

SENATE BILL NO. 58—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to the Judicial Department of the State Government. (BDR 1-436)

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 the judiciary; revising provisions relating to the employees of the Judicial Department of the State Government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Governor, within the limits of available money, to
2 employ such persons as the Governor deems necessary to provide staff for the
3 Office of the Governor and requires the Governor to adopt certain rules and policies
4 and determine the salaries and benefits of those employees. (NRS 223.085) **Section**
5 **1** of this bill provides the Nevada Supreme Court with the same authority with
6 respect to employees of the Judicial Department of the State Government. **Sections**
7 **7-12** of this bill make conforming changes related to this authority. **Section 13** of
8 this bill requires the Nevada Supreme Court to submit quarterly reports to the
9 Interim Finance Committee during the 2023-2025 biennium regarding any changes
10 in salaries for existing positions and the salaries for any new positions.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 1 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Supreme Court may, within the limits of available*
4 *money, employ such persons as it deems necessary to provide an*
5 *appropriate staff for the Judicial Department of the State*
6 *Government.*



1 **2. The Supreme Court shall:**

2 **(a) Determine the salaries and benefits of the persons**
3 **employed pursuant to subsection 1, within limits of money**
4 **available for that purpose; and**

5 **(b) Adopt such rules and policies as it deems appropriate to**
6 **establish the duties and employment rights of the persons**
7 **employed pursuant to subsection 1.**

8 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

9 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

10 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

11 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

12 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

13 **Sec. 7.** NRS 1.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 1.340 The Court Administrator, with the approval of the
15 Supreme Court, may appoint and fix , **within the limits of legislative**
16 **appropriations**, the compensation of such assistants as are necessary
17 to enable the Court Administrator to perform the duties required by
18 NRS 1.320 to 1.370, inclusive.

19 **Sec. 8.** NRS 2.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 2.230 The Clerk of the Supreme Court may, under the hand
21 and seal of the Clerk, appoint deputies in his or her office **[H]** , **within**
22 **the limits of legislative appropriations**. A deputy so appointed may,
23 during the absence or inability of the Clerk of the Supreme Court,
24 perform all of the duties of a ministerial nature requisite and
25 pertaining to the office.

26 **Sec. 9.** NRS 2.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 2.240 The Clerk of the Supreme Court is authorized to employ
28 , **within the limits of legislative appropriations**, persons necessary
29 to carry out the duties of his or her office.

30 **Sec. 10.** NRS 2.295 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 2.295 The Supreme Court, or a majority thereof, is authorized
32 to appoint and employ , **within the limits of legislative**
33 **appropriations**, one or more persons to provide for the safety and
34 security of the justices and employees of the Supreme Court and to
35 carry out any necessary police duties at the direction of the Chief
36 Justice to maintain safe and reasonable access to justice for residents
37 of Nevada.

38 **Sec. 11.** NRS 2.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 2.310 The Supreme Court may , **within the limits of legislative**
40 **appropriations**, appoint an Official Reporter who must be a certified
41 court reporter and who shall perform such duties as may be required
42 by the Court.

43 **Sec. 12.** NRS 2.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 2.430 1. The Supreme Court may appoint a Librarian, who
45 shall serve at the pleasure of the Supreme Court.



1 2. The Supreme Court Law Librarian, with the approval of the
2 Supreme Court, may , *within the limits of legislative*
3 *appropriations*, employ such personnel as the execution of the
4 Librarian's duties and the maintenance and operation of the Library
5 may require.

6 3. All of the personnel of the Supreme Court Law Library are
7 exempt from the provisions of chapter 284 of NRS, and are entitled
8 to such leaves of absence as the Supreme Court prescribes.

9 **Sec. 13.** During the 2023-2025 biennium, the Nevada Supreme
10 Court shall submit a quarterly report to the Interim Finance
11 Committee regarding:

12 1. Any change made during that calendar quarter to the salaries
13 approved for positions in the Judicial Department Staff Salaries
14 budget account by the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

15 2. Any new position created during that calendar quarter and
16 the salary for that position.

17 **Sec. 14.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

