
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—ASSEMBLYMEN
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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR SETTELMAYER

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study on general improvement districts. (BDR R-199)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study on general improvement districts.

1 WHEREAS, Existing law authorizes the creation of a general
2 improvement district to provide certain services and facilities to
3 residents of the district; and

4 WHEREAS, The 58th Session of the Nevada Legislature adopted
5 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 32 directing the Legislative
6 Commission to conduct a comprehensive interim study of general
7 improvement districts during the 1975-1976 interim to identify
8 possible as well as potential areas of abuse in the creation, financing
9 and operation of general improvement districts, and recommend
10 legislative solutions to such abuses and potential abuses; and

11 WHEREAS, In response to the study, the 59th Session of the
12 Nevada Legislature enacted legislation which modified chapter 318
13 of NRS governing general improvement districts and chapter 308 of
14 NRS governing special district control, including the enactment of
15 NRS 318.515 which requires a board of county commissioners to
16 hold a hearing to take corrective action relating to a general
17 improvement district upon notification by the Department of
18 Taxation of receipt of a petition signed by 20 percent of the
19 qualified electors of a general improvement district; and



1 WHEREAS, Some abuses continue because the 20 percent
2 threshold in NRS 318.515 makes it difficult for residents of general
3 improvement districts to petition for corrective action and residents
4 only have a right to judicial review from final decisions of a board
5 of county commissioners; and

6 WHEREAS, The number of general improvement districts in the
7 State has increased to 32.4 percent of all local governments; and

8 WHEREAS, There is a need to update the study of general
9 improvement districts to: (1) improve accountability and
10 effectiveness; (2) identify areas of continuing abuse and potential
11 abuse in the creation, financing, operation and oversight of general
12 improvement districts; (3) consider modifying the requirements of
13 NRS 318.515; and (4) recommend possible legislative solutions to
14 any continuing abuses; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby
17 directed to appoint a committee composed of three members of the
18 Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be
19 appointed by the Legislative Commission as Chair of the committee,
20 to conduct an interim study of general improvement districts in this
21 State; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:

23 1. An examination of the existing laws of this State for
24 creating, financing, operating and oversight of general improvement
25 districts and a comparison of these laws to the existing laws
26 governing the creation, financing, operation and oversight of
27 counties, cities and towns in this State;

28 2. The identification of existing or potential abuses related to
29 the creation, financing or operation of general improvement
30 districts; and

31 3. Recommendations for legislation governing the creation,
32 financing, operation and oversight of general improvement districts;
33 and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of
35 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to
36 the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
38 adoption.

