915.
- <sup>73</sup> NRS 218E.095.
- <sup>74</sup> NRS 218E.085.
- <sup>75</sup> NRS 218A.950 and 218A.955.
- <sup>76</sup> NRS 218A.970.
- <sup>77</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>78</sup> *Id.*

<sup>79</sup> NRS 281A.430.

<sup>80</sup> NRS 218A.970.

<sup>81</sup> *Id.*

<sup>82</sup> NRS 218A.960.

<sup>83</sup> NRS 218A.965.

<sup>84</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 7.

<sup>85</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 23, Assembly Standing Rule No. 23 (subsections 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12), *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.

<sup>86</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 23, Assembly Standing Rule No. 23 (subsection 13), *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.

<sup>87</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 23, Assembly Standing Rule No. 23 (subsection 15), *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.

<sup>88</sup> NRS 281.561.

<sup>89</sup> NRS 281.573.

<sup>90</sup> NRS 281.571.

<sup>91</sup> NRS 281.581.

<sup>92</sup> NRS 218A.150.

<sup>93</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33; and NRS 218A.630.

<sup>94</sup> NRS 218A.645.

<sup>95</sup> *Id.*

<sup>96</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33; and NRS 218A.645.

<sup>97</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33; and NRS 218A.665.

<sup>98</sup> NRS 218A.670.

<sup>99</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33.

<sup>100</sup> NRS 218A.635.

<sup>101</sup> Chapter 218C of NRS.



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##### Sessions

Regular sessions of the Nevada Legislature are held biennially in odd-numbered years. They convene on the first Monday in February after the election of members of the Senate and Assembly. At other times, the Governor may, for a specific purpose, call the Legislature into special session,<sup>1</sup> or the Legislature may, upon a petition signed by two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, convene a special session for a specific purpose without action by the Governor.<sup>2</sup>

Sessions are limited to 120 *calendar days* following the approval by voters of a constitutional amendment in 1998.<sup>3</sup> Previous sessions were unlimited in length following the repeal in 1958 of a constitutional provision setting a 60-day maximum limit on the duration of a session. Since 1958, there has been only one regular session of less than 60 days, that being the single annual session of 1960, which lasted 55 days. Between 1975 and 1997, regular sessions in Nevada ran between 113 and 169 days. Conversely, the 1989 Special Session was the shortest in history, lasting just over two hours in the Senate.

The *Nevada Constitution* also limits the number of days for which legislators may receive compensation. Since 2005, the salary of members has been set by NRS 218A.630 at a maximum of \$130 per day, adjusted by an amount equal to the cumulative increase or decrease in the salaries of State employees. However, 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>4</sup> Reimbursement for certain expenses of members, however, may continue for the entire length of a session.

Special sessions of the Legislature may be convened on the call of the Governor or by petition of the Legislature.<sup>5</sup> After both houses have organized in special session, the Governor is required by the *Nevada Constitution* to state the purpose for which they have been convened. If the Legislature convened itself in special session, the purpose of the special session is included in the petition. The Legislature may not enact any bills or joint resolutions pertaining to subjects other than those for which it was convened. The Governor, however, may expand the reasons for calling the Legislature into session at any time during that session, thereby reducing the restrictions on legislative initiative.<sup>6</sup> The Legislature, at times, has adopted simple or concurrent resolutions to express its sentiments on matters not contained in the Governor's call. The last special session, which was the twenty-eighth in State history, was conducted in September 2014.

Legislative activities, including committee hearings, are open to the public. The *Constitution* also stipulates that neither house may, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days nor move to any place other than where it is holding its session.<sup>7</sup> The Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly specify that one or more adjournments, for a duration of more than three days, may be taken to permit standing committees, *select committees*, or the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) 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>8</sup> The 1991, 1993, and 1995 Legislatures adjourned for two weeks early in the session to allow the Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means to work full-time on the review of proposed State agency budgets. During this same period, the remaining “morning” committees of the Legislature held hearings on bills and other legislative matters in the Las Vegas area. Beginning in 1999, the two *money committees* have conducted informational hearings in Carson City as a subcommittee acting under the auspices of the *Legislative Commission* during the two weeks immediately preceding the start of session.

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 deemed proper, but not, however, beyond the time fixed for the meeting of the next Legislature.<sup>9</sup>

## **Legislative Leadership**

### LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS: SENATE

To perform their proper roles efficiently, the two houses of the Nevada Legislature are authorized by the *Nevada Constitution* to choose their own officers (except for the *President of the Senate*). They also may determine the rules of their proceedings, punish their members for disorderly conduct, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected, expel a member.<sup>10</sup> From tradition and experience, both houses have created internal administrative structures that closely parallel one another. There are, however, certain differences in terminology and the assignment of responsibility that distinguish the two houses.

The Lieutenant Governor is the Senate’s presiding officer, sitting as the President of the Senate. The Lieutenant Governor is elected by the public for a four-year term in November of even-numbered years between presidential elections and is the first in line of succession to the governorship. The Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate but is not a member of it and cannot vote on any question or legislative measure, except to break a tie vote.<sup>11</sup>

The President calls the Senate to order, chairs the conduct of business before the body, is responsible for the maintenance of decorum in the chamber, and has the



general direction of the Senate 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.<sup>12</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>13</sup> Under the *Nevada Constitution*, the President Pro Tempore is the second in line of succession to the governorship, immediately after the Lieutenant Governor.<sup>14</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 Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections or, if this officer is absent, the committee's Vice Chair should preside. In the event that none of the designated officers is able to preside, the rules provide for the Senate to elect one of its members as the presiding officer for that occasion.<sup>15</sup>

The Secretary of the Senate is elected by the members of the Senate to serve as administrative officer and parliamentarian. Responsible to the *Majority Leader*, 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 hires Senate employees and supervises a cadre of administrative professionals. 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>16</sup>

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate is responsible for keeping order in and around the chamber, ensuring that only authorized persons are permitted on the floor, and handling other duties as directed by the Majority Leader. The Sergeant at Arms is also responsible to maintain the Senate's chamber, private caucus room, kitchen, and meeting rooms for committees.<sup>17</sup> The Deputy Sergeant at Arms and the Assistant Sergeants at Arms act as the Senate doorkeepers, preserve order in the Senate chamber, and provide other assistance to the Sergeant at Arms.<sup>18</sup>

In addition to these major Senate officers, there are a number of employees hired to perform miscellaneous functions. Legislative assistants, clerks, and other staff are appointed to their positions by the Secretary of the Senate via a one-house resolution. In the Assembly, these are referred to a *attachés*; in the Senate, *session staff*. The number of officers and employees of the Senate and the Assembly is determined each session by each respective house.<sup>19</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 2015 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 one *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 when such a vote would be decisive. In all yea and nay votes, the Speaker's name is required to be called last.<sup>20</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>21</sup> The tenures of the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker continue beyond the end of the session and until their successors are designated after the general election.<sup>22</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 No. 1 requires that if a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, the Assembly shall select a new Speaker.<sup>23</sup>

The Chief Clerk is elected by the members of the Assembly to serve as administrative officer and parliamentarian. The Clerk also serves as an *ex officio* member of the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. Responsible to the Speaker, the Chief Clerk coordinates the daily activities of floor sessions, reads official communications to the body, calls roll, tabulates votes, edits the *Journals and Histories of the Assembly*, records all floor actions, oversees the processing of bills and resolutions, and signs all acts passed by the Legislature. The Chief Clerk recruits, selects, trains, and supervises all attachés employed to assist with the work of the Assembly. The Chief Clerk also transmits to the Senate measures passed or adopted by the Assembly that next require Senate action.

The Sergeant at Arms of the Assembly is responsible for keeping order in and around the chamber, ensuring that only authorized persons are permitted on the floor, taking into custody any person who interferes with the legislative process, and handling other duties as directed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk. The Sergeant at Arms is also responsible to maintain the Assembly chamber, private caucus room, and kitchen.<sup>24</sup> The Assistant Sergeants at Arms act as the Assembly doorkeeper, preserve order in and around the Assembly chamber, and provide other assistance to the Sergeant at Arms.<sup>25</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>26</sup>

By custom, the chaplains are usually selected from the local clergy association. Occasionally, however, ministers from other locations, Assembly staff, or legislators themselves serve as chaplains.

## FLOOR LEADERS

In addition to the formal leadership in the two houses of the Legislature, the partisan nature of the chambers makes it necessary to use party leadership positions to manage the legislative workload. In the Senate, the Majority and *Minority Leaders* of their respective parties are selected during party caucus. In the Assembly, the Minority Floor Leader is selected during the party's caucus. The Senate and Assembly also have, by custom, established the positions of Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, Majority *Whip*, Minority Whip, Assistant Majority Whip, and Assistant Minority Whip. House leaders are not legal officers of the houses, since their offices do not exist under provisions of law.<sup>27</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.

Generally, the Majority Floor Leader or the Assistant Majority Floor Leader manages the *referral* to committee of bills that are received from the other house and works closely with the presiding officer and chief legislative officer on parliamentary operations involving legislation being considered on the floor. Thus, a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure is an important attribute of a competent Majority Floor Leader or Assistant 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, the Majority and Minority Floor 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>28</sup>

## Procedure and Order of Business in the Senate and Assembly

The Senate and the Assembly function in accordance with constitutional provisions and judicial decisions thereon; adopted standing rules; custom, usage, and precedents; *Nevada Revised Statutes*; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*; and parliamentary law.

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>29</sup>

Under the Standing Rules of the Senate, precedence of authority is outlined within *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 4.2. The precedence of parliamentary authority for the Assembly is outlined in its standing rules.

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

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 day and hour.<sup>30</sup> The Assembly meets daily at 11:30 a.m., unless it has previously adjourned to some other hour.<sup>31</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>32</sup>

## **Order of Business**

Each house has an official order of business incorporated into its Standing Rules. In the Senate, the order of business for the 2015 Session is as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Reading and Approval of the Journal.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Messages from the Governor.
6. Messages from the Assembly.
7. Communications.
8. Waivers and Exemptions.
9. Motions, Resolutions and Notices.
10. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.
11. Consent Calendar.
12. Second Reading and Amendment.
13. General File and Third Reading.
14. Unfinished Business.
15. Special Orders of the Day.
16. Remarks from the Floor; Introduction of Guests. A Senator may speak under this order of business for a period of not more than 10 minutes.<sup>33</sup>

On the Assembly side, the 2015 order of business varies slightly:

1. Call to Order.
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. Vetoed Bills and Special Orders of the Day.
15. Remarks from the Floor, limited to 10 minutes.<sup>34</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 "Nevada's Legislative Process," which is located in Appendix C at the end of this manual. The following discussion provides a brief overview of the process. The 2013 Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature considered 1,034 bills and an initiative petition (IP)—512 bills from the Assembly, 522 bills from the Senate, and 1 initiative petition. The Senate and Assembly combined also considered over 70 resolutions. Of the 1,034 bills and the IP that were considered during the 2013 Session, 570 bills were approved. The Governor vetoed a total of 17 bills, 3 of which were not overridden by the 2013 Legislature. The remaining 14 vetoed bills were vetoed after the 2013 Session ended; these bills will be returned to the houses in which they originated for possible reconsideration when the 2015 Legislature convenes. The Governor signed all remaining bills; therefore, 553 bills became law.<sup>35</sup> During the 27th Special Session, five bills were introduced and enacted into State law.<sup>36</sup> During the 28th Special Session, four bills were introduced and enacted into State law.<sup>37</sup>

### **Organizing the Legislature**

When the Legislature convenes in February 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 call to order, the Secretary of State appoints a temporary Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, which examines a certified copy of the Abstract of Votes along with any certificate of appointment issued by a county commission to fill a vacant seat and recommends the seating of legislators. Once the members of the Assembly have been sworn in by a Justice of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of State customarily asks for nominations for Speaker. Once the entire

membership of the body elects a Speaker, the Secretary of State turns the chair over to the new Speaker, who proceeds to conduct elections for Speaker Pro Tempore and Chief Clerk of the Assembly.<sup>38</sup> After the Assembly is organized, committees are appointed to inform the Senate and Governor that the Assembly is ready for business. However, these procedures may not be necessary if a special session of the Legislature has recently been held.

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

In recent years, the *State of the State Address* by the Governor has been given to a joint gathering of the members of the Senate and Assembly prior to the start of the session. The text of the message is then officially accepted on the first day of the session. In this 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, the speech highlights the most important elements of the Governor's party's legislative program. It constitutes the "action" agenda of the session, for even if the legislative majority party is not of the same political persuasion, the Governor's message will delineate the significant sphere of issues to be resolved.

Long before the Legislature convenes in February, 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 or standing committees from either house can introduce legislation. Advocates of proposed legislation must secure a legislative *sponsor* in order 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. Much of the proposed legislation is initiated by the legislators themselves.

## Catastrophic Emergencies

The Legislature has established a plan for the continuation of State and local governmental operations in the event of a catastrophic emergency. The Governor must first determine that the provisions in the *Nevada Constitution* and the *Nevada Revised Statutes* are not able to provide for a sufficiently expedient continuity of government and temporary succession of power as a result of vacancies in office created by the catastrophic emergency.<sup>39</sup> Under the plan, if vacancies occur in more than 15 percent of the seats in either house of the Legislature (three in the Senate or six in the Assembly) as a result of a catastrophic emergency, the remaining legislators available for duty constitute the Legislature and have full power to act in separate or joint assembly by majority vote of those present. Legislative measures may be approved in the same proportion necessary as if the entire Legislature were present. Any requirement for a quorum must initially be suspended and adjusted as vacant offices are filled. The Legislature may meet at a location other than the location the legislative body ordinarily meets (Carson City), if the legislative body determines that such a change is needed due to safety and related concerns.

## Bill Drafting

Before starting its journey through the Legislature, each proposed legislative measure 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>40</sup> The Legislative Counsel and bill drafting staff provide legal services at no charge for all legislators, regardless of political party. The service is confidential, and the contents of a proposed legislative measure will not be divulged to anyone without the express consent of the sponsor or sponsors.

After obtaining the facts and objectives from a sponsor, the bill drafter must translate the information 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 *U.S. Constitution* and the *Nevada Constitution*; court decisions relevant to the legislative measure must be checked; and *Nevada Revised Statutes* must be studied to ascertain whether there are conflicts. To the extent practicable, the Legislative Counsel shall cause each bill or joint resolution introduced in the Legislature to include a digest. The digest must be printed on the bill immediately following the *title* of the bill.<sup>41</sup>

In addition, the bill drafter must check the legislative measure for compliance with the provision in the *Nevada Constitution* that requires that each law enacted by the Legislature must be limited to one subject area.<sup>42</sup>

The Legislative Counsel, insofar as it is possible, processes legislators' bill drafting requests in the order in which they are received. However, legislators may designate different drafting priorities for their own bills and resolutions.

In addition to drafting legislative measures for legislators, the Legislative Counsel also prepares legislative measures for the Executive Department when authorized by the Governor or a designated representative.<sup>43</sup> The Legislative Counsel also prepares legislative measures requested by the Supreme Court.<sup>44</sup> Authorization for the drafting of legislative measures on behalf of State constitutional officers, local governments, school districts, and other groups are also specified in statute.<sup>45</sup> Appendices A and B provide a general overview of the statutory limitations and deadlines for *bill draft requests* (BDRs).

After November 1 of the year preceding a regular session, full priority is given to legislators' requests for bill drafting, and the Legislative Counsel is not permitted to prepare any proposed legislation during any regular session of the Legislature except as authorized by statute or joint rule of the Legislature.<sup>46</sup> On July 1 of the year preceding the next regular session (and each week thereafter until adjournment of the Legislature), the Legislative Counsel prepares a list of all requests received for the preparation of legislative measures to be submitted to the Legislature.<sup>47</sup> The BDR list is available to the public in booklet form and on the Nevada Legislature's website at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>.

### **Prefiling of Bills**

A majority of states, including Nevada, authorize the prefiling of bills. Prefiling allows drafted bills and joint resolutions, upon the approval of the primary sponsor, to be numbered, printed and made available for public review, and scheduled for hearing before the start of session. On the first day of session, these measures are formally introduced and referred to committee. Prefiled bills and resolutions could be heard in committee as early as the second or third day of session. The process of prefiling is designed to help expedite the review of a significant number of bills early in the session.

The statutory provisions regarding prefiling are generally found in NRS 218D.575, 218D.580, and 218D.585. Legislation passed in 2007 provides that all requests for measures submitted by certain nonlegislative entities (including local governments, the Executive Department, and the Supreme Court) must be prefiled by December 20 preceding a legislative session or they will be deemed withdrawn.<sup>48</sup>

### **Fiscal Notes**

A *fiscal note* is a document that details the fiscal effect of certain bills and resolutions and is attached to or becomes a part of the bill or resolution. An example of a fiscal note may be found in Appendix D. The statutory provisions regarding fiscal notes for bills and joint resolutions are found in NRS 218D.400 through NRS 218D.495, inclusive. A bill or joint resolution is required to have a fiscal note if it meets any of the following criteria:



- It creates or increases a fiscal liability or decreases revenue for the State government by more than \$2,000;
- It increases or provides for a new term of imprisonment in the State prison or makes release on parole or probation from the State prison less likely; or
- It creates or increases a fiscal liability or decreases revenue for any local government or school district. (A fiscal note is not required if the only impact on a local government is that a bill or joint resolution increases or newly provides for a term of imprisonment in a county or city jail or detention facility, or makes release on probation therefrom less likely.)<sup>49</sup>

Information regarding the necessity of a fiscal note can be found in the *summary* of the bill or joint resolution.<sup>50</sup> All bills or joint resolutions which propose ballot questions have fiscal notes.

When a bill or resolution is drafted, the Legislative Counsel consults with the Fiscal Analysis Division to determine if a fiscal note is required. If the requester is a legislator, the Fiscal Analysis Division then informs the legislator requesting the bill draft that a fiscal note is required and requests permission to obtain fiscal notes from the affected State or local government entities. If the legislator does not give permission, requests for fiscal notes are made automatically upon *introduction* of the bill. Although a bill or joint resolution can be introduced without a fiscal note, the fiscal note shall be obtained by the Fiscal Analysis Division before a vote is taken on such a bill or joint resolution by a committee of the Senate or the Assembly.<sup>51</sup>

A fiscal note is required only on the original bill or joint resolution, but is not required on amendments. If an amendment by either house invalidates the original fiscal note, the presiding officer (the Senate Majority Leader or the Speaker of the Assembly) may direct the Fiscal Analysis Division to obtain a new fiscal note showing the effect of the *amended* bill or joint resolution.<sup>52</sup> Any legislator may request that a fiscal note be done on any bill while it is before the house of the Legislature to which the legislator belongs. Upon receiving the request, the presiding officer shall request the Fiscal Analysis Division to obtain a fiscal note if the presiding officer determines that the bill or joint resolution requires a fiscal note.<sup>53</sup>

A bill or joint resolution that is sent to a State or local government entity for a fiscal note may be used by that entity for official purposes only, and may not be copied or otherwise disseminated by that entity until the bill or joint resolution has been made public, or with permission of the party who has requested the bill or joint resolution.<sup>54</sup> The Fiscal Analysis Division does not release the name of the party requesting the bill to the entity requested to complete the fiscal note. State agencies have five working days from the date of request to provide a response of the fiscal impact, 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 up to a ten-day extension if the subject requires extensive research.<sup>55</sup> Fiscal notes completed

by the Judicial Branch, the Legislature, or other non-Executive Branch agencies are returned directly to the Fiscal Analysis Division and are not subject to review by the Department of Administration.<sup>56</sup>

Local governments are allowed eight working days to provide a response to a request for a fiscal note, but may not be given an extension beyond that period. Completed fiscal notes from local governments are compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division from the information provided by the appropriate local government agencies.<sup>57</sup>

A bill designated as “Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact” or “Effect on the State: Yes” by the Legal Division should not be used as the definitive statement on whether the bill actually has a financial impact upon State or local government. These designations require the Fiscal Analysis Division to obtain a fiscal note from the potentially affected State and local government entities. The actual fiscal notes submitted by the requested State and local government entities will indicate whether there is a fiscal impact and the amount of the impact, if any.

The Fiscal Analysis Division is not required to request a fiscal note on a bill designated as “Effect on Local Government: No” or “Effect on the State: No” by the Legal Division. However, State and local government entities may submit unsolicited fiscal notes indicating a potential fiscal impact. Although unsolicited fiscal notes are not printed in paper form, they are posted in NELIS and on the bill’s information page on the LCB’s website.

Thus, it is important to review the fiscal notes to determine whether there is a negative fiscal impact on State and local government. If there are any questions regarding a fiscal note for a bill, you can contact the Senate Fiscal Analyst or the Assembly Fiscal Analyst, in the Fiscal Analysis Division.

## **Introduction and First Reading**

After a bill has been drafted, it is ready for introduction in the Legislature. Only legislators and standing committees are authorized to introduce a bill. Under the *Nevada Constitution*, any bill may originate in either house, and all bills passed by one may be amended in the other.<sup>58</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 or a committee of that house. Joint sponsorship of legislation by standing committees and by one or more legislators from one or both houses (Senate and Assembly) is authorized.<sup>59</sup>

Legislators have time and number limits on requests for the drafting of bills and resolutions. After a regular legislative session has convened, each Senator is entitled to two, and each member of the Assembly is entitled to one, requests for the drafting of a bill that must be submitted by the eighth calendar day of session.<sup>60</sup> The number of requests for bills by standing committees is also limited, and these requests

must be submitted by the fifteenth calendar day of session.<sup>61</sup> Emergency bills may be authorized by the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Assembly.<sup>62</sup> All bill draft requests must be introduced no later than ten calendar days after initial delivery.<sup>63</sup> Appendix A provides an overview of the deadlines for introduction and passage of legislation.

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 three 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 a bill must be read by sections on its final passage.<sup>64</sup> To comply with the constitutional requirements, the houses 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 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>65</sup> When the bills are introduced and first read, they are delivered by a legislator or legislative staff member to the desk of the Secretary or Chief Clerk, as the case may be, who assigns numbers to the bills and gives them first reading by title. 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 Senate Standing Rule No. 40. Although a bill may initially be referred to a particular committee, on occasion, different committees may be proposed from the floor. In the Assembly, a motion is usually made for referral to committees by the introducer. As with all bill referrals, the whole house votes on the question. A duplicate copy is transmitted to the Legislative Counsel for photocomposition and filing.<sup>66</sup> By the following day, the official printed copies of the bills and resolutions are delivered to the Secretary or Chief Clerk. Immediately thereafter, the official printed copies are delivered by receipt to the chairs of the committees to which the bills or resolutions were referred. (When a bill introduced and passed in the first house is presented to the other house, it is typically the Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate and the Majority Floor Leader in the Assembly who make a motion to refer it to committee.)

## **Committees**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Each house of the Nevada Legislature has its own standing committees, the members of which are announced (Senate) or appointed (Assembly) by the presiding officer in accordance with current standing rules.<sup>67</sup> The number of members is

determined by these rules, and there are often changes made at the beginning of each session. In the Senate, the composition of the committees, including selection of chairs and vice chairs, is determined by the Majority Leader. Minority party assignments in the Senate committees are recommended in caucuses of the minority party. In the Assembly, the Speaker traditionally makes the committee appointments and uses such appointments as part of the campaign to be Speaker. The Speaker also designates the Chair and Vice Chair of each committee.<sup>68</sup> Usually, minority party memberships in Assembly committees are determined in caucuses of the minority party, and the Speaker appoints the members as agreed to in such caucuses. With some exceptions, the general practice is for the party membership on committees to reflect the composition of the entire Assembly. Basic rules for the functioning of committees are contained in the standing rules of the houses, the adopted rules of the committees, and *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, which has been adopted by both houses as the basis of parliamentary practice in cases in which it is applicable and in which it is not inconsistent with the *Constitution* and the standing rules and customs, usage, and precedence of the respective houses.<sup>69</sup>

The names and memberships of Senate and Assembly standing committees for the 2015 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, few 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 social merits.

Committees make several types of recommendations on legislative measures that come before them for consideration. A committee of either house may report a bill back to the whole house with a recommendation of "Do pass"; "Amend, and do pass, as amended"; or "Do pass, as amended" (from referral committee only on a bill previously amended in the same house). Such recommendations mean that a committee considers a bill to have sufficient merit to justify its enactment, either as introduced or with appropriate amendments. Other recommendations concerning a bill include: (1) a report that the bill be passed and rereferred or amended and rereferred to a specified committee; (2) "Indefinitely Postpone"; and (3) "Do pass, and place on consent calendar." This last procedure is discussed later under the heading "Consent Calendar."

A standing committee of either house may report a one-house or concurrent resolution back to the floor with a "Be adopted" recommendation. Resolutions may be amended and/or rereferred by recommendation as well.

A committee may also report a bill or resolution "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.

Senate Standing Rule No. 53 requires that minutes and complete records of all bills be maintained. Three Assembly Standing Rules (Nos. 46, 47, and 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 LCB upon completion.

Standing committees may perform other functions besides considering legislation. For example, Senate Standing Rule No. 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 committee's jurisdiction.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

In addition to standing committees, which continue in existence throughout a session, there are three other types of committees used by the Legislature in Nevada—committees of the whole, conference committees, 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 entire house can consider, analyze, and hear testimony on proposed legislation. When the Senate forms itself into a committee of the whole, the Senator who has moved to form a committee of the whole or the Majority Leader names a Chair to preside over the committee. In the Assembly, the Speaker or his or her designee presides over the committee. 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 Chair) normally reports its recommendations back to the house for formal action, in the same manner as standing or select committees.<sup>70</sup>

### SELECT COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

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 on escort for a visiting dignitary). 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.

Another particularly important type of committee is the conference committee. Oftentimes when 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 conference committee, 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 conference committee 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 final passage voting requirement of the bill as recommended in the report. Conference reports themselves are not subject to amendment.

The 2015 Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly require that there be no more than one conference committee 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 passage of the measure.<sup>71</sup> If agreement cannot be reached by the conference committee, the bill or resolution dies.

### **Committee Hearing**

The rules of the Senate require committees to acquaint themselves with the interests of the State specifically represented by the committee.<sup>72</sup> Committees may also initiate legislation within their jurisdiction. 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 one 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 two days of the session.<sup>73</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 concurrently to two committees, the rules specify that it is transmitted first to the first committee named. If the first committee votes to amend the bill or resolution, the measure is sent to the floor for a vote on the amendment, *reprinted* with amendments if the amendment is adopted, and then sent to the second committee. If no amendment is proposed by the first committee, the measure must be sent to the floor with a committee recommendation and is then transmitted to the second committee.<sup>74</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>75</sup> However, witnesses appearing of their own volition do so at their own expense.

As discussed under the heading "Standing 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. When a referral committee reports a bill and recommends a certain disposition of it, the bill is then placed on the appropriate reading file for the next legislative day.

## Notice of Bills, Topics, and Public Hearings

Both Senate and Assembly rules require that adequate notice be provided on bills, resolutions, and public hearings.<sup>76</sup> Notices, or *agendas*, must include the date, time, place, and topics or legislation to be covered and must be: (1) posted conspicuously in the Legislative Building; and (2) made available to the news media. Both houses permit suspension of this requirement for an emergency.

## Consent Calendar

To process bills of a noncontroversial nature in a more efficient and less time-consuming manner, the rules of the Senate and Assembly, as well as the *Nevada Constitution*, 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.

Standing committees may report a bill out with the recommendation that it be placed on a consent calendar. In the Senate, a measure that is recommended both for passage with no amendments and for placement on the consent calendar must be included in the *daily file* for at least one calendar day before it may be considered. Measures that contain an appropriation, require a two-thirds vote, or are controversial in nature are not eligible for the Senate's consent calendar. In the Assembly, a bill may be placed on the consent calendar if it 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. The Chief Clerk of the Assembly is required to maintain a list of bills recommended for the consent calendar that must be printed on the daily file.

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>77</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 specify that a bill cannot be amended until read twice. Assembly rules require that bills be read the second time on the first legislative day after reported from committee unless a different day is designated by motion.<sup>78</sup> If the committee recommends amendment or individual legislators propose amendments, the amendments must be made available electronically to all members prior to actual adoption or rejection of the amendments proposed.<sup>79</sup> Although the Senate rules are silent on this point, the practice has generally been the same.



On second reading, the Secretary or Chief Clerk reads the title of the bill, the enacting clause, the various sections by number only, and the amendments by number and proposer only. In past sessions in the Senate, the Secretary would begin reading the amendment and then a Senator would move to dispense with reading of the amendment. Current practice is for the motion to dispense with the reading of the amendment to occur before the Secretary begins reading it. 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>80</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.

### **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 Nevada Legislature's website (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>). 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 Secretary or Chief Clerk reads the bill by title, enacting clause, and sections.<sup>81</sup> If new amendments are proposed and adopted, the bill is sent back for reprinting and goes through the reprinting and *engrossment* process once more. To expedite bill processing, the Senate and Assembly may, upon motion, dispense with the reprinting and engrossment of amended bills and resolutions. If there are no amendments, the merits of the bill are discussed and then the roll is opened.<sup>82</sup>

In debate, after a legislator has requested to speak and has been recognized by the presiding officer, the legislator rises and addresses the chair ("Mr. or Madam President," "Mr. or Madam Speaker"). The legislator is expected to observe decorum at all times, speak only on the subject under consideration, and avoid all references to personalities.<sup>83</sup> To be entitled to the floor, a speaker must be recognized by the presiding officer, 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. In doing so, preference is given to the mover or introducer of the subject under consideration.<sup>84</sup>

A legislator may not speak more than twice during the consideration of any one question on the same day, except for explanation, 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>85</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.<sup>86</sup>



In order for a bill or joint resolution to pass, the *Nevada Constitution* requires that a majority of the members elected to the body vote for the measure. Bills or joint resolutions which create, generate, or increase public revenue through taxes, fees, or similar mechanisms require approval by a two-thirds majority of the members elected in each house unless the measure is referred to the voters by a majority vote.<sup>87</sup> All votes on final passage are by roll call and are recorded in the journal of the chamber taking the action. If the bill passes, it is transmitted to the other house.

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.<sup>88</sup>

### **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* (preparation for final printing by the Legislative Counsel) 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 from its amendments, a conference committee, composed of an equal number of members from the Senate and the Assembly, may be appointed for settlement of the bill's final form.

### **Deadlines for Legislation**

Prior to each session, the Legislative Commission's Committee to Consult with the Director considers methods of improving the operation of the session.<sup>89</sup> The recommendations of the Committee to the next Legislature may affect many procedural rules, including limitations on the number of bills that may be requested; deadlines for the submission, introduction, and passage of legislation; and the procedure for obtaining waivers. These procedures are generally contained in the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly, which are adopted at the beginning of each session.<sup>90</sup> Appendix A provides an overview of the deadlines for introduction and passage of legislation.

Measures within the jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Finance or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means; bills required to carry out the business of the Legislature; and concurrent or simple resolutions are generally *exempted* from these limitations.<sup>91</sup> Also exempt are emergency requests submitted by the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Minority Leaders in the Senate and the Assembly.<sup>92</sup>

## Enrollment

After a 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>93</sup> The Legislative Counsel then prepares the passed bill for the final printing.<sup>94</sup> It is inserted in a white cover, which contains blanks for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the Assembly, the Governor, and the 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>95</sup> The bill is then delivered by the Legislative Counsel, or that person's designee, to the Governor for consideration.<sup>96</sup> Once the Governor signs the bill, it is delivered to the Secretary of State for permanent filing.<sup>97</sup>

## Gubernatorial Action

The Governor has the choice of signing bills, vetoing bills, or allowing them to become law without a signature. If the bill is delivered to the Governor with more than five days remaining in the session, the Governor has five days to make a decision. If it is delivered to the Governor with less than five days remaining in the session or after the Legislature has adjourned *sine die*, the Governor has ten days after *sine die* to make this decision. The day of delivery and Sundays are not counted for purposes of calculating these five- and ten-day periods. 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 ten days after adjournment (day of receipt and Sundays excepted), the bill must be filed, together with the specific objections to it, in the Office of the Secretary of State. When the next regular 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 house 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 that officer's signature.<sup>98</sup>

## Effective Date of the Bill

If no specific date is included in a bill to indicate when it will become effective (e.g., "This act shall become effective upon passage and approval" or "This act shall become effective May 1, 2015"), it automatically becomes effective on October 1 of the year in which the bill is passed (October 1, 2015, for this session of the Legislature).<sup>99</sup>

## Adoption or Passage of Resolutions

The *Nevada Constitution* requires that bills and joint resolutions be processed and passed in an identical manner,<sup>100</sup> except that joint resolutions are delivered directly to

the Secretary of State (not the Governor). Joint resolutions amending the *Constitution* are held by the Secretary of State and returned to the next chosen Legislature for reconsideration.<sup>101</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 shall prescribe” for a vote.<sup>102</sup> The law currently requires that this opportunity to vote be at the next general election.<sup>103</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.

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 recorded vote is required to be taken for both concurrent and one-house resolutions if such is requested by three members present.<sup>104</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. Although 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 chamber through a statement by the presiding officer or the legislator presenting the material. These nonlegislative petitions or memorials then lie on the table or are referred to committee as deemed appropriate by the chair or the chamber.<sup>105</sup>

The right to petition 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.

### **Nonlegislative Initiatives to Change Statutes or the *Nevada Constitution***

Initiative petitions may be used to amend the *Nevada Constitution* and to enact a new statute or amend an existing law. An initiative petition to amend the *Nevada Constitution*, after the required number of signatures are gathered, is submitted directly to the voters at the next general election. If approved, it must be returned to the next general election for a second approval of the voters before the *Constitution* is officially amended.<sup>106</sup>

An initiative petition to enact a new statute or amend an existing law that receives the required number of signatures is transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Legislature as soon as it convenes in regular session. Such petitions are traditionally

introduced in the Assembly. The petition must be enacted without change or rejected by the Legislature within 40 days. If the proposed statute or amendment to a statute is enacted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, it becomes law. If it is rejected or is not acted upon by the Legislature within 40 days, the Secretary of State must submit the initiative question to the voters for approval or disapproval at the next general election.

After rejecting the proposed statute or amendment to a statute, the Legislature is authorized to propose an alternative measure on the same subject, which (if approved by the Governor) must also be submitted to the voters. If both provisions (the original initiative question and the alternative measure) are approved, the question receiving the largest number of affirmative votes becomes law. An initiative petition approved by the voters cannot be amended, annulled, repealed, set aside, or suspended by the Legislature within three years from the date it takes effect.<sup>107</sup>

## **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 in Appendix D of this manual.

### **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**

Skeleton bills may be introduced 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 ramifications.<sup>108</sup>

### **Joint Resolution**

A joint resolution is passed by both houses in the same manner as a bill. Joint resolutions are used for the purpose of requesting the President, Congress, a federal agency, or members of Nevada's Congressional Delegation to perform some act believed to be in the best interests of the State or nation. The joint resolution is also employed to amend the *Nevada Constitution* and to ratify an amendment to the *U.S. Constitution*.<sup>109</sup>

## **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; resolve that the return of a bill from the other house is necessary and appropriate; and request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill. Other uses include memorializing a former member of the Legislature or other distinguished person upon death.<sup>110</sup> A concurrent resolution is acted upon by voice vote unless three members request a roll call vote.

## **One-House Resolution**

A one-house resolution may be adopted by either house to establish its rules, appoint attachés or session staff, provide postage and stationery money for the members, express an opinion, express regret on the death of a former member of the Legislature or other person, request the return of an enrolled resolution from the Secretary of State, and for additional purposes determined to be appropriate by the Majority Leader of the Senate or the Speaker of the Assembly for their respective houses. Except when three members request a roll call vote, a one-house resolution is acted upon by voice vote.

## ENDNOTES FOR CHAPTER III

- <sup>1</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 9.
- <sup>2</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2A.
- <sup>3</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2.
- <sup>4</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33.
- <sup>5</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2A and Art. 5, Sec. 9.
- <sup>6</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 9.
- <sup>7</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 15.
- <sup>8</sup> Joint Rule No. 9, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>9</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 11.
- <sup>10</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 6.
- <sup>11</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 17; Senate Standing Rule No. 31, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>12</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>13</sup> NRS 218A.500; and Senate Standing Rule No. 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>14</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 17.
- <sup>15</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>16</sup> NRS 218A.520; and Senate Standing Rule No. 3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>17</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 4, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>18</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 5, *ibid.*
- <sup>19</sup> NRS 218A.510 and 218A.540.
- <sup>20</sup> Assembly Standing Rule No. 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>21</sup> NRS 223.080.
- <sup>22</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 6, Assembly Standing Rule No. 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>23</sup> Assembly Standing Rule No. 1, *ibid.*
- <sup>24</sup> NRS 218A.910 and 218F.520.
- <sup>25</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>26</sup> NRS 218A.410.
- <sup>27</sup> The Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader of each house are, however, cited in NRS 218A.665 for the purpose of receiving specified communications expenses.
- <sup>28</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 6, Assembly Standing Rule No. 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>29</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 90, Assembly Standing Rule No. 100, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>30</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 10, *ibid.*
- <sup>31</sup> Assembly Standing Rule No. 10, *ibid.*
- <sup>32</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 13.

- 33 Senate Standing Rule No. 120, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- 34 Assembly Standing Rule No. 120, *ibid.*
- 35 “Legislative Box Score, 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature,” *Senate History and Assembly History, Final Volumes*, Nevada Legislature at Carson City, 77th Session, 2013.
- 36 “Legislative Box Score, Twenty-Seventh Special Session of the Nevada Legislature,” *Senate History and Assembly History, Final Volumes*, Nevada Legislature at Carson City, 2013.
- 37 “Legislative Box Score, Twenty-Eighth Special Session of the Nevada Legislature,” *Senate History and Assembly History, Final Volumes*, Nevada Legislature at Carson City, 2014
- 38 NRS 218A.400.
- 39 NRS 239C.260.
- 40 NRS 218D.050.
- 41 NRS 218D.290.
- 42 *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 17.
- 43 NRS 218D.115 and 218D.175.
- 44 NRS 218D.190.
- 45 NRS 218D.105, 218D.115, 218D.175, 218D.205, 218D.210, 218D.220, and 385.565.
- 46 NRS 218D.050 and 218D.110.
- 47 NRS 218D.130.
- 48 NRS 218D.175, 218D.190, 218D.205, 218D.210, and 218D.220.
- 49 NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435.
- 50 NRS 218D.415.
- 51 NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435.
- 52 NRS 218D.440.
- 53 NRS 218D.445.
- 54 NRS 218D.495.
- 55 NRS 218D.475.
- 56 NRS 218D.435 and 218D.480.
- 57 NRS 218D.475 and 218D.480.
- 58 *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 16.
- 59 Joint Rule No. 5, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- 60 NRS 218D.150.
- 61 Joint Rule No. 14, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- 62 Joint Rule No. 14.4, *ibid.*
- 63 Joint Rule No. 14.2, *ibid.*
- 64 *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.
- 65 Senate Standing Rule No. 109, Assembly Standing Rule No. 109, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- 66 NRS 218D.600.
- 67 Senate Standing Rule No. 40, Assembly Standing Rule Nos. 40 and 41, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- 68 Assembly Standing Rule No. 41, *ibid.*
- 69 Senate Standing Rule No. 90, Assembly Standing Rule No. 100, *ibid.*
- 70 Senate Standing Rule Nos. 46, 47, and 48, Assembly Standing Rule No. 45, *ibid.*
- 71 Joint Rule No. 1, *ibid.*

- <sup>72</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 43, *ibid.*
- <sup>73</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 50, *ibid.*
- <sup>74</sup> Assembly Standing Rule No. 43, *ibid.*
- <sup>75</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 140, Assembly Standing Rule No. 140, *ibid.*
- <sup>76</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 92, Assembly Standing Rule No. 52.5, *ibid.*
- <sup>77</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18; Senate Standing Rule No. 110, Assembly Standing Rule No. 111, *ibid.*
- <sup>78</sup> Assembly Standing Rule No. 110, *ibid.*
- <sup>79</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 113, Assembly Standing Rule No. 110, *ibid.*
- <sup>80</sup> Senate Standing Rule Nos. 30 and 32, Assembly Standing Rule No. 30, *ibid.*
- <sup>81</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.
- <sup>82</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 113, Assembly Standing Rule No. 113, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>83</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 80, *ibid.*; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 120 through 126.
- <sup>84</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 124, *ibid.*; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 91.
- <sup>85</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 80, Assembly Standing Rule No. 80, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>86</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 81, Assembly Standing Rule Nos. 81 and 82, *ibid.*
- <sup>87</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.
- <sup>88</sup> Joint Rule No. 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>89</sup> NRS 218E.225.
- <sup>90</sup> Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>91</sup> Joint Rule No. 14.6, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>92</sup> Joint Rule No. 14.4, *ibid.*
- <sup>93</sup> NRS 218D.630.
- <sup>94</sup> NRS 218D.605
- <sup>95</sup> NRS 218D.635; Joint Rule No. 4, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>96</sup> NRS 218D.660.
- <sup>97</sup> NRS 218D.675.
- <sup>98</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 35; and NRS 218D.680.
- <sup>99</sup> NRS 218D.330.
- <sup>100</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.
- <sup>101</sup> NRS 218D.800.
- <sup>102</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 16, Sec. 1.
- <sup>103</sup> NRS 218D.800.
- <sup>104</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 30, Assembly Standing Rule No. 30, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>105</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 97, Assembly Standing Rule No. 97, *ibid.*
- <sup>106</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 19, Sec. 2.
- <sup>107</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 19, Secs. 2 and 3.
- <sup>108</sup> Senate Standing Rule No. 106, Assembly Standing Rule No. 106, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>109</sup> *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18; NRS 218D.805; and Joint Rule No. 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>110</sup> Joint Rule No. 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.



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#### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

Legislative service agencies were created to free legislators from dependence upon the Executive Branch of State government and lobbyists for information and assistance. With service agencies, a legislator is not dependent upon a lobbyist or a Governor to draft a bill, research data, or provide information about other states with similar problems. The more professional and expert the service agency staff, the less legislators need to depend on sources of support that may be 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. 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 power of legislative oversight, policy research, and emergency appropriations.

Although many states maintain separate staff for each house in addition to partisan staff, the Legislative Counsel Bureau is a nonpartisan centralized agency serving both houses and members of all political parties.

In March of 1945, the Nevada Legislature recognized a need for more information and assistance in order to deal with increasingly complex tasks as described 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 . . . notwithstanding 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>1</sup>

The 1945 law establishing the Bureau charged it with assisting the Legislature to find facts concerning government, proposed legislation, and various other public matters.<sup>2</sup>

During the next several years, the duties of the Bureau and its staff were modified and expanded. In 1963, the Nevada Legislature reorganized the Legislative Counsel Bureau, giving it structure and responsibilities similar to those it has today.<sup>3</sup> One part

of this change was the incorporation of the Statute Revision Commission into the Legislative Counsel Bureau as the Legal Division. The Statute Revision Commission was originally created by the Supreme Court in 1951 and became involved in bill drafting as an adjunct to its statute revision work. The 1963 legislation also added a Fiscal and Auditing Division and a Research Division.<sup>4</sup>

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 describe activities of these units.

### **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 alternates for those members to serve on the Commission. The Legislature is required to determine, by joint rule at each regular session: (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 method of selecting the Chair; and (4) the term of office of the Chair.<sup>6</sup> These provisions are currently enumerated in Joint Rule No. 11.

Members of the Legislative Commission serve until their successors are appointed. 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 approximately \$146 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 Chair, 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 to exchange 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 also pays membership dues to other national organizations to the extent of legislative appropriation.

The Commission, which is designed to assist the Legislature in maintaining its independent and coordinate status with the Executive and Judicial Departments of 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 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 federal government, the other states, and 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 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 Account. This account was set up for emergency use by State agencies to supplement regular appropriations which fail to cover unforeseen expenses 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 Chair of the Interim Finance Committee. Upon receiving the recommendation, the Chair 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 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. State agencies must receive prior approval of the Interim Finance Committee before they: (1) accept federal grants in excess of \$150,000; (2) accept gifts or donations of a monetary value over \$20,000; (3) accept gifts or grants that involve the hiring of new employees; (4) amend legislatively approved budgets in an amount more than \$30,000, when considered with previous changes, or increase or decrease a budget category by the lesser of 10 percent or \$75,000; or (5) 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>

The Interim Finance Committee, when the Legislature is not in session, must also approve any change in the scope of the design or construction of a capital improvement project authorized by the Legislature if the change increases or decreases the total square footage or cost of the project by 10 percent or more.<sup>18</sup>

The Interim Finance Committee is composed of members of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. The position of Chair of the Interim Finance Committee alternates between the chairs of the two legislative committees. Membership on the committee terminates on the day next after the general election for any legislator who retires or is defeated for reelection.<sup>19</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>20</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>21</sup> The Legislative Commission appoints the Director 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>22</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>23</sup> In that capacity, the Director signs checks for the Bureau's payroll and for the Special Account for Intergovernmental Activities and makes the necessary deductions and contributions for legislators' retirement.<sup>24</sup> Other duties and responsibilities are discussed in the section on the Administrative Division.

The Director 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>25</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>26</sup>

The Director is given the statutory responsibility of registering lobbyists.<sup>27</sup> This responsibility includes duties regarding identification badges, statements, reports, and investigations.

In addition, the Director serves as Secretary to the Legislative Commission, the Interim Finance Committee, and various other legislative committees.<sup>28</sup> He also provides a secretary for the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee and the Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste.<sup>29</sup>

The Director must consult with a standing committee of the Legislative Commission concerning the general management, organization, and function of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the necessary preparations for the next regular legislative session.<sup>30</sup>

### **Audit Division**

The Audit Division performs audits of the Executive and Judicial Departments of State government.<sup>31</sup> At the direction of the Legislative Commission, the Audit Division may also conduct audits of an entity which is not an agency of the State, but which receives an appropriation of public money.<sup>32</sup> The audits furnish independent and factual information to assist the Legislature in the discharge of its constitutional duties.<sup>33</sup> All audits are conducted in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards.<sup>34</sup> The objective of each audit varies depending on the nature of the agency, but generally includes determining one or more of the following:

1. Whether the agency has established effective management control systems to ensure resources are safeguarded against waste, loss, or misuse; appropriate goals and objectives are met; and reliable data are obtained, maintained, and fairly disclosed.
2. Whether the agency can improve efficiency or operate programs more effectively.
3. Whether the agency has complied with applicable laws and regulations.
4. Whether appropriate information technology security controls are in place to protect sensitive information against unauthorized use.
5. Whether the agency's financial statements or other financial reports are fairly presented.<sup>35</sup>

The Legislative Commission approves the biennial audit program of the Legislative Auditor and can direct the Auditor to make any special audit or investigation considered necessary.<sup>36</sup> The Legislature itself may also direct the Legislative Auditor to conduct special audits or investigations.

All State agencies must provide the Audit Division with any books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers, or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, requested by the Legislative Auditor for inspection.<sup>37</sup>

Written audit reports, including the agency's response, are presented to the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission. Copies are made available to all members of the Legislature and other appropriate State officers. The results of the audits are confidential and may not be disclosed until the audit report is presented to the Audit Subcommittee.<sup>38</sup>

If evidence is found of improper practices of financial administration or inadequacy of fiscal records, the Legislative Auditor must report these practices immediately to the Governor, each member of the Legislature, the head of the agency, and, if illegal transactions are involved, the Attorney General.<sup>39</sup>

Sixty days after an audit report becomes a public document, the agency audited must file a report outlining a plan of action to implement the recommendations. Six months later, a status report must be filed indicating what recommendations in the audit report have been implemented, what recommendations have not been implemented, and the reason why they have not been implemented.<sup>40</sup>

The Audit Division is headed by the Legislative Auditor, who must be a certified public accountant or public accountant qualified to practice public accounting in Nevada. Minimum qualifications include five years of progressively responsible experience in governmental accounting and auditing and a comprehensive knowledge of the principles and practices of public budgeting, governmental accounting, finance, auditing standards, statistical methods, and operational analysis.<sup>41</sup> The Legislative Auditor serves as Secretary to the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission.<sup>42</sup>

The Legislative Auditor also oversees the State's Single Audit required by Public Law No. 104-156, the Federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996.<sup>43</sup> This audit, conducted by a qualified accounting firm under contract with the Legislative Auditor, ensures the continuation of the State's federal funding. Additionally, the Legislative Auditor must count the money in the State Treasury at least annually.<sup>44</sup>

The Legislative Auditor prepares a biennial report for the members of the Legislature and the Governor, which summarizes the results of audits performed and recommends actions to improve the operations of government.<sup>45</sup>



Copies of the annual audit reports on professional boards and commissions are required to be filed with the Legislative Auditor.<sup>46</sup> Such audit reports received are enumerated in a special report issued every six months. If a contract audit is performed on a State agency, a copy of the report also must be furnished to the Legislative Auditor.<sup>47</sup>

Beginning July 1, 2007, the Legislative Auditor is required to review certain information concerning any child who has had contact with or who has been in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services and who suffers a fatality or near fatality. The information is reviewed to determine whether the case was handled in a manner consistent with State and federal law and to determine whether any procedures could have assisted in preventing the fatality or near fatality.<sup>48</sup> The Legislative Auditor is also required to release certain information concerning such children upon request if a child welfare agency refuses to do so.<sup>49</sup>

The Legislative Auditor is further required to conduct reviews, audits, and unannounced visits of residential children's facilities. This requirement, incorporated into Chapter 218G of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) in 2009, includes governmental and private facilities. The reviews and audits determine whether the facilities protect the children's health, safety, and welfare as well as respect their civil and other rights.<sup>50</sup>

## **Legal Division**

The Legal Division drafts bills and resolutions, issues legal opinions, provides committee counsel to all interim studies and certain standing legislative committees, reviews and approves or revises administrative regulations, and provides certain other assistance when requested.<sup>51</sup> The Legal Division also is responsible for the preparation and publication of supplements, annotations and indexes to NRS, and several compilations of selected portions of NRS.<sup>52</sup> The Division produces an electronic version of the statutes and other publications titled the *Official Nevada Law Library*, which is available on CD-ROM. The Division also is responsible for the production and distribution of *Nevada Administrative Code* (NAC) and the *Register of Administrative Regulations*.<sup>53</sup> In conjunction with its publications program, the Legal Division also operates the State Printing Office and the Nevada Legislative Gift Shop. The State Printing Office serves the printing needs of the Legislative Branch and the Nevada Supreme Court, and may accept other governmental work.<sup>54</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 familiar with political science, parliamentary practice, legislative procedure, and methods of research, statute revision, and bill drafting.<sup>55</sup> The Legislative Counsel is one of Nevada's Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.<sup>56</sup>

The Legislative Counsel is the legal adviser to the Legislative Branch of government, providing legal counsel for legislative committees and subcommittees and issuing legal opinions, which may influence the construction and application of statutes. On the direction of the Legislative Commission, the Legislative Counsel or attorney staff 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>57</sup> The Legislative Counsel only issues opinions upon the request of a member or committee of the Legislature, the Legislative Commission, or the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.<sup>58</sup> The opinions of the Legislative Counsel do not have any binding force but are intended to guide public officials in the absence of an authoritative decision rendered by a court.

Upon request, the Legal Division drafts legislative measures for members of the Legislature, State agencies and departments, the Governor, certain local governments, members of the judiciary, and other entities authorized by specific statute. However, the Division cannot prepare any measures proposed by the Executive Department unless a request has been approved by the Governor and is received on or before August 1 preceding the regular session. Proposed legislative measures from a county, school district, or city also must be approved by the appropriate governing body and submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1.<sup>59</sup> The preparation of legislative measures 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 legislative measures, and the actual drafting of the measures in proper form and style.

The staff of the Legal Division, as well as other officers and employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, are prohibited from urging or opposing any legislation and are 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 to the disclosure.<sup>60</sup>

Before introduction, every request for a bill must be delivered to the Legal Division to be put in the proper form. All bills or resolutions of both houses designated for reprinting, engrossment, reengrossment, and enrollment must be routed directly through the Legal Division so that adopted amendments may be inserted prior to engrossment, reengrossment, or enrollment.<sup>61</sup>

The staff of the Legal Division performs engrossing, reengrossing, 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 a receipt must be issued 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>62</sup> The official engrossed bill is then delivered to the Secretary of State.<sup>63</sup>

The Legislative Counsel also makes recommendations to the Legislature for the clarification of specific statutes, the elimination of obsolete sections of NRS, and the resolution of conflicting portions of the law.<sup>64</sup> The Legislative Counsel is responsible for revising NRS and all other authorized publications of the Legal Division. Additional responsibilities of the Legislative Counsel include indexing NRS, *Statutes of Nevada*, and other publications and legal materials of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The Legal Division is also responsible for reviewing all regulations adopted by the agencies of the Executive Department, except those exempted from the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act. The Legal Division also revises, if appropriate, the language of regulation so it is clear, concise, and appropriate for incorporation in NAC (NRS 233B.063). The Legal Division also codifies all adopted regulations that have been approved by the Legislative Commission in NAC. *Nevada Administrative 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 conformance with statutory authority and compliance with legislative intent.<sup>65</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 Legislative Counsel Bureau.

## STATE PRINTING OFFICE

Nevada State Printing was transferred from the Executive Department of State government to the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on July 1, 2003. The State Printing Office is located to the east of the Legislative Building and parking garage on the corner of Stewart and Fifth Streets. This building houses Legislative Counsel Bureau staff, the print shop, computer training rooms, and warehouse operations. In addition, the south portion of the building houses the Warehouse, Training Room, and several offices of the Administrative Division. The State Printing Office provides diverse printing, finishing, and binding services to the Legislative Branch and Nevada Supreme Court. The mission of the State Printing Office is to produce and publish high-quality graphics, text, and forms in an economical and timely manner, and to provide the best value possible for all state agencies of Nevada.

## Research Division

The Research Division is the general information and service arm of the Legislature. It conducts research into a wide variety of subjects at the request of legislators, legislative 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 the Research Director are described in NRS 218F.810. These responsibilities include:

1. Providing the Legislature, its members, and committees with research, information, and assistance concerning public policy, including proposed or possible legislation, and national, state, and local issues of interest to the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions.
2. Providing staff to standing and interim committees as assigned by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the Legislature, or the Legislative Commission.
3. Providing the Legislature and its members and committees with comprehensive, accurate reports and background information on subjects of legislative interest.
4. Analyzing, comparing, and evaluating the programs and statutory provisions of the State of Nevada and other states.
5. Advising the Legislature and its members and committees regarding matters relating to the resources and procedures necessary to conduct research.
6. Preparing publications relating to the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
7. Managing the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
8. Providing information and assistance to the Legislature and its members and committees 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.<sup>66</sup>
10. Working with the Legal and Fiscal Analysis Divisions to prepare ballot language regarding proposed constitutional amendments and other statewide measures, which, if approved by the Legislature, must be voted on by the people.<sup>67</sup>
11. Working with the Legal Division to develop recommendations for the elimination of obsolete or antiquated statutes.<sup>68</sup>

The Research Director, or a designee, is the nonvoting recording secretary and primary technical staff person of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands,<sup>69</sup> and the Division also provides primary legislative staff support to the ongoing statutory committees which in past interims have included the Committees on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice; Education; Energy; Health Care; High-Level Radioactive Waste; Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs; the Tahoe Regional

Planning Agency and Marlette Lake Water System; and the Commission on Special License Plates.

The general function of the Research Division is to provide information and services to the Nevada Legislature and its members. Its major responsibility is to prepare responses to requests from individual legislators for information, analysis, and assistance at any time, regardless of whether or not the Legislature is in session. Assistance with constituent concerns is also available through the Division's Constituent Services Unit.

During the months prior to the legislative session, the Division prepares the *Nevada Legislative Manual* as required under NRS 218F.400. The Division also prepares fact sheets and research briefs on issues likely to be prominent during the legislative session, policy and program reports on State government, and a publication titled *Guide to the Nevada Legislature*.

During legislative sessions, Research Division personnel serve as policy analysts for all standing committees except the appropriations and revenue committees, which are served by the Fiscal Analysis Division. Research staff assist the chairs and other members by providing information and research on bills and related matters under consideration by the committees. Division policy analysts also summarize each measure passed out of committees to which they are assigned. In addition to committee work, research staff assist individual legislators in developing ideas for legislation and preparing bill analyses.

Following the legislative session, the Research Division summarizes each enacted measure and compiles the *Summary of Legislation*. The Division also prepares a comprehensive presentation titled *The Nevada Legislature: Review of Legislative Actions on State Issues* (also known as the "End of Session Speech"), which describes legislative activities by subject area for each regular session and certain special sessions.

During the period between sessions, the staff of the Research Division is assigned to interim study and ongoing statutory committees. The staff members prepare background material for the committees, arrange committee hearings, and prepare each committee's final report to the Legislative Commission. The recommendations from all the interim studies are compiled in the *Summary Bulletin*, which also is prepared by the Research Division.

The research staff is available to individual legislators to conduct research and prepare written analyses on specific topics throughout the year. The staff also assists legislators to prepare for speeches and other public presentations, if they are not related to election campaigns or partisan activities. In addition to assisting legislators, the Division answers requests for information from State agencies, legislative staff in other states, businesses, legislative constituents, and the general public.

The Research Library provides professional library services in support of the Legislative Counsel Bureau's activities. Major services provided by Library staff include researching the history of Nevada legislation, legislators, and the Legislature; answering questions about Nevada legislative materials, the Legislature's website, and Nevada government; providing assistance and training in locating information from both print and electronic sources; and maintaining the Library's website and databases. Library collections include current and previous sets of Nevada compiled laws, bills introduced since 1911, Nevada Territorial and State journals and session laws, and minutes and exhibits of legislative hearings. The collection also includes studies and reports from federal, State, and professional organizations, as well as resources for statistical and comparative research. The Library website (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/division/research/library>) provides access to various Library databases covering legislative history, legislators, reports to the Legislature, schools and legislative districts, and the Library catalog, as well as other key informational sources. For more information about the Library's services, see Chapter 5, "Resources for Legislators."

In summary, the primary function of the Research Division is to provide Nevada legislators and others with basic services and all types of information regarding legislative issues that are not specifically fiscal or legal in nature.

### **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 to interpret factual data related to the fiscal aspects of the operation of State and local government.

Other duties of the Fiscal Analysis Division include: (1) analyzing the past history and probable future trends of the State's financial position so that a sound fiscal policy may be developed and maintained; (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; (3) thoroughly examining all agencies of the State with special regard to their activities and the duplication of efforts between them; and (4) ascertaining facts and making recommendations to the Legislature concerning the budget of the State and the estimates of expenditure requirements of the agencies of the State.<sup>70</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 provides operating and technical support to the other divisions of the LCB and to the Legislature. The Division is responsible for accounting and human resources; lobbyist registration; audio and video services; communications equipment; control of inventory; information technology services; janitorial services; maintenance and remodeling of buildings; maintenance of legislative grounds and vehicles; purchasing; legislative police; parking; shipping and receiving; utilities; and warehouse operations.<sup>71</sup>

The Chief of the Administrative Division is the ex officio Legislative Fiscal 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 Chief.<sup>72</sup>

### **Summary**

The staff services of the Legislative Counsel Bureau are furnished throughout the year for any legislator. Legal advice, fiscal information, and background research are furnished upon request. Services of a more extensive nature are executed when the Legislature so orders by means of a law or resolution. Between sessions, such projects may be requested through the Legislative Commission.

## **FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

Legislative staff and services are located in four separate facilities: the Sedway Office Building, the Legislative Building, and the State Printing Office in Carson City, and the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas.

### **Legislative Counsel Bureau Offices**

(A more detailed directory of Legislative Counsel Bureau staff is included in the “Directory of State and Local Government” at the end of the *Legislative Manual*.)

*Director’s Office*—Legislative Building, (775) 684-6800  
Director—Rick Combs

*Administrative Division*—Legislative Building, (775) 684-6800

Chief of the Administrative Division—Roger Wilkerson

Las Vegas Office—555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4400, (702) 486-2800

Legislative Services Officer—Melisa Aguon

*Audit Division*—Sedway Office Building, Second Floor, (775) 684-6815

Legislative Auditor—Paul V. Townsend

*Fiscal Analysis Division*—Sedway Office Building, Third Floor, (775) 684-6821

Fiscal Analyst (Senate)—Mark Krmpotic

Fiscal Analyst (Assembly)—Cindy Jones

*Legal Division*—Legislative Building, First Floor, (775) 684-6830

Legislative Counsel—Brenda J. Erdoes

State Printing Office—301 South Stewart Street, (775) 684-6950

Manager—Kevin R. Honkomp

*Research Division*—Sedway Office Building, First Floor, (775) 684-6825

Interim Research Director—H. Pepper Sturm

## SEDWAY OFFICE BUILDING

The Sedway Office Building is located southeast of the Legislative Building on the corner of Fifth and Stewart Streets. This three-story structure houses the Legislative Library and the offices of the Audit, Fiscal Analysis, and Research Divisions.

## LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

Located on the Legislative Mall, which covers an area of seven former city blocks south of the Capitol, the Legislative Building contains 180,000 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. The Administrative and Legal Divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau are located on the first floor of the Legislative Building. The building was constructed following the 1969 Legislative Session and remodeled and substantially expanded following the 1995 Session. The floor plan of the Legislative Building may be found in Appendix H.

## STATE PRINTING OFFICE

The State Printing Office is located east of the Legislative Building at 301 South Stewart Street. The two-story structure houses LCB staff, the print shop, computer training rooms, and warehouse operations.



## LAS VEGAS OFFICE

The Legislative Counsel Bureau is located in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building at 555 East Washington Avenue in Room 4400. The Las Vegas Office provides videoconference capabilities, furnishes legislative information, allows access to all Legislative Counsel Bureau staff services, and manages individual and committee meeting space for the Legislature in the facility. The office also contains a library area, which is open to the public, with legislative reference material and a computer to access the Legislature's website. The floor plan of the Las Vegas Office may be found in Appendix H.

## TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

Three basic types of telephone communications services are available in the Legislative Building:

1. Legislative Telephone Service;
2. State Legislative Message Center; and
3. Courtesy Phone.

### **Legislative Telephone Service**

The area code for all areas of the State except Clark County is 775. In Clark County, the area codes are 702 and 725. Legislators may place calls directly from their offices on a 24-hour per day basis. Long-distance calls to areas inside and outside the State may be placed as follows:

Dial 9 (dial tone)  
Dial 1  
Dial area code  
Dial seven-digit number

Long-distance calls made from legislators' offices are automatically billed to their office telephone number. To make special calls (credit card, collect, 800, and non-seven-digit numbers) the caller must dial 9 to obtain an outside line before placing these types of calls.

### **State Legislative Message Center**

If a legislator's telephone is not answered by the third ring, the call will be forwarded to voice mail. If the person does not wish to leave a message on voice mail, the caller may dial 0 and the call is transferred to the Message Center. All messages for legislators taken by the Message Center are electronically mailed to the legislators' offices. Emergency messages are delivered directly to either the Sergeant at Arms or the legislators' secretaries.

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 Message Center is open daily on the days the Legislature is in session from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and its number is (775) 684-6789. The Message Center may also be called toll-free from Las Vegas by dialing (702) 486-2626 or from other Nevada areas by dialing (800) 978-2878, (800) 995-9080, or (800) 992-0973.

### **Courtesy Phone**

A courtesy phone for local and credit card calls is available on the first floor of the Legislative Building for use by the general public.

### **Billing of Legislators for Telephone Service**

Each legislator receives a \$2,800 telephone allowance during a regular session to defray telephone charges incurred in the performance of official duties. Each member is responsible for the payment of telephone bills incurred in the Legislative Building.

Legislators are billed for long-distance calls made from their office telephones on a monthly basis by the Accounting Unit of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Charges for calls made on the least-cost routing system are based on time and distance. Questions about telephone billing should be discussed with the Accounting Unit at (775) 684-6805. Payment of a legislator's State telephone bill should be made to:

Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Accounting Unit  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

### **Toll-Free Services for Constituents**

Several information services are available to 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 (800) 992-0973 for all of Nevada. A toll-free fax number is also available by dialing (866) 543-9941. The local fax number is (775) 684-6811. Las Vegas area callers may also dial (702) 486-2626. All calls will be put through to the legislator's secretary. If the telephone is not answered by the third ring, the call will forward to voice mail. If the person does not wish to leave a message on voice mail, the caller may dial 0 to be transferred to the Message Center. All messages for legislators taken by the Message Center are electronically mailed to the legislators' offices. Emergency messages are delivered directly to either the Sergeant at Arms or the legislator's secretary.

## **PUBLIC POINT OF VIEW**

Constituents calling legislators to register their point of view on a particular measure or topic for which a poll is being conducted may dial toll-free from anywhere within the State. The toll-free number to dial is (800) 995-9080. People calling from Las Vegas may dial (702) 486-2626. Constituents in the local calling area (Carson City, Crystal Bay/Incline Village, Dayton, Gardnerville, Minden, Reno, Sparks, and Virginia City) may dial (775) 684-6789. Constituents may also register their point of view online at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us> and then clicking on the “Share Your Opinion” link.

## **POSTAL SERVICE**

All mail is routed through the General Services Unit of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Each house of the Legislature independently provides for the distribution of mail to its own members.

## **FIRE AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

The Legislative Building, Sedway Office Building, and State Printing Office are equipped with a smoke- and heat-detecting fire alarm system. Should sufficient heat or smoke be detected by the sensors, the fire alarm will activate automatically. Whenever the alarm bell sounds, do not assume that the alarm is only a drill. Evacuation of the buildings must begin immediately. In addition to the fire systems, the Legislative Police have the ability to use an emergency public address system and/or a computer messaging system to send an emergency message to all users in the buildings. The Legislative Police will use the best method(s) available to notify occupants of an emergency or evacuation.

Evacuation should be completed as rapidly as possible and without panic. When the alarm sounds, elevators will be called to the first floor and locked down. Do not use elevators! Evacuation will be by stairways only. There are numerous stairways throughout the buildings. Employees should be familiar with the stairway closest to their work space. Evacuate by the stairway nearest you if you can do this safely.

Evacuation maps of the Legislative and Sedway Office Buildings and the State Printing Office are posted throughout those buildings. Locate the map nearest your location and familiarize yourself with the route.

The following procedure applies when an employee detects a fire prior to the alarm sounding. If the fire cannot be put out with fire extinguishers located on each floor throughout the buildings:

1. Notify the Legislative Police at 684-6812 and report the exact location of the fire.
2. Pull the nearest fire alarm switch and proceed with evacuation as noted above.
3. Close doors behind you as you exit the building.

*All Fires, No Matter How Small, Must Be Reported.*

Reentry into the building will not be allowed until the fire department has determined it is safe to do so. Legislative Police will notify employees when it is safe to reenter the building.

### **Emergency Telephone Numbers (From Within the Building)**

Legislative Police	4-6812
First Aid	4-6812
Fire	9 + 911
Ambulance	9 + 911
Sheriff	9 + 911
Senate Sergeant at Arms	4-3558
Assembly Sergeant at Arms	4-8525
Emergency Coordinator:	
John Drew, Chief, Legislative Police	4-6812

*After Calling for Ambulance or Other Emergency Equipment, Notify Legislative Police.*

The Legislative Police are trained and certified to respond to situations requiring medical first aid. Please notify the Legislative Police when an emergency occurs. Describe the situation completely so that officers can respond with the proper personnel and equipment. Advise the Legislative Police if an ambulance or other emergency equipment has already been requested. Some locations in our buildings may be hard to locate. The Legislative Police are required to meet the fire department or ambulance and provide the first responders the quickest route to the emergency.

**ENDNOTES FOR CHAPTER IV**

- <sup>1</sup> Chapter 91, *Statutes of Nevada 1945*, 136 and 137.
- <sup>2</sup> *Id.*, 136.
- <sup>3</sup> Chapter 403, *Statutes of Nevada 1963*, 1011.
- <sup>4</sup> *Id.*, 1014.
- <sup>5</sup> NRS 218F.100.
- <sup>6</sup> NRS 218E.150.
- <sup>7</sup> NRS 218E.150 and Joint Rule No. 11, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session, 2015.
- <sup>8</sup> NRS 218A.630 and 218E.160.
- <sup>9</sup> NRS 218E.155.
- <sup>10</sup> NRS 218E.180.
- <sup>11</sup> NRS 218E.175.
- <sup>12</sup> NRS 218E.185.
- <sup>13</sup> NRS 219.020.
- <sup>14</sup> NRS 218E.180.
- <sup>15</sup> NRS 218E.205.
- <sup>16</sup> NRS 353.266 through 353.269, inclusive.
- <sup>17</sup> NRS 353.220, 353.224, and 353.335.
- <sup>18</sup> NRS 341.145.
- <sup>19</sup> NRS 218E.400.
- <sup>20</sup> *Id.*, subsection 8.
- <sup>21</sup> NRS 218F.110.
- <sup>22</sup> NRS 218F.100.
- <sup>23</sup> NRS 218A.150 and 218F.110.
- <sup>24</sup> NRS 218C.390, 218F.210, and 218F.230.
- <sup>25</sup> NRS 218F.300 and 331.135.
- <sup>26</sup> NRS 218E.180.
- <sup>27</sup> NRS 218H.010, *et seq.*
- <sup>28</sup> NRS 218E.155, 218E.400, 218E.560, 218E.610, 218E.710, 218E.755, and 439B.210.
- <sup>29</sup> NRS 218E.420, 218F.110, and 459.0085.
- <sup>30</sup> NRS 218E.225.
- <sup>31</sup> NRS 218G.030 to 218G.585, inclusive.
- <sup>32</sup> NRS 218G.450.
- <sup>33</sup> NRS 218G.010.
- <sup>34</sup> NRS 218G.110.
- <sup>35</sup> NRS 218G.200.
- <sup>36</sup> NRS 218G.120.
- <sup>37</sup> NRS 218G.210.
- <sup>38</sup> NRS 218G.240.
- <sup>39</sup> NRS 218G.140.
- <sup>40</sup> NRS 218G.250 and 218G.270.
- <sup>41</sup> NRS 218G.100.

- <sup>42</sup> NRS 218E.240.
- <sup>43</sup> NRS 218G.330 to 218G.350, inclusive.
- <sup>44</sup> NRS 353.060.
- <sup>45</sup> NRS 218G.160.
- <sup>46</sup> NRS 218G.400.
- <sup>47</sup> NRS 353.325.
- <sup>48</sup> NRS 218G.550.
- <sup>49</sup> NRS 218G.555.
- <sup>50</sup> NRS 218G.570 to 218G.585, inclusive.
- <sup>51</sup> NRS 218D.050 through 218D.355 and 218F.710.
- <sup>52</sup> Chapter 220 of NRS.
- <sup>53</sup> NRS 233B.065 and 233B.0653.
- <sup>54</sup> NRS 344.047 and 344.050.
- <sup>55</sup> NRS 218F.700.
- <sup>56</sup> NRS 219.020.
- <sup>57</sup> NRS 218F.720.
- <sup>58</sup> NRS 218F.710.
- <sup>59</sup> NRS 218D.175 and 218D.205.
- <sup>60</sup> NRS 218F.150.
- <sup>61</sup> NRS 218D.610.
- <sup>62</sup> NRS 218D.630.
- <sup>63</sup> NRS 218D.655.
- <sup>64</sup> NRS 220.080 and 220.085.
- <sup>65</sup> NRS 233B.067.
- <sup>66</sup> NRS 218F.810.
- <sup>67</sup> NRS 218D.810.
- <sup>68</sup> NRS 220.085.
- <sup>69</sup> NRS 218E.515.
- <sup>70</sup> NRS 218F.600.
- <sup>71</sup> NRS 218F.500.
- <sup>72</sup> NRS 218F.510.

# CHAPTER V

## RESOURCES FOR LEGISLATORS





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During every legislative session, legislators find themselves deluged with official reports, documents, and communications. Separating the significant from the insignificant becomes a sizeable chore. However, there are a few key resources that bear more directly and more constantly on the legislators' work than any others likely to cross their desks.

These resources may be divided into three categories—basic printed resources, library services, and Internet services. The basic printed materials may be supplemented by additional information available through the libraries.

#### BASIC PRINTED RESOURCES

Most of the basic printed resources are issued by the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau. However, at least two documents issued by the Executive Branch—the *Executive Budget*, and the *Recommended Capital Improvement Program*—should also receive legislators' scrutiny. The major printed resources available to Nevada legislators are briefly highlighted below. Most of these resources also are accessible through the websites of the Legislature (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us>) and the State (<http://nv.gov>).

#### *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 legislative 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* and includes an index and locater tables.

The text of all bills and resolutions enacted during 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 bolded italics, while material enclosed in brackets with strikethrough is to be deleted. Laws are arranged in the *Statutes of Nevada* by chapter number assigned by the Secretary of State in the order received from the Governor.

Besides the complete text of all bills and resolutions adopted during a session, the *Statutes of Nevada* contain indexed copies of the *United States* and *Nevada Constitutions*. The *Statutes of Nevada* also include an index and several tables useful in determining the laws in place in Nevada prior to the biennial reprint of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS). These tables are:

1. A table of bills and resolutions passed or vetoed during the session.
2. A table of sections of NRS amended or repealed during the session.
3. A table of chapters of NRS amended by the addition of new sections.
4. A table of titles of NRS amended by the addition of new chapters.
5. A list of selected special and local acts amended or repealed.
6. A table of statutes, or sections thereof, amended or repealed.
7. A table of contents showing the title and chapter numbers (or file numbers for resolutions) of all the measures enacted during the session.

The reprint of NRS incorporates the statutory changes adopted during the previous 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 59 loose-leaf volumes including indices, comparative tables, and certain special and local acts. The NRS is also available electronically as part of the *Official Nevada Law Library* (on CD-ROM).

The NRS is revised and published by 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 such governments.

Within the codes are the titles, numbered consecutively from 1 through 59, each of which embraces 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 218D.630 would mean that the law in question is found in Chapter 218D of NRS, while 630 indicates its place in that chapter. The system is truly decimal, that is, NRS 233B.0395 lies between NRS 233B.039 and NRS 233B.040.

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 with NRS. Court Rules Volume I contains the *Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure*, *Nevada Short Trial Rules*, and *Rules Governing Alternative Dispute Resolution*. Court Rules Volume II contains the *Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules*, Justice Court Rules, Local Justice Court Rules, District Court Rules, and Local Rules of Practice. Court Rules Volume III contains the *Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure*; *Supreme Court Rules*; the *Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct*; the *Rules Governing Sealing and Redacting Court Records*; the *Rules Governing the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics*; the *Rules Governing Appearance by Audiovisual Transmission Equipment*; the *Rules Governing the Collection of Fees and Charges*; the *Rules Pertaining to Exhibits Marked and/or Admitted Into Evidence*; *Addendum Nos. 1 and 2*; the *Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct*; the *Nevada Rules on the Administrative Docket*; the *Minimum Records Retention Schedules*; the *Policy for Handling Filed, Lodged, and Presumptively Confidential Documents*; and the *Foreclosure Mediation Rules*. The U.S. District Court Rules and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court Rules are available in soft bound copy. The court rules are not assigned chapter numbers and are arranged simply in numerical order by rule. Citations for these rules may be given as S.C.R. 4, N.R.C.P. 65(a), and N.R.A.P. 1(a). The alphabetical listing of Nevada's Supreme Court cases and their citations are in Volume 50 of NRS.

The Nevada Admission Acts and the *Nevada Constitution* with its index are found in Volume 46 of NRS. Volume 47 contains the *U.S. Constitution* with its index and charters for all cities incorporated by special act. Volume 48 contains a selection of local and special acts that appear to have a continuing effect and may have a significant degree of public interest. Major inclusions are water and sewer districts, room taxes, convention centers, and other special acts. Volume 49 provides comparative tables, relating NRS sections to those found in the previous compilation and to new sections added 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 NRS since its enactment in 1957. Volumes 51 through 55 comprise the comprehensive index to NRS.

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. Supplements to NRS are printed periodically throughout the biennium to update the annotations or also for changes made in special sessions.

The volumes of NRS currently sell for \$695 per set and may be ordered from the Publications Unit of the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Legislators desiring to obtain one personal set of NRS may order it directly from the Bureau at a cost of \$50. This fee entitles a legislator to a complete set of NRS. Sets of replacement or supplementary pages as issued during the legislator's term of office are provided without additional charge.

*Nevada Revised Statutes* contains annotations that assist in interpreting the meaning of statutory language appearing in NRS. The annotations contain several 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 selected 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 history for each section of NRS is inserted in brackets and/or parentheses immediately following the section. The history contains a reference to the section, chapter, and year of the *Statutes of Nevada* from which the section is derived and includes references to subsequent amendments. In addition, Volume 47 of NRS provides a legislative history of the enactment, repeal, and replacement of the sections of NRS, including the sections that existed prior to the enactment of NRS.
3. References to Nevada Constitutional Debates and Proceedings. Annotations to the *Nevada Constitution* 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.
4. Notes of the Advisory Committees of Nevada's Supreme Court. The annotations to *Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure*, *Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure*, and *Justices' Courts Rules* contain notes as prepared by the respective advisory committees appointed by Nevada's Supreme Court.
5. NRS Cross References. The annotations contain references to sections of NRS that are related to the statutory provision.

6. *Nevada Administrative Code* (NAC) Cross References. The annotations contain references to sections of the NAC that are related or adopted pursuant to the statutory provision.
7. Relevant Judicial Decisions. The annotations contain notes and citations for decisions of the Nevada Supreme Court, federal courts, and courts of other jurisdictions that bear upon the provisions of NRS. Also included are statements of holdings in cases decided under former statutes that were substantially the same as the provisions in NRS.
8. 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 1869. These are identified by the citation prefix “AGO,” followed by the number of the opinion and its date of issuance. Opinions concerning the Open Meeting Law are included where appropriate and are prefixed with “OMLO,” followed by the number and the date of issuance.
9. Opinions of Nevada’s Commission on Ethics. Where appropriate, the annotations contain brief notes on pertinent Opinions of the Commission on Ethics. These are identified by the citation prefix “CEO,” followed by the number of the opinion.

### ***Nevada Administrative Code***

Pursuant to NRS 233B.062, 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, most permanent regulations are incorporated in *Nevada Administrative Code*, and procedures for the adoption of emergency or temporary regulations are set forth by statute. Information relating to a proposed or adopted regulation is provided in the *Register of Administrative Regulations*, which is published by the Legislative Counsel. The Register includes the proposed and adopted text of each permanent, temporary, and emergency regulation, the notice of intent to act upon the regulation, the written notice of adoption of the regulation and an informational statement for the regulation.

*Nevada Administrative Code* and the Register are available for review in the State and legislative libraries and online at the legislative website. They may also be purchased, in individual volumes or in their entirety, from the Publications Unit of the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

### **Histories**

The Nevada Legislature considered over 1,100 legislative measures during the 2013 Session. The progress of each of these bills and resolutions is summarized in the *Senate History* and the *Assembly History*.

The *histories* list each bill and resolution introduced in the respective chamber 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 sponsor (whether individual or committee), cosponsors or joint sponsors, and whether or not the legislation is *by request*. In the Senate, the date of introduction of the measure is also listed. Below this information there is a brief summary of the measure and the number of the bill draft request. Then, in chronological order, the measure's legislative history is traced up to the date of the history's publication. Thus, at a moment's glance, a legislator or other interested person can locate any bill or resolution in the legislative process and determine its status.

At the conclusion of each legislative session, final volumes of the *Senate History* and the *Assembly History* are printed and made available upon request. These volumes contain the legislative history of each measure. Measures enacted into law are traced through the date of the Governor's signature (or the date on which they became law without the Governor's signature), with notations citing their assigned chapter numbers 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, and other items of general interest.

## **Index of Bills and Resolutions**

The index of Senate and Assembly bills and resolutions is a cumulative publication produced by the Legal Division, which is printed each week during the legislative session. The index contains references to all bills and resolutions introduced during the session and includes references to material that is added to a bill or resolution by amendment.

Within the index are tables to Senate and Assembly bills arranged by the section of NRS proposed to be amended or repealed; chapters of NRS that may be amended by the addition of new sections; and titles of NRS proposed to be amended by the addition of new chapters.

Special characters following a bill or resolution number in the index or tables indicate action taken by the Governor on measures that have been passed by both houses or certain actions taken by the Senate or Assembly:

1. One asterisk (\*) indicates that the bill is effective on October 1 or later.
2. Two asterisks (\*\*) indicate that the bill is effective on passage and approval or on a specified date before October 1.
3. One dagger (†) indicates that the material reflected by the index entry was deleted by amendment or that the section reflected in the table was deleted by amendment.

4. Two daggers (††) indicate that the bill was vetoed.
5. A double dagger (‡) indicates that the resolution was approved.
6. “IP” indicates action on the bill was indefinitely postponed.
7. “EX” indicates that the bill was exempt from certain limitations.
8. “NFA” indicates that no further action on the bill was allowed.

Liberal use is made of “See” and “See also” references. For example, the heading “LAKE TAHOE (See TAHOE BASIN)” means that all information concerning Lake Tahoe is indexed under the heading “TAHOE BASIN.” The heading “REGIONAL PLANNING (See also LAND USE PLANNING)” means that all specific references to regional planning are indexed under “REGIONAL PLANNING,” but that the heading “LAND USE PLANNING” contains general information that may be pertinent.

General headings are used within the index to list every bill or resolution pertaining to certain general subjects. For example, the heading “APPROPRIATIONS” includes a reference for every bill that contains an appropriation. The heading “LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY STUDIES” includes a reference for every bill or resolution that requests a study. The heading “RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS” includes references for every resolution introduced, except constitutional amendments and legislative matters. Constitutional amendments are listed under the headings “CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, NEVADA” and “CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, UNITED STATES.” Resolutions concerning legislative matters (other than “LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY STUDIES”) are indexed under the heading “LEGISLATURE.” In consulting the index on a given subject, the user should check first for the specific, then for the general, subject.

A final edition of the index and tables is printed after adjournment and may be used before the publication of the *Advance Sheets* to identify new laws or amendments to existing law.

## **Legislative Journals**

Each house of the Nevada Legislature publishes a daily journal of its proceedings, which is the only official record of floor activity. While the journals are not verbatim transcriptions of floor activity, they do record all official actions taken on measures pending before the chambers and frequently include the text of remarks made by legislators, especially as it relates to legislative intent on specific legislation.

Gubernatorial and congressional communications are included in the journal, as well as the text from the Governor’s *State of the State Address* and all the speeches from Nevada’s six congressional delegates, as well as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court’s *State of the Judiciary* speech. Journals for the preceding day are

distributed to the legislators in their respective chambers at the beginning of each day's session and made available to the public.

One important difference between the Senate and Assembly Journals lies in how they deal with amendments. In the interest of making the Journal more readable, the Senate removed amendments from the Journal in 2013 and now publishes a companion "Amendment Volume," which contains copies of the amendments themselves. As a result, the Senate Journal is much slimmer than the Assembly Journal. The Assembly continues to publish the amendments in-line in each day's journal.

After the Legislature has adjourned sine die, the digital versions of the daily journals are compiled, formatted, edited, repeatedly checked for accuracy, indexed, and finally bound in permanent hardbound publications containing several volumes. These hardbound copies of the journals also contain certain ancillary information relating to the legislative calendar, the personnel of the Legislature, a table of contents regarding legislation, the Standing Rules, and the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly.

### ***Nevada Report to Taxpayers***

The *Nevada Report to Taxpayers* is updated annually and summarizes State revenues and expenditures during the previous fiscal year. Also provided are detailed financial reports from State agencies, regulatory bodies, local governments, and school districts in the State.

These documents are available online exclusively, and may be accessed through the website of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration at <http://budget.nv.gov> by clicking on the "State Budget" tab and then selecting "Related Budgeting Links" and "Report to Taxpayers."

### ***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 eleventh revised edition of which was issued by the Secretary of State in 2006.

The political history contains background data on the historical development of the State; descriptive material on the State symbols and mottoes; lists of Territorial and State elective officials; informative articles; and complete statewide election returns for every special, primary, and general election since 1864. A special section on the Legislature 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 interest 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 when obtaining audit reports.

Every legislator receives a copy of the *Biennial Report of the Legislative Auditor*, which summarizes audit reports on State agencies. This report also includes specific recommendations to the Legislature for laws to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State government.

## **Legislative Videorecordings**

The Legislative Counsel Bureau provides a program for legislators and new employees, titled New Employee Orientation Video. The program includes a description of staff and services of all Divisions and the Administrative units. The program plays on a loop on Channel 25 on the Legislature's internal cable system (Nevada Legislative Access Network). It is also available on the Legislature's internal network (LegNet). The Senate and Assembly also have informational videos that can be made available on DVD or on LegNet. Recordings of committee meetings and floor sessions are available to the public through the Nevada Legislative Gift Shop and Publications.

## **Recommended Schedule of Priorities for Capital Improvements**

Pursuant to NRS 341.083, the State Public Works Board is required 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 \$100,000. The publication containing the long-range perspective of the capital construction needs and ultimate level of financing required is the *Recommended 2015-2017 Capital Improvement Program*.

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 providing funds to carry out a program of capital improvements, the Legislature normally makes reference in legislation to the project numbers assigned to various projects by the State Public Works Board in its recommended schedule. Hence, the recommended schedule is key to understanding the State's approved 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, standing rules, customs, usage, precedents, or statutes governing the conduct of proceedings in the chambers. *Mason's Manual*, because of its official standing, is thus one of the most important 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 in-depth 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 and a table of cases cited. Limited copies of *Mason's Manual* are available for checkout from the Research Library. Copies may also be available for purchase from the Publications Unit of the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The most recent version of *Mason's Manual* was published in 2010.

### ***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, published by the Legislative Counsel Bureau, 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 useful to legislators. These publications are the *Legislative Appropriations Report*, *Summary of Legislation*, Legislative Counsel Bureau bulletins, and various reports.

1. *Legislative Appropriations Report*. Produced biennially by the Fiscal Analysis Division, this report 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*. Produced biennially by the Research Division, this report summarizes all legislation enacted during the most recent session.
3. Legislative Counsel Bureau Bulletins. The Legislature has created statutory committees to study important topics, including education and health care,

primarily during the interim period when the Legislature is not in session. In addition, 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 in bulletins by the Legislative Counsel Bureau and distributed to the members at the next session of the Legislature. Each publication is given a bulletin number.

A complete list of Legislative Counsel Bureau bulletins issued to date is included as Appendix E of 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 2015 Session is 15-01.

Bulletins are available electronically on the Legislature's website (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Publications/DivStudyLegReport.cfm>), or copies of studies may be requested through the Publications Unit of the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. 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. Anyone wishing to review the contents of out-of-print bulletins may do so by consulting the editions retained by the Legislative Counsel Bureau in its Research Library.

4. Policy and Program Reports; Research Briefs; and Fact Sheets. These reports, which are produced by the Research Division as part of its requirements under NRS 218F.810, discuss subjects that may be of major interest during legislative sessions. The Division welcomes legislators' suggestions for topics to be covered in these reports.

### ***Executive Budget***

The major fiscal document used by legislators in Nevada is the *Executive Budget*, which contains actual appropriation and expenditure figures for past fiscal years, agency requests for the future biennium, and the gubernatorial recommendations that endorse or modify agency budgetary requests. Included in the budget document are program statements that preface the detailed fiscal information for the various departments, boards, commissions, and other agencies of the State. Starting in 1993, the budget segregated each account into base and current services level budgets, and all program enhancements were separately identified. In addition, quantitative indicators of each program's performance were added to the budget document in 1993. The budget is organized functionally, by agency, with summaries relating to personnel, operating expenses, travel, and requests for equipment.

The 2011 Legislature further expanded the makeup of the *Executive Budget* to include a general summary of the long-term performance goals for core governmental functions; an explanation of the means by which ratable progress towards achieving the long-term goals will be met; and an outline of other important features of the financial plan of the Executive Branch for the next two fiscal years.

The introductory materials located at the front of the budget document provide general interest data relating to the Nevada economy, taxation, revenue, personal income, population, fiscal trends, and core functions of State government and related performance benchmarks. 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.

### **Economic Forum**

The Economic Forum consists of five members from the private sector required to provide a forecast for future State General Fund revenues by December 3 of even-numbered years and May 1 of odd-numbered years (NRS 353.226 through NRS 353.229). The Governor appoints three members to the Forum, and the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly each nominate a member for appointment by the Governor. The Forum is assisted in preparing the forecasts by the Technical Advisory Committee consisting of the Director of the Executive Budget Office; Senate and Assembly Fiscal Analysts; the State Demographer; the head of the Research Division of the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation; the Vice Chancellor for Finance of the Nevada System of Higher Education; and the Chair of the Committee on Local Government Finance.

The forecasts prepared by the Economic Forum are based on the current revenue structure specified in statute. The December forecast must be used by the Governor in developing the *Executive Budget* presented to the Legislature before each session and the May forecast is used by the Legislature in developing the legislatively approved budget during each session.

During each interim, the Economic Forum is required to meet on or before December 10 of odd-numbered years and June 10 of even-numbered years. At these meetings, an update on the status of actual State General Fund revenues compared to the Economic Forum's most recent forecast is presented. The Economic Forum is not required to consider or approve additional forecasts of State General Fund revenue at these interim meetings. The Economic Forum also considers information on current economic indicators and other information deemed appropriate by the members. The Chair of the Economic Forum is required to provide a report of these two interim meetings to the Interim Finance Committee and the report must be made available on the Legislature's website.

## **LIBRARY SERVICES FOR LEGISLATORS**

### **Research Library—Legislative Counsel Bureau**

The Research Library is part of the Legislative Counsel Bureau Research Division, and provides professional library services for legislators, legislative staff, state and local government agencies, and the public, including:

- Answering questions about legislative materials, the Legislature’s website, and Nevada government;
- Researching the history of Nevada legislation, legislators, and the Legislature;
- Providing assistance and training in locating background and historical information on various topics; and
- Maintaining parts of the legislative website, and creating databases of legislative information. In addition to the Library’s catalog, these databases cover legislative history, legislators, reports to the Legislature, and schools and legislative districts. Library databases and other informational sources can be found on the Library’s website ([www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Library](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Library)).

The Research Library is the custodian of the standing and interim committee minutes and exhibits for legislative proceedings. The legislative committee minutes are available on microform for 1965 to 2009, on the Legislature’s website from 1993 forward, and some committee minutes pre-dating 1993 are available from the Library’s website. The interim committee minutes are available in the Research Library for 1969 to present, and on the Legislature’s website from 1997 forward.

Library collections include official Nevada legislative documents: current and previous sets of Nevada compiled laws, bills introduced since 1911, Territorial Laws and Statutes of Nevada for 1861 to present, and the Journals of the Senate and Assembly for 1864 to present. The collection also includes publications of the various Legislative Counsel Bureau divisions, as well as studies and reports from federal, state, and professional organizations. The Research Library also maintains files of research prepared by Research Division staff, organized by subject matter.

The Library is located on the first floor of the Sedway Office Building, and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (telephone: 775-684-6827; e-mail: [library@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:library@lcb.state.nv.us)).

### **State Library and Archives**

The State Library and Archives was established in 1861 as the Territorial library for service to attorneys and justices. Today it provides library and information services to all Nevadans. The State Library and Archives acts as the information service center for

all functions of State government and coordinates many activities for public libraries throughout the State.

A full range of information services is provided by the State Library and Archives, and additional information is available on its website at <http://nsla.nv.gov>. State Library and Archives hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following areas are of special use to members of the Legislature.

### STATE LIBRARY SERVICES

Reference librarians answer reference and research requests using in-depth collections of public administration, business, census, human resources, taxation, and Nevada materials. Comprehensive collections of statistical and demographic information, telephone and other directories, and a wide variety of information databases provide quick access to much information (telephone: 775-684-3360; e-mail: [nslref@admin.nv.gov](mailto:nslref@admin.nv.gov)).

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 located in and out of State. A telecommunications network connecting the computer databases of Nevada's public and academic libraries provides information transfer statewide; the Government Computer Lab is also available. The home page address is <http://nsla.nv.gov>.

The State Publications Distribution Center collects Nevada state and local agency publications in all formats for research use at the State Library and Archives and distributes copies of these publications to the Clark, Elko, and Washoe County libraries and the University of Nevada campuses at Las Vegas and Reno (telephone: 775-684-3329).

The State Library and Archives is a federal documents depository, maintaining select current and historical collection of 549,435 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, computer search, photocopy, and microform reader-printer services are available for all collections (telephone: 775-684-3329).

The Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides braille and recorded books and magazines to handicapped individuals. Legislators are invited to visit this program and review the unique and varied materials and equipment the program offers (telephone: 775-684-3354).

Processing Services coordinates the cataloging of library materials and the sharing of information on a statewide basis. The section develops and maintains a statewide computer database for the interlibrary loan network and coordinates the development of circulation databases (telephone: 775-684-3309).

The Library Development Section provides consultation on library and information services to local libraries 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 federal and State 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 (telephone: 775-684-3324).

## ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

The State Archives program preserves the records that document the history of Nevada government dating back to 1851, including many records of the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches of government. There are more than 13,400 cubic feet of Territorial and State government records and over 12,000 images of Nevada people and places, providing visual information that complements the Archives' documentation of Nevada history.

The staff provides research and photocopying of records and referral to historical materials housed elsewhere (telephone: 775-684-3310 or e-mail: [jkintop@admin.nv.gov](mailto:jkintop@admin.nv.gov)). The Records Management Program inventories the records of Executive Branch agencies and prepares records retention schedules for State and local governments (telephone: 775-684-3411). The Imaging and Preservation Services Program (formerly the Micrographics and Imaging Program) microfilms records for permanent retention and scans documents to CD-ROM for easier access (telephone: 775-684-3414).

Archives and Records provides technical assistance and advice to Nevada's Supreme Court and the Legislative Counsel Bureau in the preparation of their records retention schedules and operates a records center in Carson City, which substantially reduces the storage costs to the State for agencies.

### **Nevada's Supreme Court Law Library**

The Supreme Court Law Library occupies the first floor of the Supreme Court Building. The library provides research services and access to legal information for legislators as well as the legal community and the public. The library has a public copier, Internet access, and online database services such as Hein Online, Lexis, and Westlaw. The library's collection contains case law, statutes, treatises, and law reviews. If the library does not have the item in the collection, staff can try to obtain it through interlibrary loan.

The library has a collection of early Nevada codes, superseded NACs, Nevada county codes and municipal codes. Requests for information and research assistance can be made by telephone (775-684-1640), fax (775-684-1662), e-mail ([reference@nvcourts.nv.gov](mailto:reference@nvcourts.nv.gov)), mail, or in person. The library's website is <http://lawlibrary.nevadajudiciary.us>. The library has three meeting rooms available for use during the day with reservation. To reserve a meeting room call (775) 684-1640. Entrance to the library is through the Stewart Street entrance only. The library hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The library is closed on holidays and weekends.

## INTERNET SERVICES

### Legislature's Website

The Nevada Legislature's website (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us>) contains substantial information regarding the operation of the Legislature. The public can access bills, resolutions, committee minutes, and journals from the 1997 to 2015 Legislative Sessions. Bill histories are also available back through the 1985 Session. Information regarding the interim legislative committees is available back through the 1997-1998 Interim, including the members, agendas, and minutes for each committee.

Through the website, members of the public can determine who their State Senator and Assembly members are and can contact them by e-mail, read the legislators' biographies, or view detailed maps of each legislator's district. During legislative sessions, the public may express their views on various topics through an online opinion poll.

The text of the NRS, the NAC, the *Register of Administrative Regulations*, and recent decisions by Nevada's Supreme Court can be browsed or searched. The recent reports of interim legislative committees, policy and program reports, and the *Summary of Legislation* are also available. Reports that have been submitted to the Legislature from various State and other agencies may also be viewed by the public. Additional documents that may be reviewed include the *Nevada Constitution*, court rules, city charters, and the 1861 and 1864 Acts of Congress, which organized the Nevada Territory and enabled the people to form the State government.

Another popular item on the website is the Vote Nevada webpage. This page contains information on the most recent election and links to campaign-related materials, State and federal election information, and ballot questions. There is also a link to "Frequently Asked Questions" on the homepage if users need assistance navigating the website.

Finally, during the 2011 Legislative Session, the Legislature made it mandatory for new members of the Legislature to attend training, which includes legislative procedure and protocol; overviews of the budget and budgetary procedure; and policy issue briefings (NRS 218A.285). Information on this training is also available on the Legislature's website.



CHAPTER VI  
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APPENDIX A  
120-DAY CALENDAR AND  
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**NEVADA LEGISLATURE**  
**2015 SESSION**  
**120-Day Calendar and Dates of Interest**

The following dates are established by the *Nevada Constitution*, *Nevada Revised Statutes*, and rules adopted by the Legislature.

**Biennial Sessions**

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* provides that the Legislature shall be biennial (meet every two years) and shall convene following the election of members of the Assembly. Accordingly, the Legislature convenes in the odd-numbered years.

**Start of Session**

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* provides that the Legislature shall commence on the first Monday of February.

**Submission of the Proposed *Executive Budget***

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* provides that the Governor shall submit the proposed *Executive Budget* to the Legislature “not later than 14 calendar days before the commencement of each regular session.”

**Limitations on Requests and Introduction of Bill Drafts**

Prior to the start of the legislative session, Chapter 218D of *Nevada Revised Statutes* governs deadlines for and limitations on the number of requests for bill drafts. After the session commences, Joint Rules 14 through 14.7 (which are adopted and may be amended by the Legislature at the beginning of each session) prescribe the deadlines and limitations on requests for bill drafts. These same rules establish the deadlines for the introduction of legislation.

**Deadlines for Passage of Bills**

Joint Rules 14 through 14.7 also place deadlines for passage of bills out of the final committee of reference in the house of origin (if at all) and, subsequently, by the house of origin (if at all). Similar deadlines are imposed for legislation in the second house.

**Exemptions from Deadlines and Limitations**

Certain legislation, including measures requested by or referred to the Senate Committee on Finance or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, and resolutions relating to legislative business (adoption of rules, appointment of session staff and attachés, establishing interim studies, et cetera) are exempt from the limitations on committee requests and the deadlines for introduction and passage.

**Length of Session**

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* requires the Legislature to “adjourn sine die” not later than 120 calendar days after its commencement.

**Effective Date of Legislation**

Every law or joint resolution passed by the Legislature becomes effective on October 1 following its passage, unless the law or joint resolution specifically prescribes a different effective date.







# STATE OF NEVADA

## 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### 120-Day Calendar

<i>Date (Day of Session)</i>	<i>Date (Day of Session)</i>	<i>Date (Day of Session)</i>
Feb. 2 (1)	Mar. 14 (41)	Apr. 23 (81)
Feb. 3 (2)	Mar. 15 (42)	Apr. 24 (82)
Feb. 4 (3)	Mar. 16 (43) Legislators' Bill Introductions	Apr. 25 (83)
Feb. 5 (4)	Mar. 17 (44)	Apr. 26 (84)
Feb. 6 (5) <i>Joint Subcommittees Start</i>	Mar. 18 (45)	Apr. 27 (85)
Feb. 7 (6)	Mar. 19 (46)	Apr. 28 (86)
Feb. 8 (7)	Mar. 20 (47)	Apr. 29 (87)
Feb. 9 (8) Legislators' BDR Requests	Mar. 21 (48)	Apr. 30 (88)
Feb. 10 (9)	Mar. 22 (49)	May 1 (89) <i>Economic Forum Report Due</i>
Feb. 11 (10)	Mar. 23 (50) Committees' Bill Introductions	May 2 (90)
Feb. 12 (11)	Mar. 24 (51)	May 3 (91)
Feb. 13 (12)	Mar. 25 (52)	May 4 (92) <i>Start Resolving Budget Differences</i>
Feb. 14 (13)	Mar. 26 (53)	May 5 (93)
Feb. 15 (14)	Mar. 27 (54)	May 6 (94)
Feb. 16 (15) Committees' BDR Requests Legislators' BDR Details	Mar. 28 (55)	May 7 (95)
Feb. 17 (16)	Mar. 29 (56)	May 8 (96)
Feb. 18 (17)	Mar. 30 (57)	May 9 (97)
Feb. 19 (18)	Mar. 31 (58) <i>Start Closing Budgets</i>	May 10 (98)
Feb. 20 (19)	Apr. 1 (59)	May 11 (99)
Feb. 21 (20)	Apr. 2 (60)	May 12 (100)
Feb. 22 (21)	Apr. 3 (61)	May 13 (101)
Feb. 23 (22) Committees' BDR Details	Apr. 4 (62)	May 14 (102)
Feb. 24 (23)	Apr. 5 (63)	May 15 (103) Committee Passage (Second House)
Feb. 25 (24)	Apr. 6 (64)	May 16 (104)
Feb. 26 (25)	Apr. 7 (65)	May 17 (105)
Feb. 27 (26)	Apr. 8 (66)	May 18 (106)
Feb. 28 (27)	Apr. 9 (67)	May 19 (107)
Mar. 1 (28)	Apr. 10 (68) Committee Passage (First House)	May 20 (108)
Mar. 2 (29)	Apr. 11 (69)	May 21 (109) <i>Finish Budget Differences</i>
Mar. 3 (30)	Apr. 12 (70)	May 22 (110) Second House Passage
Mar. 4 (31)	Apr. 13 (71)	May 23 (111)
Mar. 5 (32)	Apr. 14 (72)	May 24 (112)
Mar. 6 (33)	Apr. 15 (73)	May 25 (113)
Mar. 7 (34)	Apr. 16 (74)	May 26 (114)
Mar. 8 (35)	Apr. 17 (75)	May 27 (115) <i>Budget Bills Introduced Exempt Bills from Committee</i>
Mar. 9 (36)	Apr. 18 (76)	May 28 (116)
Mar. 10 (37)	Apr. 19 (77)	May 29 (117)
Mar. 11 (38)	Apr. 20 (78)	May 30 (118)
Mar. 12 (39)	Apr. 21 (79) First House Passage	May 31 (119)
Mar. 13 (40)	Apr. 22 (80)	June 1 (120)

Details for Legislator and Committee BDRs submitted on or before August 1, 2014, must be submitted on or before November 1, 2014, and details for BDRs submitted after August 1, 2014, but on or before December 10, 2014, must be submitted on or before January 1, 2015.

Shaded days are Mondays.  
Bold and italicized items are budget-related deadlines.



APPENDIX B  
LIMITATIONS AND DEADLINES FOR  
BILL DRAFT REQUESTS



NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES THAT MAY BE  
REQUESTED FOR DRAFTING, BY ENTITY  
NEVADA LEGISLATURE—2015 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

<i>Authorized Entity</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Number of Measures Per Entity</i>	<i>Legal Citation</i>
Assemblyman/Assemblywoman—Incumbent	On or before August 1, 2014 August 2, 2014, through December 10, 2014 February 2, 2015, through February 9, 2015	4 5 1	<i>Nevada Revised Statutes</i> (NRS) 218D.150
Assemblyman/Assemblywoman—Newly elected	On or before December 10, 2014 February 2, 2015, through February 9, 2015	5 1	
Senator—Incumbent	On or before August 1, 2014 August 2, 2014, through December 10, 2014 February 2, 2015, through February 9, 2015	8 10 2	
Senator—Newly elected	On or before December 10, 2014 February 2, 2015, through February 9, 2015	10 2	
Standing Session Committee Chairs	Before the November 4, 2014, General Election*	1 per 18 measures referred during previous Regular Session	NRS 218D.150
Standing Session Committees	February 2, 2015, (1st day of Session) through 5 p.m. on February 16, 2015 (15th day of Session)	60 per house	Joint Rule 14 (2015)
Speaker of the Assembly and Majority Leader of the Senate	Before the November 4, 2014, General Election** Emergency requests during Session	15 5	NRS 218D.155 and Joint Rule 14.4 (2015)
Minority Leaders of the Assembly and Senate	Before the November 4, 2014, General Election** Emergency requests during Session	10 2	
Legislative Commission	Before February 2, 2015	10	NRS 218D.160†‡
Interim Finance Committee	Before February 2, 2015	10	
Statutory Interim Legislative Committees	On or before September 2, 2014	10	
Interim Study Committees created by 2013 Legislature or by the Legislative Commission	On or before September 2, 2014	5	
Chief Clerk of the Assembly and Secretary of the Senate	Before or during Session	Unlimited, but must pertain to duties	NRS 218D.155
Legislative Counsel	Before or during Session	Unlimited, but must pertain to duties	
Supreme Court	On or before September 2, 2014	10	NRS 218D.190† NRS 218D.105±
Governor/Executive Branch Governor for Legislative Agenda	On or before August 1, 2014 On or before February 20, 2015	110 5	NRS 218D.175† NRS 218D.105±
Department of Administration	On or before February 20, 2015	Unlimited, to implement budget	
Lieutenant Governor	On or before September 2, 2014	3	
Secretary of State	On or before September 2, 2014 On or before December 1, 2014	6 2	
State Treasurer	On or before September 2, 2014	5	
State Controller	On or before September 2, 2014	5	
Attorney General	On or before September 2, 2014	20	
County of 700,000 or more School district in such county	On or before September 2, 2014	4 2	NRS 218D.205† NRS 218D.105±
County of 100,000 to 699,999 School district in such county	On or before September 2, 2014	2 1	
County under 100,000 School district in such county	On or before September 2, 2014	1 1	
City of 500,000 or more	On or before September 2, 2014	3	
City of 150,000 to 499,000	On or before September 2, 2014	2	
City under 150,000	On or before September 2, 2014	1	

<i>Authorized Entity</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Number of Measures Per Entity</i>	<i>Legal Citation</i>
Association of Counties or Cities	On or before September 2, 2014	5	NRS 218D.210† NRS 218D.105±
Nevada Youth Legislature	On or before December 1, 2014	1	NRS 385.565***
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum	On or before September 2, 2014	1	NRS 218D.220† NRS 218D.105±

\*Per NRS 218D.150, the deadline to request the remaining number of legislative measures is extended to December 10, 2014, for Committee Chairs designated after the November 2014 General Election.

\*\*Per NRS 218D.155, the deadline to request the remaining number of legislative measures is extended to February 1, 2015, (prior to the 1st day of Session) for persons designated after the November 2014 General Election as Speaker of the Assembly, Majority Leader of the Senate, and Minority Leaders of the Assembly and Senate.

†The September 1, 2014, deadline is extended to September 2, 2014, because September 1 falls on a holiday.

‡Per NRS 218D.160, the Legislative Commission may authorize an interim study committee created by order of the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 to request the drafting of additional legislative measures.

±Per NRS 218D.105, the Legislative Commission when the Legislature is not in a regular session, or a standing session committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter when the Legislature is in a regular session, may waive the deadline for an authorized non-legislative requester to submit a request for the drafting of a legislative measure in exceptional circumstances.

\*\*\*Per NRS 385.565, the Legislative Commission may authorize submittal of a request after that date.

Note: Assembly Bill 412 (Chapter 509, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*) and Senate Bill 178 (Chapter 150, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*) amended provisions relating to requests for the drafting of measures.

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## APPENDIX C

# NEVADA'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS





# NEVADA’S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

## INITIAL STEPS BY THE AUTHOR

## ACTION IN THE HOUSE OF ORIGIN

### IDEA & DRAFTING

Sources of ideas for legislation include State and local governments, elected officials, businesses, organizations, and citizens. Requests for drafting may be made by legislators, legislative committees, the Governor, State agencies, and local governments. A staff attorney for the Legislature prepares a formal draft of a bill.

### INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

A bill is submitted for introduction by an individual legislator or committee chair. It is then numbered, read for the first time, referred to committee, printed, and delivered to the committee.

### COMMITTEE ACTION & REPORT

A committee may make a variety of recommendations to the entire legislative body. It may recommend that the legislative house pass a bill as it is written or pass it with certain amendments. If a committee decides that a bill requires further committee consideration, it may recommend that the legislative house amend the bill and rerefer it back to the same committee or that it rerefer the bill to another committee. Finally, a committee may vote to indefinitely postpone consideration of a bill, effectively killing it, or may take no action at all. After committee reports are read, bills are placed on second reading for the next legislative day unless the committee, by unanimous vote, recommends the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. This action is limited to certain noncontroversial bills reported out of committee without amendment.

### SECOND READING

Bills given a “Do Pass” recommendation are read a second time and placed on General File for debate and final vote. Bills that are given an “Amend and Do Pass” recommendation are read a second time, and if the amendment is adopted, it is reprinted before being placed on the General File for action.

### FLOOR DEBATE & VOTE

Bills are read a third time and debated. A roll call vote follows. For passage of measures that require a constitutional majority, 11 votes are needed in the Senate and 22 in the Assembly. Bills with tax or fee increases require a two-thirds majority (14 votes in the Senate and 28 in the Assembly). A measure that does not receive at least the required number of votes is defeated. Any member who casts a vote on the prevailing side of a measure may serve notice of reconsideration to request a second vote. All bills that are passed by the first legislative house are then forwarded to the second legislative house where the process begins again.

## ACTION IN THE SECOND HOUSE

## RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES, IF NECESSARY

## ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR

### FIRST READING

Bill is read for the first time and referred to committee.

### COMMITTEE ACTION & SECOND READING

Procedures and possible actions are nearly identical to those in the first legislative house.

### FLOOR DEBATE & VOTE

The procedure is identical to that in the first legislative house. If the second legislative house considers and passes a bill without amendment, it is returned to the first legislative house for enrollment and transmittal to the Governor. (Resolutions are delivered to the Secretary of State.\*) If the second legislative house amends a measure, it is returned to the house of origin for consideration of the amendment.

### CONCURRENCE

The house of origin decides whether to accept the second legislative house’s amendment. If it accepts the amendment, the bill is enrolled and delivered to the Governor. When the amendment is rejected by the house of origin, the bill is returned to the second legislative house for a decision whether to withdraw (recede from) the proposed changes. If the second legislative house does not recede from its amendment, a conference committee is appointed, and the bill is returned to the house of origin with a request that it appoint a like committee to meet with a committee of the second house.

### CONFERENCE

If the two-house conference committee is able to resolve the differences between the houses, it sends a conference committee report with the proposed reconciliation to the two houses. The house of origin must adopt the report first. If either house fails to adopt the report, the bill dies. However, if both legislative houses adopt the report, the bill is enrolled and delivered to the Governor.

### SIGN OR VETO?

The Governor must act on a bill within 5 days after it is received (Sundays excepted) if the Legislature is still in session. However, if there are fewer than 5 days remaining in session, or if the bill is delivered after the adjournment *sine die*, the Governor has 10 days after adjournment to act. The Governor may sign the bill into law, allow it to become law without a signature, or veto it. A vetoed bill is returned to the house of origin to consider overriding the veto. An override of the veto requires a two-thirds majority vote of each legislative house. If the Governor vetoes a bill after the session adjourns *sine die*, the bill is returned to the next regular legislative session. Measures become effective on October 1 following the end of the legislative session, unless otherwise specified in the bill.

*Revised October 2014*

*\*This chart primarily describes legislative steps for a bill. The process for a resolution varies slightly depending upon whether it is a one-house, concurrent, or joint resolution. Deadlines for final action on bills and joint resolutions by committees and houses are typically established by joint rule at the beginning of each legislative session.*



APPENDIX D  
EXAMPLES OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS,  
AND  
A FISCAL NOTE



## THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL

REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE  
(§§ 2-6)

EXEMPT

**S.B. 514**

SENATE BILL NO. 514—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MAY 13, 2013

Referred to Committee on Revenue and  
Economic Development

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing payroll taxes.  
(BDR 32-1220)

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to taxation; providing for the imposition of the payroll tax on larger gold and silver mining operations at the same rate as the payroll tax imposed on financial institutions; revising the rate of the payroll tax that is applicable to other employers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Under existing law, a payroll tax is imposed on businesses, other than financial  
2 institutions, through June 30, 2013, at the rate of 1.17 percent of the taxable wages  
3 paid by the business during a calendar quarter that exceed \$62,500, and thereafter at  
4 the rate of 0.63 percent of the total taxable wages paid by such a business. (NRS  
5 363B.110) A payroll tax is also currently imposed on financial institutions at the  
6 rate of 2 percent of the wages paid during a calendar quarter. (NRS 363A.130) The  
7 tax on financial institutions is currently imposed on banks, savings associations,  
8 bank holding companies, business development companies, securities sales  
9 representatives, investment advisers, transfer agents, rural business investment  
10 companies, new markets venture capital companies and other specifically  
11 designated entities. (NRS 363A.050) **Sections 2-4** of this bill provide for the  
12 imposition of the payroll tax on larger gold and silver mining operations at the  
13 same rate as the payroll tax imposed on financial institutions. In addition, **sections**  
14 **5-7** of this bill revise the rate of the payroll tax that is applicable to employers other  
15 than financial institutions and larger gold and silver mining operations by providing  
16 that beginning on July 1, 2013, the payroll tax is imposed at the rate of 1.5 percent  
17 of the wages paid during a calendar quarter that exceed \$62,500.



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THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL *(continued)*

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

**Section 1.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the provisions of this act do not conflict with, must be interpreted to be compatible with, and are not intended to be a competing measure with, the provisions of Initiative Petition No. 1 of the 77th Session of the Legislature.

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 363A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*“Gold or silver mining operation” means a mining operation which engages in the extraction of gold or silver, or a combination thereof, from gold-bearing or silver-bearing ores, quartz or minerals and for which the net proceeds of any minerals extracted by the mining operation in this State in the immediately preceding calendar year exceed \$4,000,000, as determined and certified by the Department pursuant to NRS 362.100 to 362.240, inclusive.*

**Sec. 3.** NRS 363A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

363A.030 **1.** “Employer” means any ~~financial~~:

*(a) Financial* institution who is required to pay a contribution pursuant to NRS 612.535 for any calendar quarter with respect to any business activity of the financial institution. ~~except~~

*(b) Gold or silver mining operation that is required to pay a contribution pursuant to NRS 612.535 for any calendar quarter with respect to any business activity of the mining operation.*

**2.** *The term does not include* an Indian tribe, a nonprofit organization or a political subdivision. For the purposes of this ~~section:~~

~~—1—~~ *subsection:*

*(a)* “Indian tribe” includes any entity described in subsection 10 of NRS 612.055.

~~2—~~ *(b)* “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit religious, charitable, fraternal or other organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c).

~~3—~~ *(c)* “Political subdivision” means any entity described in subsection 9 of NRS 612.055.

**Sec. 4.** NRS 363B.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

363B.030 “Employer” means any employer who is required to pay a contribution pursuant to NRS 612.535 for any calendar quarter with respect to any business activity of the employer, except a financial institution, *a gold or silver mining operation*, an Indian tribe, a nonprofit organization, a political subdivision or any person who does not supply a product or service, but who only consumes a service. For the purposes of this section:



## THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL (continued)

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1. “Financial institution” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 363A.050.

2. *“Gold or silver mining operation” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 2 of this act.*

3. “Indian tribe” includes any entity described in subsection 10 of NRS 612.055.

~~3.4~~ 4. “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit religious, charitable, fraternal or other organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c).

~~4.4~~ 5. “Political subdivision” means any entity described in subsection 9 of NRS 612.055.

**Sec. 5.** NRS 363B.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

363B.110 1. There is hereby imposed an excise tax on each employer at the rate of ~~1.174~~ *1.5* percent of the amount by which the sum of all the wages, as defined in NRS 612.190, paid by the employer during a calendar quarter with respect to employment in connection with the business activities of the employer exceeds \$62,500.

2. The tax imposed by this section:

(a) Does not apply to any person or other entity or any wages this State is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States or the Nevada Constitution.

(b) Must not be deducted, in whole or in part, from any wages of persons in the employment of the employer.

3. Each employer shall, on or before the last day of the month immediately following each calendar quarter for which the employer is required to pay a contribution pursuant to NRS 612.535:

(a) File with the Department a return on a form prescribed by the Department; and

(b) Remit to the Department any tax due pursuant to this chapter for that calendar quarter.

**Sec. 6.** Section 17 of chapter 476, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 2898, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 17. 1. This section and sections 1 and 7 to 16, inclusive, of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections *4*, 4.5 and 6 of this act become effective on July 1, 2011.

3. ~~Sections 4 and~~ *Section* 6.5 of this act ~~become~~ *becomes* effective on July 1, 2011, and ~~expire~~ *expires* by limitation on June 30, 2013.

4. Section 5 of this act becomes effective on the date that the balance of the separate account required by subsection 8 of NRS 408.235 is reduced to zero.



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**THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL** *(continued)*

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1     **Sec. 7.** 1. This section and section 6 of this act become  
2 effective upon passage and approval.

3     2. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this act become effective:

4       (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
5 necessary regulations and performing any other preparatory  
6 administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act;  
7 and

8       (b) On July 1, 2013, for all other purposes.





THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY BILL

REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE (§ 3.5)

(Reprinted with amendments adopted on April 18, 2013)

SECOND REPRINT

A.B. 200

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 200—ASSEMBLYMEN HARDY, GRADY,  
CARLTON, HICKEY, OSCARSON; KIRNER, LIVERMORE AND  
WHEELER

MARCH 4, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS HARDY; AND CEGAVSKE

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to food establishments.  
(BDR 40-129)

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to food establishments; allowing farms to hold farm-to-fork events in certain circumstances without being considered a food establishment for purposes of inspections by the health authority and other regulations; requiring such farms to register with the health authority; providing a similar exemption from requirements applicable to a food establishment for certain farms which manufacture or prepare certain food items for sale or which offer or display such food items under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Existing law requires a person to obtain a permit to operate a food  
2 establishment and to comply with various other requirements in the operation of the  
3 food establishment. (NRS 446.870) Existing law defines the term “food  
4 establishment” for those purposes and specifically excludes certain entities from the  
5 definition, including private homes where the food that is prepared or manufactured  
6 in the home is not provided for compensation or other consideration of any kind.  
7 (NRS 446.020)  
8 **Section 5** of this bill adds to the list of entities that are excluded from the  
9 definition of “food establishment” a farm holding a farm-to-fork event. **Section 2** of  
10 this bill defines the term “farm-to-fork event” as an event where prepared food  
11 from a farm is provided for immediate consumption by paying guests at the farm.



## THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY BILL

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12 **Section 3** of this bill authorizes a farm to hold a farm-to-fork event without being  
 13 subject to the requirements of a food establishment provided that: (1) any rabbit  
 14 meat or poultry served is raised and prepared on the farm, and is butchered and  
 15 processed on the farm pursuant to certain permit and inspection requirements of  
 16 NRS; (2) other food items served are prepared from ingredients substantially  
 17 produced on the farm; and (3) each guest is provided with and acknowledges  
 18 receipt of a notice which states that no inspection was conducted by a state or local  
 19 health department of the farm or the food to be consumed, except as to the  
 20 butchering and processing of the meat or poultry. **Section 3** further provides that a  
 21 farm which holds more than two events in any month becomes a food establishment  
 22 subject to all the requirements of a food establishment for the remainder of the  
 23 calendar year. **Section 3.5** requires a farm that wishes to hold farm-to-fork events to  
 24 register with the health authority by providing certain information and paying a fee.  
 25 The health authority is prohibited from inspecting the farm, except in certain  
 26 circumstances. **Section 5** also adds to the list of entities that are excluded from the  
 27 definition of "food establishment" a farm that manufactures or prepares certain  
 28 food items for sale or which offers or displays for sale or serves those food items  
 29 under certain circumstances. **Section 4** of this bill specifies which food items  
 30 qualify a farm for that exemption.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 446 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3, 3.5 and 4 of this act.  
 3 **Sec. 2.** *"Farm-to-fork event" means an event organized on a*  
 4 *farm where prepared food is provided for immediate consumption*  
 5 *to paying guests and that meets the requirements of section 3 of*  
 6 *this act.*  
 7 **Sec. 3.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a*  
 8 *farm is not a "food establishment" for purposes of holding a farm-*  
 9 *to-fork event provided that:*  
 10 (a) *Any poultry and meat from a rabbit that is served at the*  
 11 *farm-to-fork event is raised and prepared on the farm and is*  
 12 *butchered and processed on the farm pursuant to the requirements*  
 13 *of chapter 583 of NRS; and*  
 14 (b) *Any other food item that is served at the farm-to-fork event,*  
 15 *including, without limitation, salads, side dishes and desserts, are*  
 16 *prepared on the farm from ingredients that are substantially*  
 17 *produced on the farm.*  
 18 2. *A farm which holds a farm-to-fork event shall:*  
 19 (a) *Before a guest consumes any food, provide each guest with*  
 20 *a notice which states that no inspection was conducted by a state*  
 21 *or local health department of the farm or the food to be consumed,*  
 22 *except as otherwise provided in subsection 1; and*  
 23 (b) *Obtain from each guest a signed acknowledgment of*  
 24 *receipt of the notice.*



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## THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY BILL (continued)

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1       3. A farm which holds more than two events in any month  
2 that would otherwise qualify as farm-to-fork events becomes a  
3 food establishment for the remainder of that calendar year subject  
4 to all of the requirements of this chapter and any regulations  
5 adopted pursuant thereto concerning food establishments.

6       Sec. 3.5. 1. A farm that wishes to hold farm-to-fork events  
7 must register with the health authority by submitting such  
8 information as the health authority deems appropriate, including,  
9 without limitation:

10       (a) The name, address and contact information of the owner of  
11 the farm;

12       (b) The name under which the farm operates; and

13       (c) The address of the farm.

14       2. The health authority may charge a fee for the registration  
15 of a farm pursuant to this section in an amount not to exceed the  
16 actual cost of the health authority to establish and maintain a  
17 registry of farms holding farm-to-fork events.

18       3. The health authority shall not inspect a farm that holds a  
19 farm-to-fork event, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of  
20 section 3 of this act and except that the health authority may  
21 inspect a farm following a farm-to-fork event to investigate a food  
22 item that may be deemed to be adulterated pursuant to NRS  
23 585.300 to 585.360, inclusive, or an outbreak or suspected  
24 outbreak of illness known or suspected to be caused by a  
25 contaminated food item served at the farm-to-fork event. A farm  
26 shall cooperate with the health authority in any such inspection.

27       4. If, as a result of an inspection conducted pursuant to  
28 subsection 3, the health authority determines that the farm has  
29 produced an adulterated food item or was the source of an  
30 outbreak of illness caused by a contaminated food item, the health  
31 authority may charge and collect from the farm a fee in an  
32 amount not to exceed the actual cost of the health authority to  
33 conduct the investigation.

34       Sec. 4. 1. A farm which manufactures or prepares a food  
35 item by any manner or means whatever for sale, or which offers or  
36 displays a food item for sale, is not a "food establishment"  
37 pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsection 2 of NRS 446.020 if each  
38 such food item is:

39       (a) Made substantially from ingredients that were grown or  
40 produced on the farm;

41       (b) Sold at the farm or at a farmers' market licensed pursuant  
42 to chapter 244 or 268 of NRS;

43       (c) Sold to a natural person for his or her consumption and  
44 not for resale;



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(d) Affixed with a label which complies with the federal labeling requirements set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 343(w) and 9 C.F.R. Part 317 and 21 C.F.R. Part 101 and which has been approved by the health authority if the food item is sold at a farmers' market;

(e) Labeled with "NOT FOR RESALE - PROCESSED AND PREPARED IN A FACILITY WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A PERMIT AND WHICH HAS NOT BEEN INSPECTED BY A STATE OR COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY" printed prominently on the label for the food item; and

(f) Prepackaged in a manner that protects the food item from contamination during transport, display, sale and acquisition by consumers.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Farm" means land used for an agricultural purpose, including, without limitation, the production of crops and the on-site storage, preparation and sale of agricultural products principally produced on the land.

(b) "Food item" means any food that is not potentially hazardous, does not require time or temperature controls for safety and has a pH of 4.6 or less.

Sec. 5. NRS 446.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

446.020 1. Except as otherwise limited by subsection 2, "food establishment" means any place, structure, premises, vehicle or vessel, or any part thereof, in which any food intended for ultimate human consumption is manufactured or prepared by any manner or means whatever, or in which any food is sold, offered or displayed for sale or served.

2. The term does not include:

(a) Private homes, unless the food prepared or manufactured in the home is sold, or offered or displayed for sale or for compensation or contractual consideration of any kind;

(b) Fraternal or social clubhouses at which attendance is limited to members of the club;

(c) Vehicles operated by common carriers engaged in interstate commerce;

(d) Any establishment in which religious, charitable and other nonprofit organizations sell food occasionally to raise money or in which charitable organizations receive salvaged food in bulk quantities for free distribution, unless the establishment is open on a regular basis to sell food to members of the general public;

(e) Any establishment where animals are slaughtered which is regulated and inspected by the State Department of Agriculture;

(f) Dairy farms and plants which process milk and products of milk or frozen desserts which are regulated under chapter 584 of NRS; ~~to~~



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- 1 (g) The premises of a wholesale dealer of alcoholic beverages  
2 licensed under chapter 369 of NRS who handles only alcoholic  
3 beverages which are in sealed containers ~~H~~;  
4 *(h) A farm that meets the requirements of section 4 of this act*  
5 *with respect to a food item as defined in that section; or*  
6 *(i) A farm for purposes of holding a farm-to-fork event.*  
7 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

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THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

**S.J.R. 2**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2—SENATOR HARDY

PREFILED FEBRUARY 1, 2013

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

**SUMMARY**—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to abolish the requirement that an employer who does not provide health benefits pay a higher minimum wage. (BDR C-473)

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to abolish the requirement that an employer who does not provide health benefits pay a minimum wage that is \$1 per hour higher than the minimum wage to be paid by an employer who provides health benefits.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 The Nevada Constitution requires each employer who does not provide health  
2 benefits to pay a minimum wage that is \$1 per hour higher than an employer who  
3 does provide health benefits. (Nev. Const. Art. 15, § 16) This resolution proposes to  
4 amend the Nevada Constitution to require all employers to pay the same hourly  
5 minimum wage regardless of whether such employers provide health benefits.

1 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF**  
2 **NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada**  
3 **Constitution be amended to read as follows:**

4 Sec. 16. A. Each employer shall pay a wage to each  
5 employee of not less than the hourly ~~rates~~ ***rate*** set forth in  
6 this section. The rate shall be five dollars and fifteen cents  
7 (\$5.15) per hour worked . ~~I, if the employer provides health~~  
8 ~~benefits as described herein, or six dollars and fifteen cents~~  
9 ~~(\$6.15) per hour if the employer does not provide such~~  
10 ~~benefits. Offering health benefits within the meaning of this~~  
11 ~~section shall consist of making health insurance available to~~  
12 ~~the employee for the employee and the employee's~~



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~~dependents at a total cost to the employee for premiums of not more than 10 percent of the employee's gross taxable income from the employer. These rates~~ **This rate** of wages shall be adjusted by the amount of increases in the federal minimum wage over \$5.15 per hour, or, if greater, by the cumulative increase in the cost of living. The cost of living increase shall be measured by the percentage increase as of December 31 in any year over the level as of December 31, 2004 of the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor or the successor index or federal agency. No CPI adjustment for any one-year period may be greater than 3%. The Governor or the State agency designated by the Governor shall publish a bulletin by April 1 of each year announcing the adjusted ~~rates~~ **rate**, which shall take effect the following July 1. Such bulletin will be made available to all employers and to any other person who has filed with the Governor or the designated agency a request to receive such notice but lack of notice shall not excuse noncompliance with this section. An employer shall provide written notification of the rate ~~adjustments~~ **adjustment** to each of its employees and make the necessary payroll adjustments by July 1 following the publication of the bulletin. Tips or gratuities received by employees shall not be credited as being any part of or offset against the wage ~~rates~~ **rate** required by this section.

B. The provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer. All of the provisions of this section, or any part hereof, may be waived in a bona fide collective bargaining agreement, but only if the waiver is explicitly set forth in such agreement in clear and unambiguous terms. Unilateral implementation of terms and conditions of employment by either party to a collective bargaining relationship shall not constitute, or be permitted, as a waiver of all or any part of the provisions of this section. An employer shall not discharge, reduce the compensation of or otherwise discriminate against any employee for using any civil remedies to enforce this section or otherwise asserting his or her rights under this section. An employee claiming violation of this section may bring an action against his or her employer in the courts of this State to enforce the provisions of this section and shall be entitled to all remedies available under the law or in equity appropriate to remedy any violation of this section, including but not limited to back pay, damages, reinstatement or injunctive



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1 relief. An employee who prevails in any action to enforce this  
2 section shall be awarded his or her reasonable attorney's fees  
3 and costs.

4 C. As used in this section, "employee" means any  
5 person who is employed by an employer as defined herein but  
6 does not include an employee who is under eighteen (18)  
7 years of age, employed by a nonprofit organization for after  
8 school or summer employment or as a trainee for a period not  
9 longer than ninety (90) days. "Employer" means any  
10 individual, proprietorship, partnership, joint venture,  
11 corporation, limited liability company, trust, association, or  
12 other entity that may employ individuals or enter into  
13 contracts of employment.

14 D. If any provision of this section is declared illegal,  
15 invalid or inoperative, in whole or in part, by the final  
16 decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining  
17 provisions and all portions not declared illegal, invalid or  
18 inoperative shall remain in full force or effect, and no such  
19 determination shall invalidate the remaining sections or  
20 portions of the sections of this section.

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**THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION**

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1—Assemblyman Aizley

FILE NUMBER.....

**ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION**—Expressing the support of the Nevada Legislature for the designation of the Upper Las Vegas Wash as a national monument.

WHEREAS, The Upper Las Vegas Wash contains thousands of Pleistocene mammal fossils of national importance, including Columbian mammoth, ground sloth, American lion, camel and horse fossils; and

WHEREAS, Since 1933, the Upper Las Vegas Wash has been valued by scientists because of the significant paleontological fossils demonstrative of the Pleistocene epoch, commonly referred to as the Ice Age, that are located in the area; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, during the preparation of the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Final Environmental Impact Statement, the Bureau of Land Management identified sensitive biological, cultural and paleontological resources determined to be worthy of more evaluation with respect to the protective status of the resources; and

WHEREAS, The harsh desert environment of the Upper Las Vegas Wash supports unique and imperiled plants, including the Las Vegas buckwheat, Merriam's bearpoppy, Las Vegas bearpoppy, the halfring milkvetch, Joshua trees and several species of cacti; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Las Vegas Wash provides important habitat for the threatened desert tortoise, endemic poppy bees, kit foxes, burrowing owls and a variety of reptiles; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, a National Park Service reconnaissance survey of the area determined that the area likely contains the largest continuous section of Pleistocene strata in the desert southwest; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Las Vegas Wash is significant to the culture and history of the native and indigenous people of the area, including the Southern Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Despite the findings and recommendations of the aforementioned Environmental Impact Statement and reconnaissance survey, the Upper Las Vegas Wash remains inadequately protected; and

WHEREAS, Many irreplaceable fossil specimens in the Upper Las Vegas Wash have been lost to vandalism or theft; and

WHEREAS, Designation of the Upper Las Vegas Wash site as a national monument would protect the unique resources of the area for present and future generations while allowing for public



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education and continued scientific research opportunities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize that the Upper Las Vegas Wash contains unique, nationally important biological, cultural and paleontological resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That to conserve, protect, interpret and enhance for the benefit of present and future generations these unique and nationally important resources, the Nevada Legislature expresses its support for the designation of the Upper Las Vegas Wash site as a national monument; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the Governor and the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and to the Director of the Department of Wildlife for distribution to the various conservation groups that have participated in the effort to designate the Upper Las Vegas Wash site as a national monument; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1—COMMITTEE  
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA LEAGUE OF  
CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Requires the Legislative Commission to conduct an  
interim study regarding the taxation of services.  
(BDR R-260)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Requiring the  
Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study  
regarding the taxation of services.

1 WHEREAS, The economy of the State of Nevada and its local  
2 governments relies significantly on revenue derived from taxing the  
3 sale of goods; and

4 WHEREAS, The economic downturn that began in 2007,  
5 accompanied by changing economic patterns which have caused the  
6 sale of services to constitute a greater part of the economy, has  
7 reduced the revenue derived from taxing the sale of goods; and

8 WHEREAS, The creation of a sales tax on services could help to  
9 realign and stabilize the tax base in accordance with the actual  
10 economic activity taking place; and

11 WHEREAS, The Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities  
12 supports the concept of examining a sales tax on services that would  
13 be offset by lowering the sales tax on goods to produce a net effect  
14 that would be revenue neutral; and

15 WHEREAS, An interim study of the taxation of services could  
16 assist the Legislature in establishing a tax structure for this State and  
17 its local governments that would be more flexible, be more stable  
18 and provide adequate revenues; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
20 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is



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1 hereby directed to conduct an interim study on the desirability,  
2 feasibility and necessity of imposing sales taxes on the provision of  
3 selected services; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the interim study, in conjunction with an  
5 examination of the concept of imposing sales taxes on the provision  
6 of selected services, should consider revenue neutrality achieved by  
7 a corresponding lowering of the taxes imposed on the sale of goods;  
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That as soon as practicable after July 1, 2013, the  
10 Legislative Commission shall appoint a committee composed of  
11 three members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly,  
12 one of whom must be appointed by the Commission to serve as  
13 Chair of the committee, from among the members of the standing  
14 committees on taxation of this Legislative Session to conduct the  
15 study; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That as soon as practicable after July 1, 2013, the  
17 Legislative Commission shall appoint an advisory subcommittee to  
18 assist the committee in conducting the study; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the advisory subcommittee appointed to assist  
20 the committee in conducting the study must consist of five  
21 members, three of whom are nominated by the Nevada League of  
22 Cities and Municipalities and two of whom are nominated by the  
23 Nevada Association of Counties; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission may require the  
25 study to be completed not less than 45 days before the first day of  
26 the 78th Session of the Legislature; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the  
28 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the  
29 Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to  
30 the committee; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a  
32 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for  
33 legislation to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it  
34 further

35 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
36 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor and the Executive  
37 Director of the Department of Taxation.

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**THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Assemblymen Kirkpatrick; Aizley, Elliot Anderson, Paul Anderson, Benitez-Thompson, Bobzien, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Cohen, Daly, Diaz, Dondero Loop, Duncan, Eisen, Ellison, Fiore, Flores, Frierson, Grady, Hambrick, Hansen, Hardy, Healey, Hickey, Hogan, Horne, Kirner, Livermore, Martin, Munford, Neal, Ohrenschall, Oscarson, Pierce, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Stewart, Swank, Wheeler and Woodbury

Joint Sponsors: Senators Smith; Atkinson, Brower, Cegavske, Denis, Ford, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Hutchison, Jones, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Manendo, Parks, Roberson, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Spearman and Woodhouse

FILE NUMBER.....

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Assemblyman John W. Marvel.**

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada lost a true statesman and steadfast public servant on March 16, 2013, and the members of the Nevada Legislature note with sorrow the passing of one of their most highly regarded former colleagues; and

WHEREAS, John Wyland Marvel was born in Battle Mountain, Nevada, on September 11, 1926, and, after graduating as valedictorian of his class at Battle Mountain High School, served in the United States Army's 19th Infantry Regiment during World War II and was honored for his service with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal and the World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, After earning a bachelor of arts degree at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1951, Mr. Marvel built a career as business manager of and working cowboy with one of the largest ranching operations in Nevada history, W.T. Jenkins Co., which was founded by his grandfather, and later he acquired and operated the Dunphy Ranch in Eureka County for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, This native Nevadan remained a loyal advocate for agricultural industries and the interests of this State's rural counties after he ran for the Nevada Assembly and was first elected in 1978, serving for 30 years, including 15 regular and 11 special sessions; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Marvel served as an invaluable member and leader of many legislative committees and contributed to forming countless public policies affecting the people of the State of Nevada, though he was proudest of his legislative efforts to



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support education, to secure funding for the University of Nevada School of Medicine and to reform the prison system, tax structure and water laws of this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marvel earned distinction during his service in the Nevada Legislature through his contributions to national and regional legislative organizations, including the American Legislative Exchange Council and the Western Legislative Conference, and in 2009 was added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, A recognized expert in many fields, this distinguished Nevadan served as Chairman of the Nevada Tax Commission and the Lander County Planning Commission and as a member of the Advisory Council to the National Public Land Law Review Commission and, after his legislative service, served on the Nevada Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marvel will be fondly remembered by those who have had the good fortune to work with him as a thoughtful, caring, down-to-earth, responsible man with a great sense of humor, who always thought of others' needs first; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby extend their deepest condolences to former Assemblyman Marvel's wife Willie, his children Sharon, John and Michelle, and his brother Thomas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to John's wife of more than 60 years, Willie Shidler Marvel.

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**THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SENATE RESOLUTION**

Senate Resolution No. 9—Committee on  
Legislative Operations and Elections

FILE NUMBER.....

**SENATE RESOLUTION**—Designating certain members of the Senate as regular and alternate members of the Legislative Commission for the 2013-2015 biennium.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 218E.150 and the Joint Standing Rules of the Legislature, Senators Moises Denis, Kelvin Atkinson, Ruben J. Kihuen, Michael Roberson, Ben Kieckhefer and James A. Settlemeyer are designated as the regular Senate members of the Legislative Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Senators Joyce Woodhouse and Tick Segerblom are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Moises Denis; Senators Justin C. Jones and David R. Parks are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Kelvin Atkinson; Senators Aaron D. Ford and Debbie Smith are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Ruben J. Kihuen; Senators Greg Brower and Mark Hutchison are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Michael Roberson; Senators Pete Goicoechea and Barbara K. Cegavske are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Ben Kieckhefer; and Senators Joseph P. Hardy and Donald G. Gustavson are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator James A. Settlemeyer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the procedure for requesting an alternate member to replace a regular member during his or her absence at a meeting must be as follows:

1. The Secretary of the Legislative Commission shall establish a record of service of alternate members at meetings of the Legislative Commission and shall maintain a list of the alternate members for each individual Senator or group of Senators. Each list must contain a numerical designation in ascending order for each alternate member on the list. The initial sequence in which the alternate members must be listed must correspond to their designation as alternates in this resolution.

2. If a regular member of the Legislative Commission is unable to attend a scheduled meeting of the Legislative Commission and notifies the Secretary of the Legislative Commission, the Secretary shall request the alternate member with the lowest numerical



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designation on the appropriate list to replace the regular member at the meeting. If the alternate member does not agree to serve, the Secretary shall make the same request of the alternate member with the next higher numerical designation on the list, and so on through the list until an alternate member agrees to replace the regular member.

3. An alternate member who agrees to replace a regular member at a meeting of the Legislative Commission loses the numerical designation he or she had on the appropriate list at the time he or she was requested to serve. The Secretary of the Legislative Commission shall, when the alternate member agrees to replace the regular member, assign to that alternate member the highest numerical designation on the appropriate list. At the same time, the Secretary shall also reduce by one the numerical designation in the appropriate list to those alternate members who have higher numerical designations in the appropriate list than the alternate member who has agreed to serve.

4. An alternate member who is requested to replace a regular member at a meeting of the Legislative Commission, but who does not agree to replace the regular member, does not lose the numerical designation he or she had on the appropriate list at the time of the request.

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**THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION**

Assembly Resolution No. 3—Committee on  
Legislative Operations and Elections

FILE NUMBER.....

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Providing allowances to the leadership and other members of the Assembly for periodicals, stamps, stationery and communications.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the sum to be allowed, as provided by law, for each member of the Assembly for periodicals, stamps and stationery is \$60 and for the use of telephones is \$2,800, and the sum to be allowed, as provided by law, for the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, Minority Floor Leader and chair of each standing committee of the Assembly for postage, telephone tolls and other communication charges is \$900; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these amounts be certified by the Speaker and Chief Clerk to the State Controller, who is authorized to draw warrants therefor on the Legislative Fund, and the State Treasurer is thereafter authorized to pay these warrants.

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## THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FISCAL NOTE

**BDR 32-781  
SB 165**EXECUTIVE AGENCY  
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 28, 2013

Agency Submitting: Department of Taxation

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2012-13	Fiscal Year 2013-14	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Effect on Future Biennia
Catg 01 Personnel Costs - Salaries and Associated (Expense)		\$38,827	\$53,338	\$704,536
Catg 03- In State Travel (Expense)				\$10,080
Catg 04- Operating (Expense)		\$1,863	\$2,009	\$30,893
Catg 05- Equipment (Expense)		\$4,000		\$20,000
Catg 26- Information Services (Expense)		\$1,886	\$252	\$16,409
Total	0	\$46,576	\$55,599	\$781,918

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Please see attached

Name Christopher NielsenTitle Executive Director

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date Wednesday, February 27, 2013

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name Jeff MohlenkampTitle Director

**THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FISCAL NOTE** *(continued)*

Nevada Department of Taxation  
February 20, 2013

Budget Account: 2361 DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION  
Department: 13 DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

Catg	Description	FY 2013 Est	FY 2014 Est	FY 2015 Est	Future Biennia
01	Personnel Costs - Salaries & Associated	\$ -	\$ 38,827.00	\$ 53,338.00	\$ 704,536.00
03	In State Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,080.00
04	Operating	\$ -	\$ 1,863.00	\$ 2,009.00	\$ 30,893.00
05	Equipment	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
26	Information Services	\$ -	\$ 1,886.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 16,409.00
Total		\$ -	\$ 46,576.00	\$ 55,599.00	\$ 781,918.00



APPENDIX E  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU  
BULLETINS



## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU BULLETINS

Bulletin Number	Title
1	A Survey of the Functions of the Offices, Departments, Institutions, and Agencies of the State of Nevada and What They Cost (1947).
2	Survey of Power and Industrial Facilities in Southern Nevada (1947).
3	A Survey of Sales Taxes Applicable to Nevada (1948).
4	Administrative Reorganization for Effective Government Management in Nevada (Gorvine, 1948).
5	Financial and Administrative Problems of Nevada Schools, and Suggested Solutions (1948).
6	A Survey of the Functions of the Insurance Commissioner (1948).
7	County Consolidation and Reorganization in Nevada (1948).
8	Report of the Legislative Counsel 1947-1948 (1948).
9	Survey of Recodification Problems in Nevada (1950).
10	Survey of the Nevada Hospital for Mental Diseases (1950).
11	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1949-1950 (1950).
12	A Survey of State-Owned Automobiles in Nevada (1950).
13	Report of the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau (1950).
14	Analysis of Appropriations Made by Nevada Legislature 1951 Session (1951).
15	Home Rule in Nevada (1952).
16	Nevada's Registration Law (1952).
17	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1951-1952 (1952).
*18	Survey of Handicapped Children in Nevada (DeWhitt, 1952).
19	Housing Aged Persons in Nevada (1952).
20	Report of the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau (1953).
21	Analysis of Appropriations Made by Nevada Legislature 1953 Session (1953).
22	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1953-1954 (1954).
23	Public Health Administration in Nevada (1954).
24	Nevada Sexual Deviation Research (1955).
25	Legislation Toward Effective Library and Related Services for the People of Nevada (1954).
26	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1955 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Biennium 1953-1955 (1955).
27	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1955-1956 (1956).
28	The University of Nevada: An Appraisal (McHenry Report, 1956).
29	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1957 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Biennium 1955-1957 (1957).
30	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1957-1958 (1958).
31	Alcoholism in Nevada (1958).
32	A Study of the Presidential Primary (1958).
33	Temporary Disability Benefits (1958).
34	The Nevada School of Industry: An Appraisal (1958).
35	The Beneficial Use of Water in Nevada (1959).
36	Survey of Fish and Game Problems in Nevada (1959).
37	A Study of Administrative Law; Administrative Rule Making; the Conduct of Administrative Hearings and the Judicial Review Thereof (1958).
38	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1959 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Biennium 1957-1959 (1959).
39	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1958-1959 (1959).
40	A Study of the Feasibility of Establishing a Nevada Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (1959).

Bulletin Number	Title
41	A Study of State Bonding and Insurance Problems (1960).
42	A Study of the Election Laws of Nevada Relating to Primary and General Elections (1960).
43	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1960 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Fiscal Year 1959-1960 (1960).
44	Financing State and Local Government in Nevada (Zubrow Report, 1960).
45	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1959-1960 (1960).
46	State and County Welfare Administration in Nevada (Barrick Report, 1960).
47	Mentally Retarded Children in Nevada: An Appraisal (1960).
48	Judicial Retirement in Nevada (1961).
49	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1961 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Fiscal Year 1960-1961 (1961).
50	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1960-1961 (1961).
51	Restoration and Preservation of Nevada's Historic Cemeteries (1962).
52	Rehabilitation of Sex Offenders in Nevada: An Evaluation (1962).
53	Incidental Charges to the Purchasers of Dwellings (Under FHA and VA Insured or Guaranteed Mortgages) (1962).
54A	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1962).
54B	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1963).
55	Problems Involved in Financing Public Buildings With Lease-Purchase Agreements (1962).
56	A Study of the Problems Relating to the Use of Checks and Drafts in the Purchase of Livestock and Agricultural Products (1962).
57	Home Rule Study (1963).
58	Child Welfare and Adoption in Nevada: A New Law and a New Approach (Mitler, 1963).
58A	A Survey of Adoption Practices in Nevada (1961).
59	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1963-1964).
60	Nevada's Uniform Commercial Code (1967).
61	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada (1965).
62	Annual Report and Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1964-1965).
63	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1965-1966).
64	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada (1967).
65	Bill Drafting Manual (1966).
66	Revision of Nevada's Substantive Criminal Law and Procedure in Criminal Cases (Criminal Code) (1966).
67	Taxation of Banks and Other Financial Institutions in the State of Nevada (1966).
68	Study of General Fund Revenues of the State of Nevada (Lybrand, 1966).
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09-11	Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (NRS 176.0123).
09-12	Legislative Committee on Education (NRS 218.5352).
09-13	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218.5363).
09-14	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (NRS 218.53871).
09-15	Legislative Committee on Health Care (NRS 439B.200).
09-16	High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085).
09-17	Commission on Special License Plates (NRS 482.367004).
11-1	Nevada Legislative Manual (2011).
11-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature.
11-3	Education Governance K-12 (A.C.R. 2).
11-4	Reapportionment and Redistricting (A.C.R. 19).
11-5	Logistics and Distribution Centers (A.C.R. 30).
11-6	Production and Use of Energy (S.C.R. 19).
11-7	Employee Misclassification (S.C.R. 26).
11-8	Group Homes (A.B. 294).
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11-10	Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (S.B. 487, Section 56, 2007).
11-11	Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (NRS 176.0123).
11-12	Occupational Safety (NRS 218E.200).
11-13	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510).
11-14	Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (NRS 218E.555).
11-15	Legislative Committee on Education (NRS 218E.605).
11-16	Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (NRS 218E.705).
11-17	Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (NRS 218E.750).
11-18	Legislative Committee on Health Care (NRS 439B.200).
11-19	Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085).
11-20	Commission on Special License Plates (NRS 482.367004).
13-1	Nevada Legislative Manual (2013).

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13-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.
13-3	Structure and Operations of the Nevada Legislature (A.C.R. 12).
13-4	Allocation of Money Distributed from the Local Government Tax Distribution Account (A.B. 71).
13-5	Trademark and Copyright Law (A.B. 383).
13-6	Deposits and Refunds on Recycled Products (A.B. 427).
13-7	New Method for Funding Public Schools (S.B. 11).
13-8	Funding of Higher Education (S.B. 374).
13-9	Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (S.B. 487, Section 56, 2007).
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13-12	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510).
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13-17	Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (NRS 232B.210).
13-18	Legislative Committee on Health Care (NRS 439B.200).
13-19	Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085).
13-20	Commission on Special License Plates (NRS 482.367004).
15-1	Nevada Legislative Manual (2015).
15-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature.
15-3	Impact of Technology Upon Gaming (A.B. 360, Section 15).
15-4	Community Colleges (S.B. 391).
15-5	Task Force on K-12 Public Education Funding (S.B. 500).
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†	Bulletin numbering system was changed for 1977 Legislative Session.

# APPENDIX F

## LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY



**LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY**

Act.....	A bill passed by both houses and signed by the Governor.
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.
Agenda .....	A public notice document generated and posted by each committee listing bills to be considered by the committee on a given date and time.
Amend.....	To alter formally by modification, deletion, or addition.
Amendment.....	The document that reflects the proposed change (modify by adding, deleting, or changing) to a bill.
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.....	One of the chambers in a bicameral legislature; some states use the name “House of Representatives.”
Attaché .....	A Legislative assistant, clerk, or other staff who is appointed to his or her position via a one-house resolution.
Bar of the Assembly.....	The dividing line between the floor of the Assembly chamber and the public area.
Bicameral legislature .....	A two-house legislature.
Biennial .....	Occurring every two years; applied to the scheduled regular session of the Legislature.
Bill.....	A draft of a proposed law presented for enactment.
Bill draft request .....	(BDR) A bill draft request submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) by a legislator, an executive agency, a member of the judiciary, or a local government, and assigned a two-part number; the first part, the title number of <i>Nevada Revised Statutes</i> (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 NRS.
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 on behalf of another individual or group.
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.
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.....	A person elected by the members of the Assembly to serve as the administrative officer and parliamentarian of the Assembly.
Closing budgets.....	The process whereby final action is taken by the money committees on individual budgets.
Committee of the Whole.....	A committee comprised of the entire membership of the house usually convened to informally consider proposed legislation.
Concur.....	Agree to an amendment on a bill or resolution adopted by the other house.
Conference committee .....	A joint meeting of selected members from each of the two houses whose function is to arrive at a single version of a bill that has passed both houses in a different form.
Consent calendar.....	A list of noncontroversial bills that are voted on as a single roll call vote instead of separate roll call votes on individual bills.
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.
Daily File .....	List or docket of bills awaiting action, entered in order reported.
Engrossment.....	The preparation of a bill or joint resolution for third reading and concurrent resolutions for adoption by incorporating all amendments adopted, and proofreading.
Enrollment.....	The final printing of a bill or resolution after enactment by both houses.
<i>Executive Budget</i> .....	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 <i>Executive Budget</i> is proposed by the Governor and the Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration.
Exemption.....	A designation made by the Fiscal Analysis Division of the LCB indicating that a bill is not subject to the introduction or passage deadlines for processing bills due to the bill's impact on the <i>Executive Budget</i> .
Ex officio.....	Holding two offices; holding another office by virtue of or because of the holding of the first office.
Expunge .....	To delete or remove completely.



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 to the appropriate committee.
Fiscal note .....	Analysis required by statute to be prepared by an executive agency estimating revenue or expenditure changes that would be entailed by the passage of a proposed bill. The Fiscal Analysis Division of the LCB prepares this estimate to accompany any bill that reduces the revenues or increases the expenditures of a local government.
Floor .....	The chambers of either house while measures are being formally considered for legislative action. Also, recognition by the Chair or presiding officer for the purpose of discussion, debate, or remarks while a house is in session.
Floor leader .....	A member chosen by the majority/minority party as their spokesperson.
Floor session .....	The part of a legislator's work day that takes place when the full Senate or Assembly meets in its chamber to conduct business.
General Appropriations Act .....	An omnibus act appropriating funds for government departments or programs, usually from the State General Fund.
General Authorizations Act .....	An omnibus act authorizing and limiting, except under certain conditions, the expenditure of special or dedicated revenues for government departments and programs.
General File .....	The third reading file of bills and joint resolutions due for consideration in the houses.
General law .....	A law of general, or potentially general, application throughout the State.
Grandfather clause .....	A provision in a bill making it inapplicable to activities or personnel involved prior to the enactment of new legislation.
Hearing .....	A session of a legislative committee at which witnesses present testimony on matters under consideration by the committee.
History .....	A cumulative list of actions on all measures in the houses.
House .....	Either of the chambers in a bicameral legislature.
Impeachment .....	A formal accusation against a public official by the Assembly. After the Assembly has impeached, the Senate tries the official.
Initiative petition .....	(IP) A procedure that 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 sine die of one regular legislative session to the convening of the next regular session.
Interim Finance Committee .....	A body composed of members of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means who served during the preceeding session that administers a contingency fund, reviews State agency requests to accept certain gifts and grants, modifies legislatively approved budgets, and reclassifies State merit system positions when the Legislature is not in session.
Introduction.....	The initial presentation of a bill or resolution for consideration by a house.
Joint committee.....	A committee comprised of one standing committee of the Senate and one standing committee of the Assembly for joint consideration of measures.
Joint session .....	A floor session in which both houses participate for the specific purpose of hearing a presentation by a congressional representative, a Nevada constitutional officer, or a judicial representative.
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 Commission.....	A body consisting of 12 legislators (6 from each house) that exercises general policy-making and supervising authority over the operations of the LCB.
Legislative Counsel Bureau .....	(LCB) A nonpartisan, centralized agency that serves both houses and all legislators.
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 (or Majority Floor Leader).....	A member of either house chosen by the members of the majority party in the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly as the majority party spokesperson.

Minority Leader (or Minority Floor Leader).....	A member of either house chosen by the members of the minority party in that house as the minority party spokesperson.
Money committees.....	The committees in each house that hear all appropriations requests and recommend the appropriations bills; specifically, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means.
Motion.....	A statement by a legislator proposing action to be taken by the body.
<i>Nevada Administrative Code</i> .....	(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.
<i>Nevada Revised Statutes</i> .....	(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 for and intent of the measure.
President of the Senate.....	Lieutenant Governor as presiding officer of the Senate.
President Pro Tempore .....	A Senator elected 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 that 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.
Recess .....	An interruption in a meeting when the meeting will continue at a later time in the same day. The time to reconvene may be at the “call of the chair” or time specific.
Redistricting.....	The division of existing districts into new districts with different boundaries.
Redo .....	The redrafting of a bill by the LCB prior to its introduction.
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.
Referral .....	Sending a measure to a committee for study and consideration.

Regular session .....	The 120-day period during which the Nevada Legislature meets biennially, in odd-numbered years.
Repeal .....	To revoke or annul a legislative action.
Reprint.....	Version of a bill or resolution subsequent to the introduced version, which reflects amendments adopted by either house. Each formal amendment of a bill or resolution will be identified in sequence, such as “First Reprint,” “Second Reprint,” and so on.
Resolutions.....	A one-house resolution expresses facts, principles, opinions, and purposes of one house. A concurrent resolution expresses facts, principles, opinions, and purposes of the two houses and may authorize the creation of joint committees. A joint resolution memorializes federal officials to engage in an action, proposes amendments to the <i>Nevada Constitution</i> , or ratifies amendments to the <i>U.S. 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.
Secretary of the Senate.....	A person elected by members of the Senate to serve as the administrative officer and parliamentarian of the Senate.
Select committee.....	A temporary committee (for the duration of the session) appointed for a specific purpose. The Senate Select Committee on Economic Growth and Employment in the 2011 Session is an example.
Senate.....	One of the chambers in a bicameral legislature.
Seniority.....	Length of legislative service. Seniority is often used to assign committee positions and political rank.
Session .....	The period during which the Nevada Legislature convenes to consider possible legislation and State budgets.
Session staff.....	Legislative assistants, clerks, and other staff who are appointed to their positions via a one-house resolution.

Sine die.....	Final adjournment of a legislative session. (See “Adjournment.”) Adjournment sine die literally means “adjournment without a day”; it marks the end of the legislative session, since it does not set a time for reconvening.
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 or the Legislature and restricted to the subjects stated in the Governor’s call or the Legislature’s petition.
Sponsor .....	The legislator(s), legislative committee, or entity requesting that a bill or resolution be drafted.
Standing committee .....	A committee of either the Senate or Assembly that 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.
<i>Statutes of Nevada</i> .....	The bound compilation of all general and special laws and resolutions enacted in a specific year.
Summary .....	A brief and unofficial résumé 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 summary of the contents of a bill or resolution.
Two-thirds majority .....	The majority needed for the Legislature to take certain legislative action, such as calling itself into special session, enacting legislation establishing a tax or fee, or overriding any gubernatorial veto: 14 in the Senate, 28 in the Assembly.
Veto .....	Governor’s formal disapproval of a bill or joint resolution.
Whip.....	A member appointed by his or her political party to act as a liaison between the party leaders and members to enforce party discipline, secure attendance at sessions, and assist in managing the party’s legislative program in the chamber.



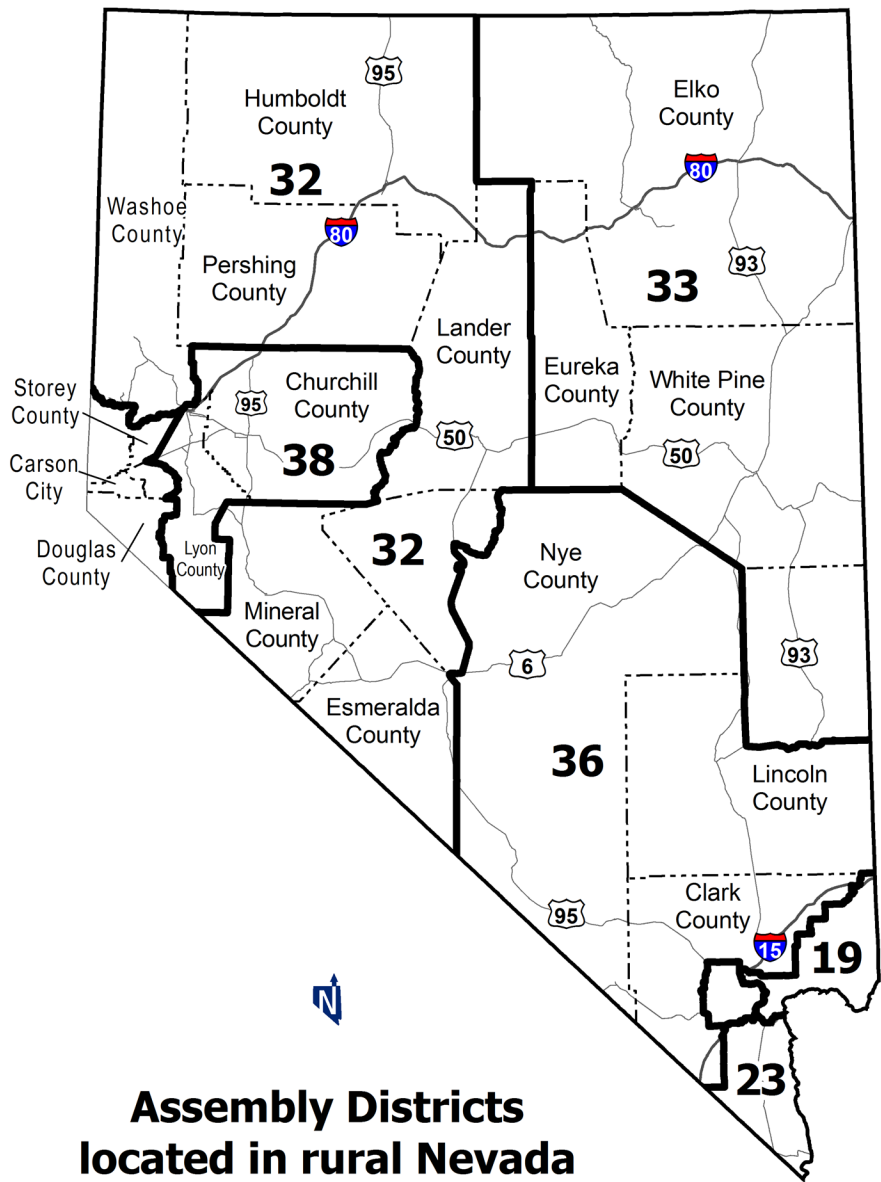
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# LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MAPS

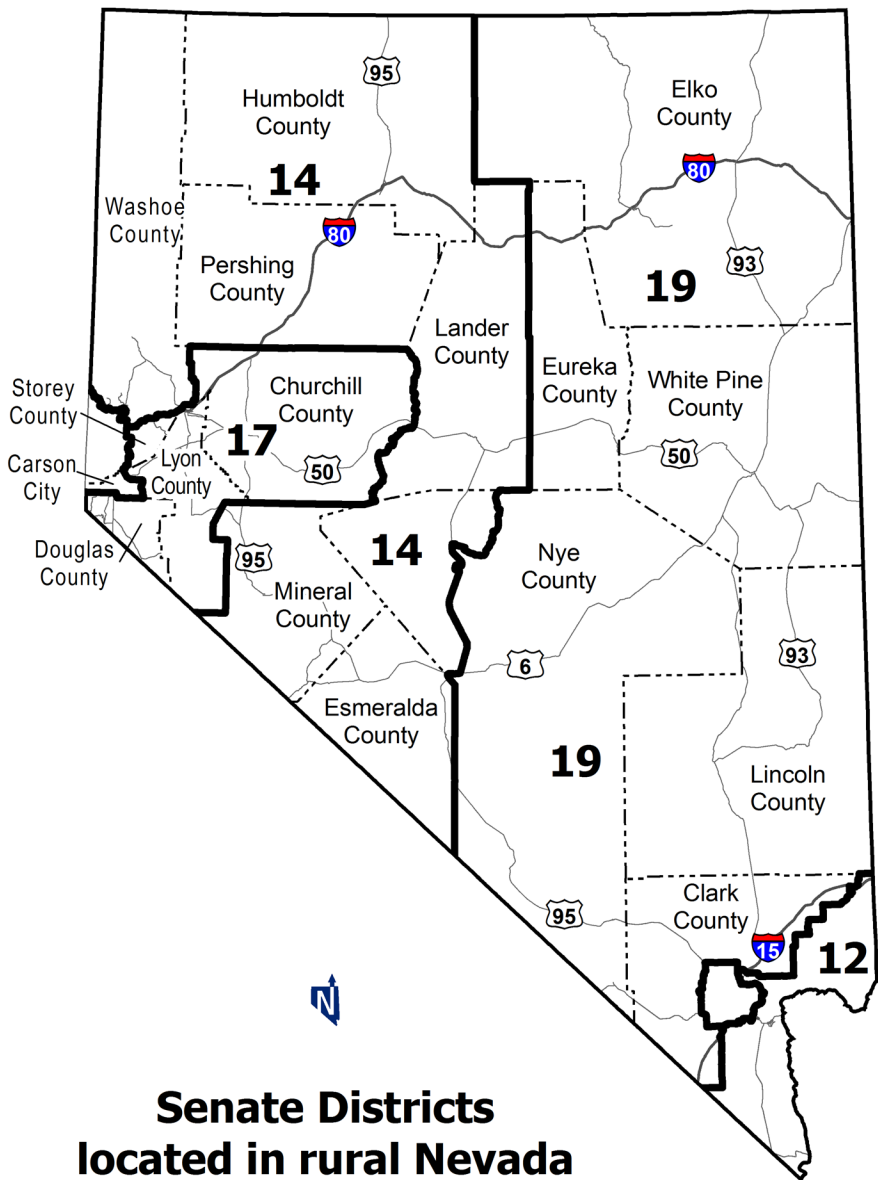




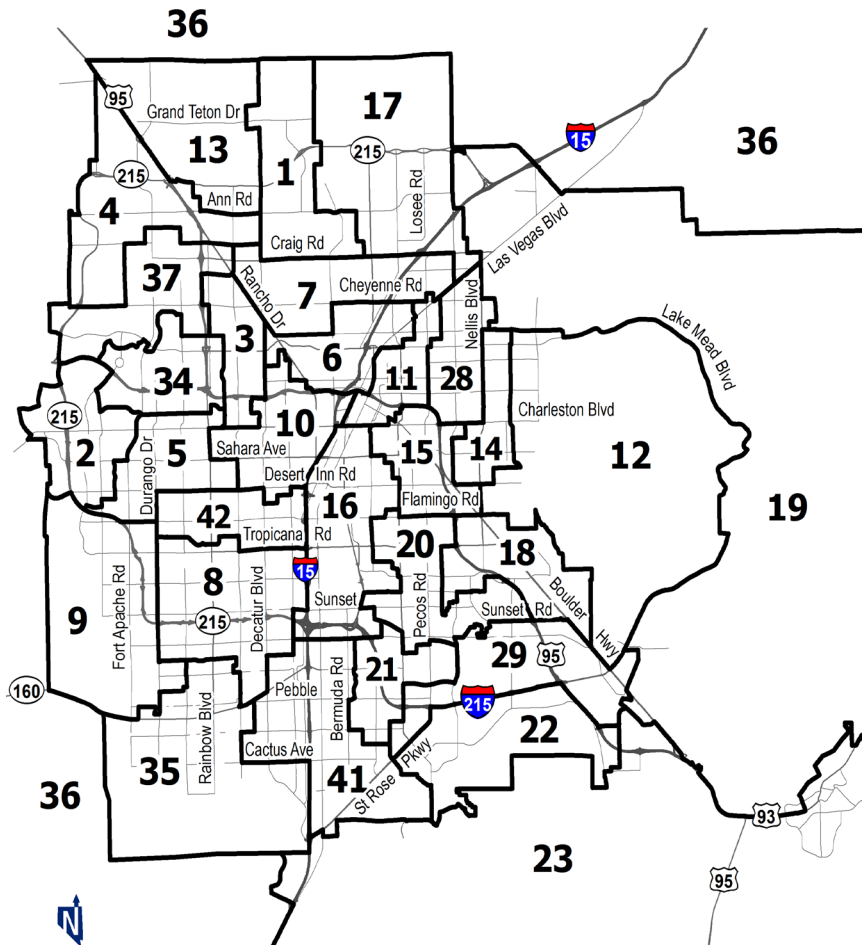
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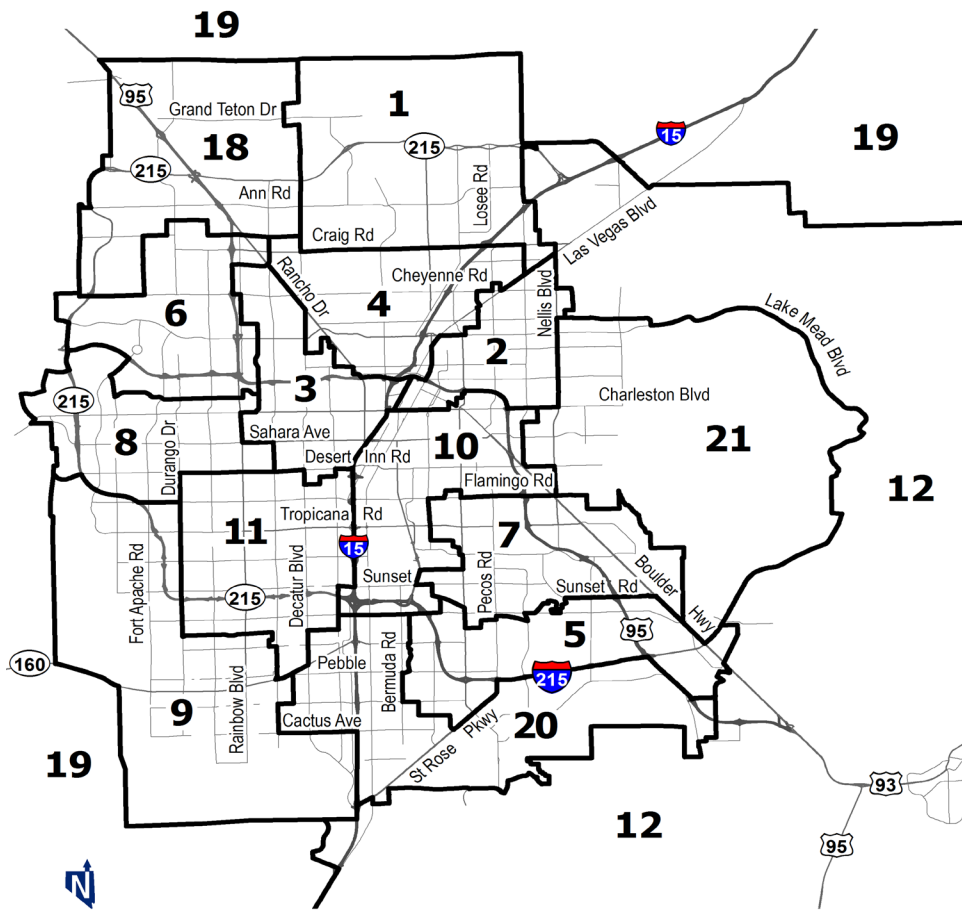


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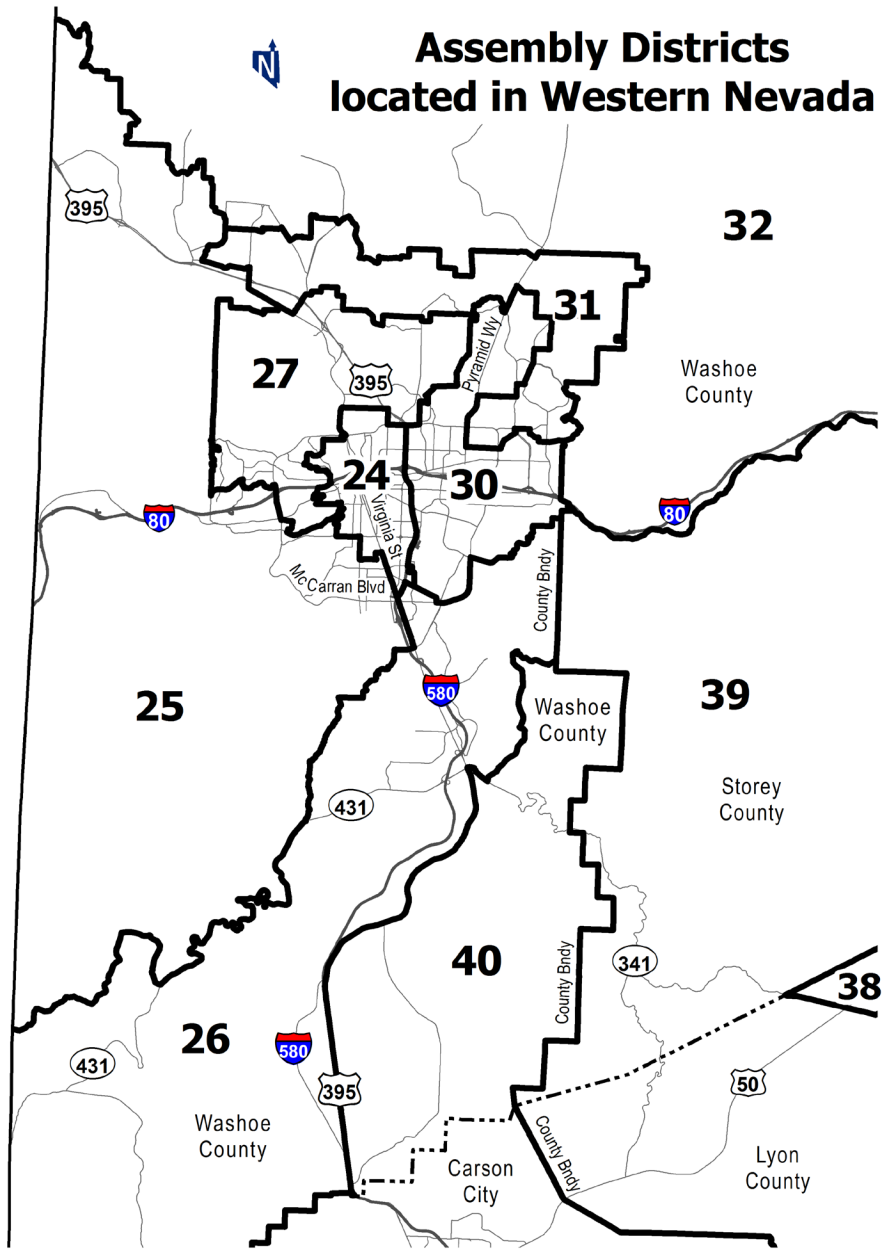
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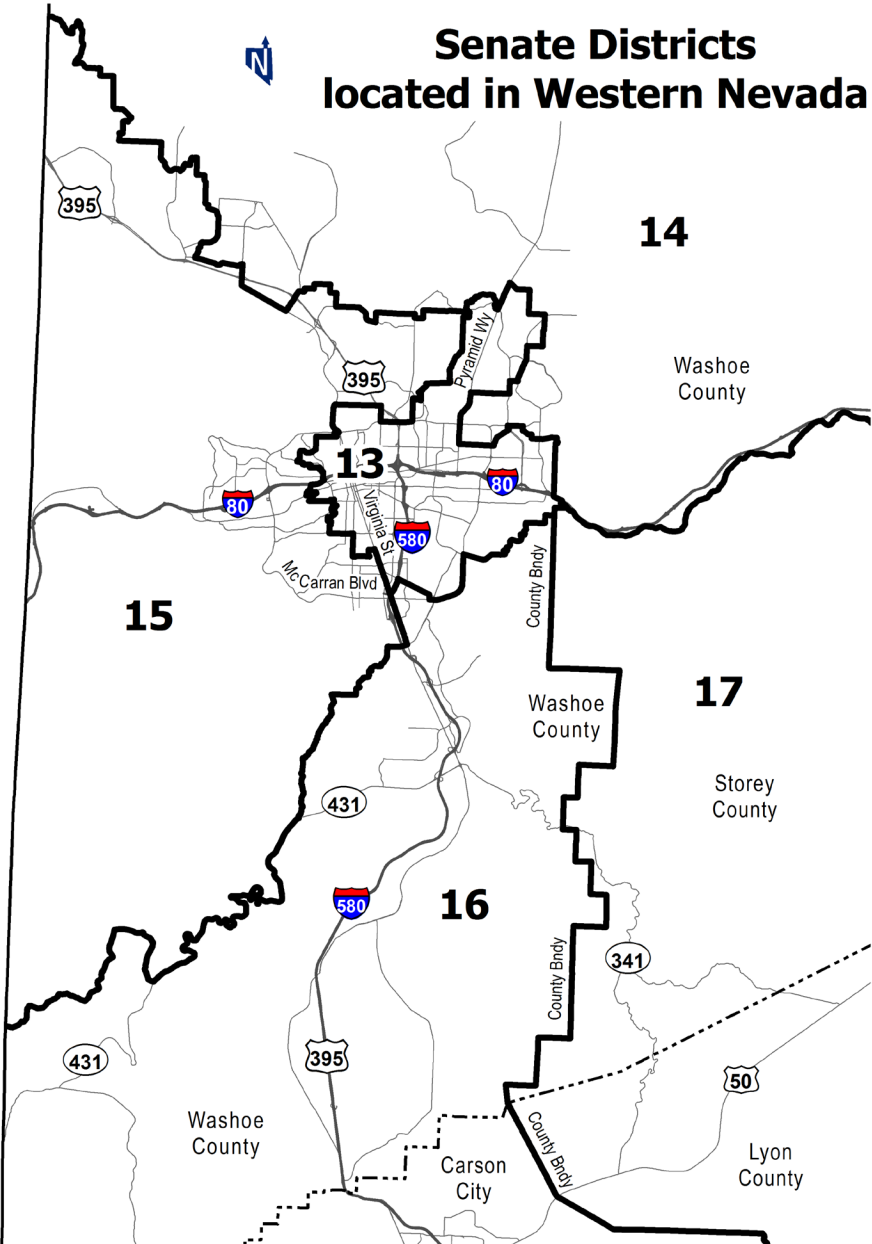


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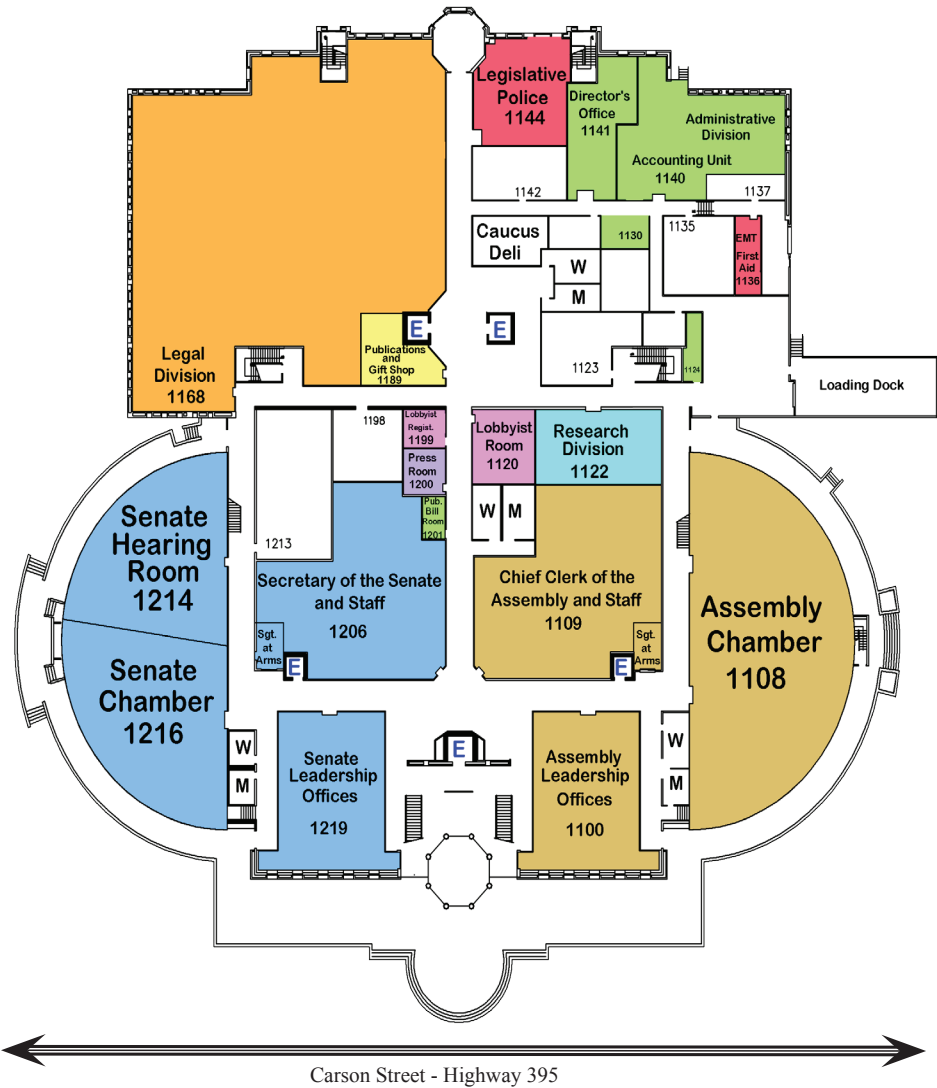
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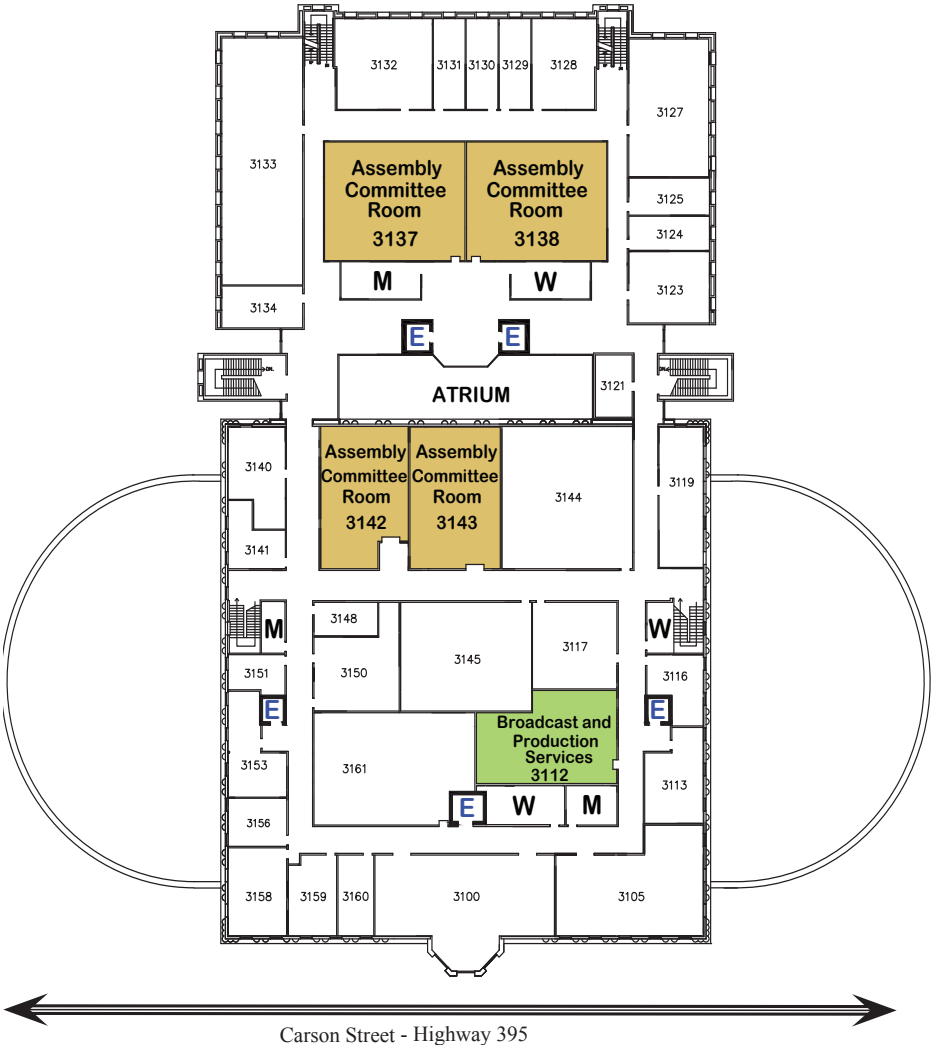
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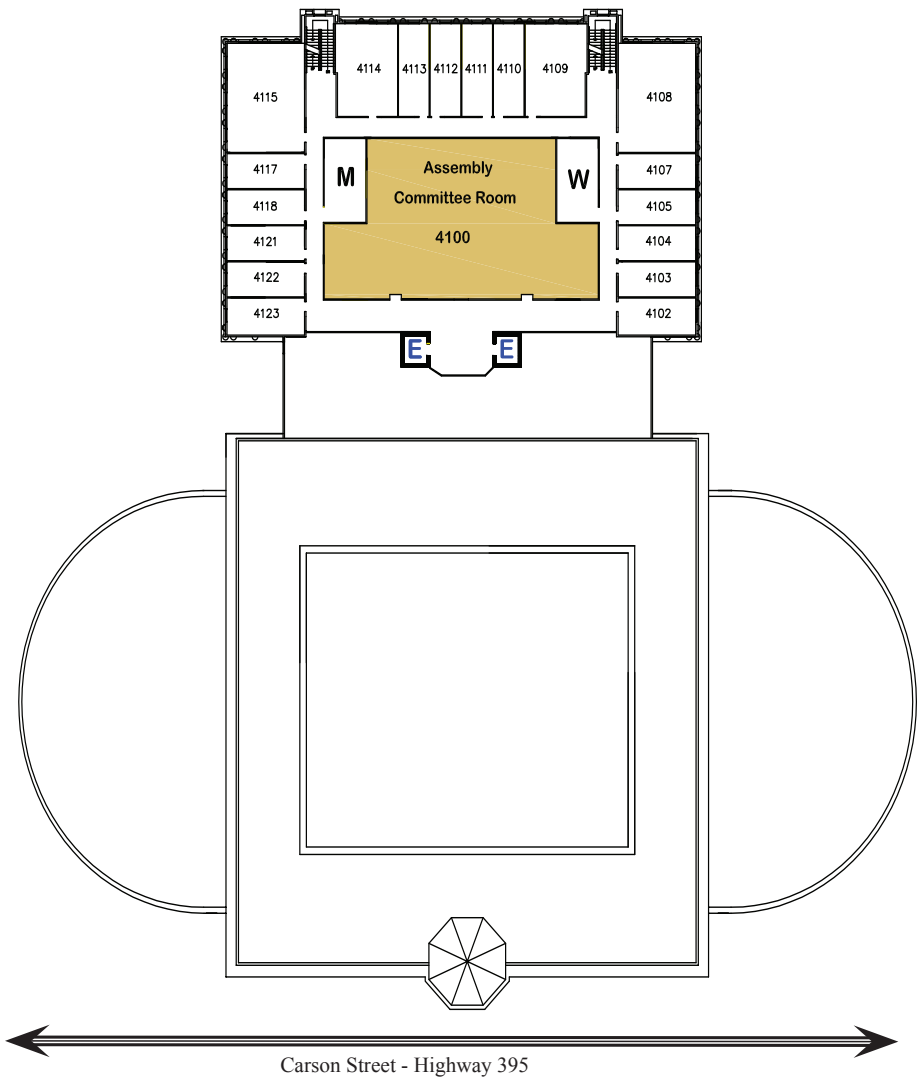
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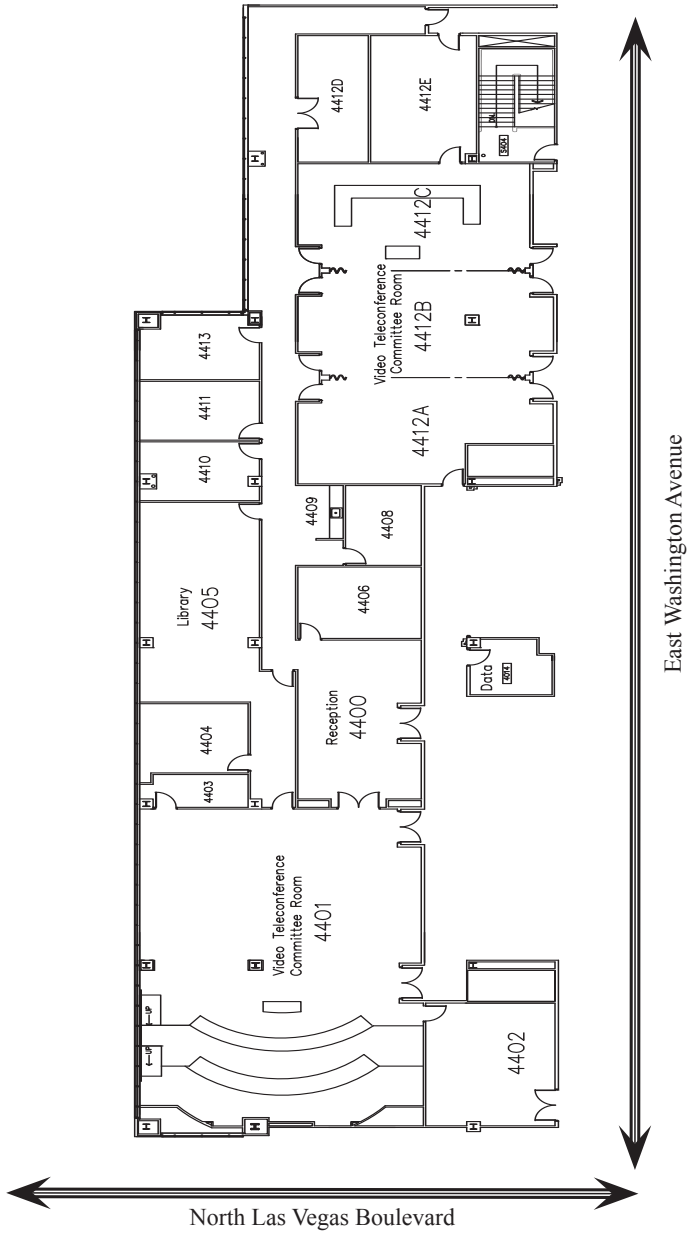


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**NEVADA LEGISLATURE—FOURTH FLOOR**





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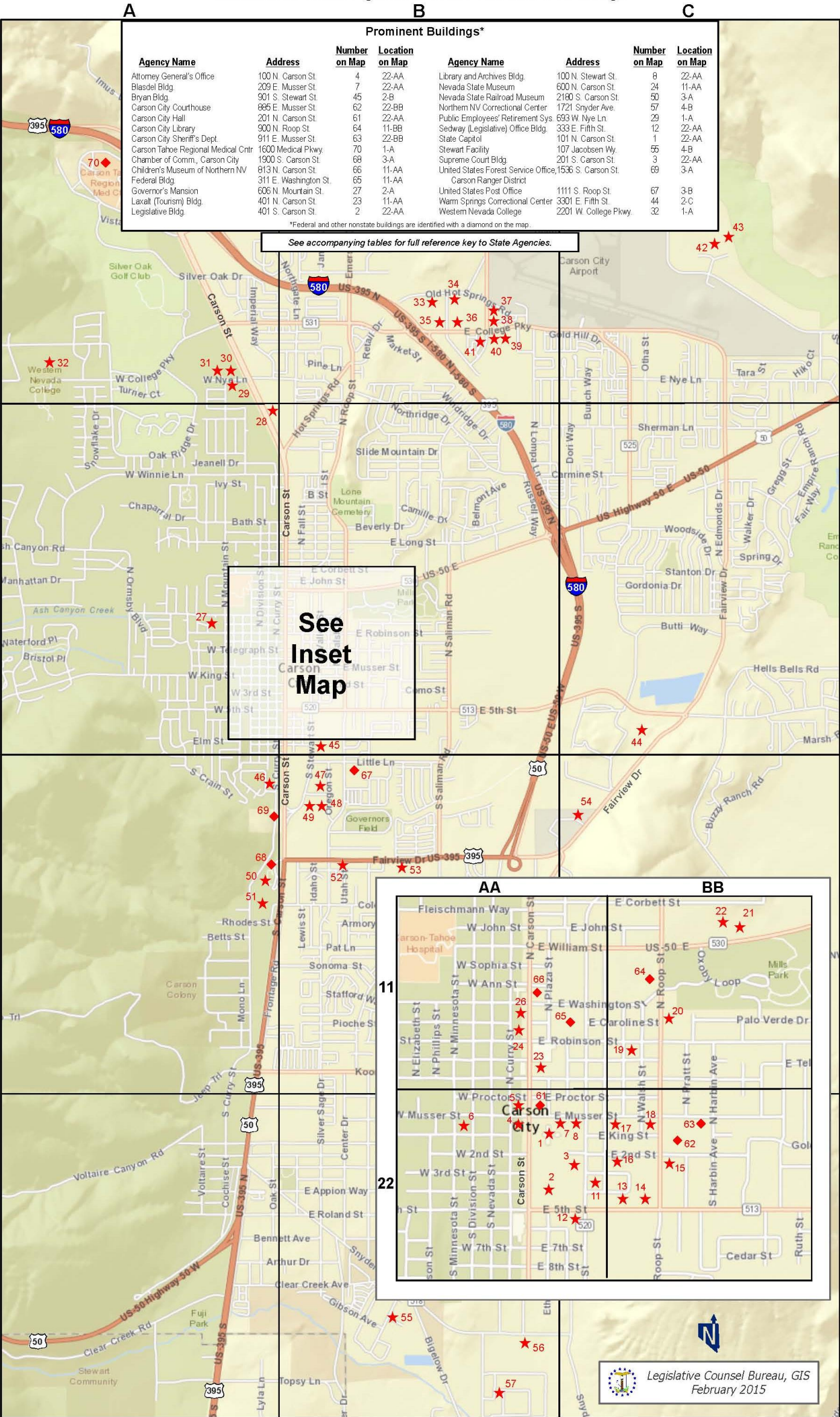
## STATE AGENCY MAP





# Carson City, Nevada

Location of State Agencies and Prominent Buildings





STATE AGENCY MAP

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Administrative Services Division (Administration)		Blasdel Bldg., 209 E. Musser St., Rm. 304	7	22-AA
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Arts Council, Nevada		716 N. Carson St., Ste. A	26	11-AA
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