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INTRODUCTION

The *Legislative Manual* is produced by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Although it is designed primarily as a guide for legislators, it is also intended for use by members of the Executive and Judicial Departments of State Government, representatives of private interest groups, and interested citizens.

The *Legislative Manual* provides general information that is necessary to understand the Nevada Legislature and its operations. Even though the *Legislative Manual* discusses matters involving constitutional and statutory provisions, rules and regulations, legal publications, and relevant court decisions, the Legislative Counsel Bureau cautions the reader that the *Legislative Manual* does not, in any manner, involve the application of those legal materials and court decisions to the specific facts and circumstances of a particular case or legislative action or proceeding.

It should also be noted that the *Legislative Manual* references the versions of the constitutional and statutory provisions, rules and regulations, legal publications, and relevant court decisions as they existed prior to the *Legislative Manual's* compilation in January 2025. Because much of the *Legislative Manual* was written before the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature, the Legislative Counsel Bureau advises the reader to review the most recently enacted, adopted, or applicable versions of the legal materials and relevant court decisions to ensure that the reader is apprised of the current state of the law.

Additionally, the *Legislative Manual* frequently uses terminology that is commonly used in the legislative process. If a reader is unfamiliar with this legislative terminology, Appendix F provides a reference guide of commonly used legislative terminology.

Any suggestions for corrections or improvements to the *Legislative Manual* are welcome and should be directed to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

CHAPTER I
MEMBERS OF THE
2025 NEVADA LEGISLATURE

BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF
THE NEVADA SENATE



**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

STAVROS ANTHONY
Republican

Born: 1957 – Kansas City, Missouri

Educated: Wayne State University, B.S., Criminal Justice; University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), M.A., Political Science; UNLV, Ph.D., Sociology

Spouse: Bernadette

Children: Irene, Elizabeth, Cameron (son-in-law)

Grandchildren: Hayden, Luke, Logan

Hobbies/Special Interests: Golf, travel, hockey

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

First elected Lieutenant Governor, November 2022

President of the Senate, 2023 to Current

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CARRIE ANN BUCK

Republican
Senate District 5
Clark County (part)
Educator, Principal, President and Executive
Director of the Pinecrest Foundation



Born: 1971 – Sioux City, Iowa

Educated: Montana State University, B.S., Elementary Education; University of Phoenix, M.A., Administration and Supervision; NOVA Southeastern University, Ed.D., Organizational Leadership

Spouse: Eric S. Buck

Children: Collen, Colbie, Branson, Barrett

Grandchildren: Two

Hobbies/Special Interests: Travel, reading, skiing

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

November 2020 to Current

Leadership:

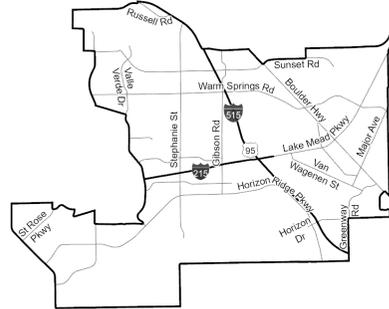
Senate Assistant Minority Leader, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two)

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023)
Education (2021; 2023; 2025)
Finance (2025)
Growth and Infrastructure (2025)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2021)
Revenue and Economic Development
(2023)
Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session)

Interim Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding (AB 493) (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2023–2024)
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs
(2021–2022)
Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group (2023–2024)



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NICOLE J. CANNIZZARO

Democrat
Senate District 6
Clark County (part)



Born: 1983 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: Chaparral High School, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S., Business Administration and Management; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D.

Spouse: Nathan Ring

Hobbies/Special Interests: Running, playing with her three sons, spending time with family

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

November 2016 to Current

Leadership:

Senate Assistant Majority Floor Leader,
2019 (part)

Senate Majority Floor Leader, 2019 (part);
2020 Special Sessions (two); 2021;
2021 Special Session; 2023; 2023 Special
Sessions (two); 2025

Legislative Commission: 2019–2020, Chair;
2021–2022; 2023–2024, Chair

Interim Finance Committee: 2021–2022;
2023–2024

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2019)

Commerce, Labor and Energy (2017)

Finance (2021; 2023; 2025)

Judiciary (2017; 2019, Chair; 2021)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2017, Chair; 2019, part; 2021; 2023; 2025)

Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2017–2018)

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of the Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting in the State of Nevada (SCR 9) (2019–2020)



NICOLE J. CANNIZZARO

*Democrat
Senate District 6
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Committee to Review Child Support Guidelines (2017–2018)
Gaming Policy Committee (2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2019–2020)
Nevada Commission on Aging (2017–2018)
Nevada Sentencing Commission (2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024, part)
Subcommittee on Education Accountability (2023–2024)
Subcommittee to Advise on the Expenditure of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding
(2021–2022)
Subcommittee to Review and Advise on Coronavirus Federal Aid (2019–2020)
Technological Crime Advisory Board (2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)

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MICHELEE (SHELLY) CRUZ-CRAWFORD

Democrat
Senate District 1
Clark County (part)
School Principal



Born: 1983 – Tucson, Arizona

Educated: College of Southern Nevada High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.S., Psychology; UNLV, M.Ed., Curriculum and Instruction

Military: Public Affairs Officer, Nevada National Guard, United States Air Force (USAF), 2020; Equal Opportunity Officer, Nevada National Air Guard, USAF, 2024

Spouse: Michael Crawford

Children: Lola, Gustavo “Goose”

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, spending time with family

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Senate:

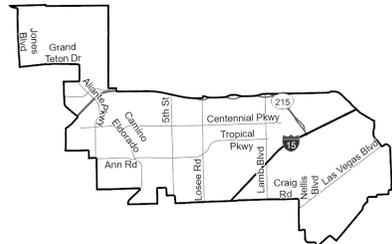
November 2024 to Current

Senate Committees:

Education (2025)

Natural Resources (2025, Chair)

Revenue and Economic Development (2025)



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SKIP DALY

Democrat
Senate District 13
Washoe County (part)
*Retired; Former Business Manager/
Secretary/Treasurer, Laborers' Union
Local 169, Reno*



Born: 1959 – Reno, Nevada

Educated: Reed High School, Sparks; Truckee Meadows Community College, A.A.

Spouse: Lisa

Children: Sara, Brian

Hobbies/Special Interests: Travel, golf, hunting, sports

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 6 Regular Sessions and 6 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2010 to November 2014;
November 2016 to November 2020

Years in Senate:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Senate Deputy Majority Whip, 2025

Legislative Commission: 2013–2014;

2019–2020; 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2011; 2013; 2017;
2019)

Government Affairs (2013; 2017)

Judiciary (2011; 2019)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2011; 2017; 2019)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2013, Chair)

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023; 2025)

Government Affairs (2023; 2025)

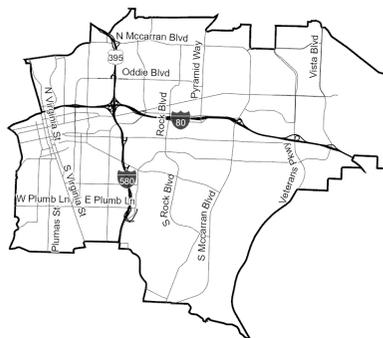
Legislative Operations and Elections (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Allocation of Money Distributed from the Local Government Tax Distribution Account
(AB 71) (2011–2012)

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

Committee to Consult With the Director (2013–2014)



SKIP DALY

*Democrat
Senate District 13
Washoe County (part)
(continued)*

Interim Committees (continued):

Committee to Study the Needs Related to the Behavioral and Cognitive Care of Older Persons in Nevada (SB 121) (2017–2018)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (2023–2024)
Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2023–2024, Chair)
Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2019–2020)
Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (SB 487, 2007) (2011–2012)
Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (2023–2024)
Nevada Veterans Services Commission (2017–2018)
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2013–2014; 2019–2020; 2023–2024, Chair)

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FABIAN DOÑATE

Democrat
Senate District 10
Clark County (part)
Health Administrator



Born: 1996 – Los Angeles, California

Educated: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., Public Health; University of Maryland, College Park, M.S., Health Administration

Hobbies/Special Interests: Canoeing, visiting new restaurants in his district, jet skiing, snowboarding, landscape photography, making music playlists

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

February 2021* to Current

Leadership:

Senate Co-Majority Whip, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two)
Senate Deputy Majority Whip, 2025

Senate Committees:

Education (2021; 2023; 2025)
Growth and Infrastructure (2025)
Health and Human Services (2023 and 2025, Chair)
Natural Resources (2021, Chair)
Revenue and Economic Development (2023; 2025)
Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session)

Interim Committees:

Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (2021–2022)
Committee to Conduct an Investigation into Matters Relating to Reapportionment and Redistricting in Nevada (SCR 13) (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2021–2022; 2023–2024, Chair)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (2023–2024)



* Appointed to the Senate on February 2, 2021, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Yvanna D. Cancela.

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MARILYN DONDERO LOOP

Democrat
Senate District 8
Clark County (part)
Educator



Born: Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.S., Elementary Education;
UNLV, M.Ed.

Children: Three daughters

Grandchildren: Five

Hobbies/Special Interests: Family, cooking, reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 7 Regular Sessions and 9 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2008 to November 2014

Years in Senate:

November 2018 to Current

Leadership:

Senate Co-Majority Whip, 2021;
2021 Special Session

Senate President Pro Tempore, 2025

Interim Finance Committee: 2021–2022;
2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009)

Education (2009; 2011; 2013)

Health and Human Services (2013, Chair)

Judiciary (2009; 2011; 2013)

Transportation (2009; 2011, Chair)

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2019, part)

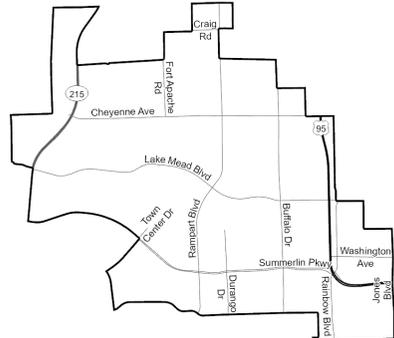
Education (2019, part; 2021; 2025)

Finance (2021; 2023 and 2025, Chair)

Government Affairs (2021, Chair)

Judiciary (2019, 2023)

Revenue and Economic Development (2019, Chair)



MARILYN DONDERO LOOP

*Democrat
Senate District 8
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding (AB 493) (2023–2024)
Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (2019–2020; 2021–2022)
Advisory Council for Family Engagement (2019–2020; 2021–2022)
Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature (2011–2012)
Commission on Special License Plates (2011–2012, Chair)
Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (2023–2024)
Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools (2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Education Commission of the States (2009–2010; 2011–2012; 2013–2014; 2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2019–2020; 2021–2022, part; 2023–2024, Chair)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2021–2022, Chair)
Legislative Commission’s Audit Subcommittee (2021–2022)
Legislative Committee on Education (2009–2010; 2011–2012; 2013–2014; 2019–2020)
Legislative Committee on Health Care (2013–2014)
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2023–2024)
Nevada Commission on Aging (2009–2010; 2023–2024)
Nevada Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (2019–2020)
New Method for Funding Public Schools (SB 11) (2011–2012)
Subcommittee to Advise on the Expenditure of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding (2021–2022, Chair)
Subcommittee on Education Accountability (2023–2024)
Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease (2021–2022; 2023–2024)

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JOHN ELLISON

Republican
Senate District 19
Clark (part), Elko (part), Eureka (part),
Lincoln, Nye (part), and White Pine
Counties
Electrical Contractor



Born: 1953 – Elko, Nevada

Spouse: Wendy Ellison

Children: Billy, Michelle, Nicole

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

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 7 Regular Sessions and 7 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2010 to November 2022

Years in Senate:

November 2024 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, 2015; 2015 Special Session; 2016 Special Session

Assembly Minority Whip Rural, 2017

Assembly Deputy Minority Floor Leader–North, 2019

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2011; 2013; 2015)

Government Affairs (2011; 2013; 2015, Chair; 2017; 2019; 2021)

Growth and Infrastructure (2019; 2021)

Natural Resources (2021)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2011; 2013; 2015; 2017; 2019)

Taxation (2011)

Transportation (2017)

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)

Government Affairs (2025)

Judiciary (2025)

Natural Resources (2025)



JOHN ELLISON

Republican

Senate District 19

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

Interim Committees:

- Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Northern Nevada (2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022)
- Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2019–2020)
- Allocation of Money Distributed from the Local Government Tax Distribution Account (AB 71) (2011–2012)
- Commission on Special License Plates (2011–2012)
- Committee on Industrial Programs (2011–2012)
- Committee to Conduct a Study of the Working Conditions at Licensed Brothels (ACR 6) (2019–2020)
- Committee to Study the Advisability and Feasibility of Treating Certain Traffic and Related Violations as Civil Infractions (ACR 9) (2017–2018)
- Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2021–2022)
- Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2021–2022)
- Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2013–2014; 2015–2016; 2017–2018)
- Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2019–2020)
- Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2019–2020)

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EDGAR FLORES

*Democrat
Senate District 2
Clark County (part)
Attorney*



Born: Las Vegas, Nevada

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

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 6 Regular Sessions and 7 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2014 to November 2022

Years in Senate:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Majority Whip, 2021;
2021 Special Session

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2021)
Education (2015; 2017; 2019, Chair,
part; 2021)
Government Affairs (2015; 2017, 2019,
and 2021, Chair)
Taxation (2017; 2019)
Transportation (2015)

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)
Education (2023)
Government Affairs (2023 and 2025, Chair)
Judiciary (2025)
Natural Resources (2023)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff (2023–2024)
Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management (2017–2018)
Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2017–2018, Chair)



EDGAR FLORES

*Democrat
Senate District 2
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Committee to Conduct a Study of Issues Relating to Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana (ACR 7) (2019–2020)
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of Issues Relating to Pretrial Release of Defendants in Criminal Cases (SCR 11) (2019–2020)
Committee to Study Issues Regarding Affordable Housing (SCR 1) (2017–2018)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Technological Crime Advisory Board (2015–2016)

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IRA HANSEN

Republican
Senate District 14
Elko (part), Eureka (part), Humboldt, Lander,
Pershing, Washoe (part) Counties
Plumbing Contractor



Born: 1960 – Reno, Nevada

Spouse: Alexis (Lloyd)

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

Grandchildren: Lily, London, Finnan, Ellie, Forrest, Emerson, Sawyer, Redd, Oliver, Wyatt, Winter, River, Evelyn, Beau, Vander, Arden, Dixie, Wesley, Wilder, Hayes, Cooper, Duke, Chance, Lainey

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

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 8 Regular Sessions and 9 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2010 to November 2018

Years in Senate:

November 2018 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader,
2015; 2015 Special Session; 2016 Special
Session

Legislative Commission: 2011–2012;

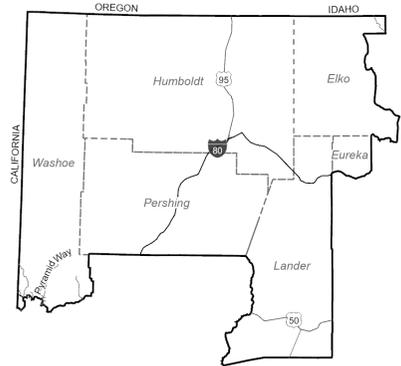
2013–2014; 2015–2016; 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2013; 2015; 2017)
Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2017)
Education (2011)
Judiciary (2011; 2013; 2015, Chair; 2017)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2017)
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2011; 2013; 2015)

Senate Committees:

Education (2019)
Government Affairs (2021)
Growth and Infrastructure (2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)
Natural Resources (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)



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IRA HANSEN

Republican

Senate District 14

*Elko (part), Eureka (part), Humboldt, Lander, Pershing, Washoe (part) Counties
(continued)*

Interim Committees:

Gaming Policy Committee (2015–2016)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2021–2022; 2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2021–2022)

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

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2011–2012; 2013–2014; 2015–2016;
2019–2020)

New Method for Funding Public Schools (SB 11) (2011–2012)

Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force (2023–2024)

Subcommittee on Public Lands (2021–2022)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2023–2024)

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LISA KRASNER

Republican
Senate District 16
Carson City and Storey, Washoe (part)
Counties
Adjunct Professor, Political Science
Department, Truckee Meadows Community
College



Born: California

Educated: University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.; University of LaVerne, College of Law, J.D.

Spouse: Charles

Children: Two

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2016 to November 2022

Years in Senate:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Minority Whip, 2019;
2020 Special Sessions (two)
Assembly Assistant Minority Whip—North,
2021; 2021 Special Session
Senate Co—Minority Whip, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two)
Senate Minority Whip, 2025

Legislative Commission: 2019–2020;
2021–2022; 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2017)
Education (2017; 2019; 2021)
Health and Human Services (2019; 2021)
Judiciary (2017; 2019; 2021)
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2017)

Senate Committees:

Government Affairs (2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2023; 2025)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2023; 2025)



LISA KRASNER

Republican
Senate District 16
Carson City and Storey, Washoe (part) Counties
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Interim Committees:

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (2017–2018; 2019–2020)
Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management (2017–2018)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2021–2022)
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2017–2018; 2023–2024)
Nevada Sentencing Commission (2023–2024)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ROBERTA LANGE

*Democrat
Senate District 7
Clark County (part)
Retired K–12 Teacher*



Born: 1957 – Lancaster, California

Spouse: Ken Lange

Children: Hilary, Jake, Liz, Taylor

Hobbies/Special Interests: Watching all sports, Airstream trailer travel, pickleball, enjoying family

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

November 2020 to Current

Leadership:

Senate Assistant Majority Leader, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two); 2025

Senate Committees:

Senate Commerce and Labor (2021;
2023; 2025)
Senate Education (2021; 2023, Chair)
Senate Finance (2023, part)
Senate Health and Human Services
(2023; 2025)
Senate Judiciary (2025)
Senate Legislative Operations and Elections (2023, part)
Senate Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session)



Interim Committees:

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (2023–2024)
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Use of the Name, Image, and Likeness of a Student Athlete (2021–2022)
Committee to Conduct an Investigation into Matters Relating to Reapportionment and Redistricting in Nevada (SCR 13) (2021–2022)
Education Commission of the States (2023–2024)
Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (2023–2024)

ROBERTA LANGE

*Democrat
Senate District 7
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (2021–2022)

Joint Special Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning Innovation Zones (SCR 11)
(2021–2022)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2021–2022; 2023–2024)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



DINA NEAL

Democrat
Senate District 4
Clark County (part)
Professor



Born: North Las Vegas, Nevada

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

Children: Alexandra, Tuwaski

Hobbies/Special Interests: Research, writing, reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 8 Regular Sessions and 9 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2010 to November 2020

Years in Senate:

November 2020 to Current

Interim Finance Committee: 2019–2020;

2021–2022; 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2015; 2017; 2019)

Education (2011; 2013)

Government Affairs (2011; 2013;
2015; 2017)

Select Committee on the Assembly (2013)

Taxation (2011; 2013; 2015; 2017 and
2019, Chair)

Transportation (2011)

Ways and Means (2019)

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2021)

Education (2023)

Finance (2023; 2025)

Government Affairs (2021; 2025)

Revenue and Economic Development (2021; 2023 and 2025, Chair)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee to Develop a Plan to Reorganize the Clark County School District
(AB 394) (2015–2016)



DINA NEAL

*Democrat
Senate District 4
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Advisory Committee to Monitor the Implementation of the Reorganization of Large School Districts (AB 469) (2017–2018)
Advisory Council for Family Engagement (2023–2024)
Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Committee to Study the Advisability and Feasibility of Treating Certain Traffic and Related Violations as Civil Infractions (ACR 9) (2017–2018)
Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools (2017–2018; 2019–2020)
Education Commission of the States (2011–2012)
Governor’s Workforce Development Board (2023–2024)
Host Committee for 2013 Annual Meeting for the Council of State Governments-West (2011–2012)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (2021–2022, Chair; 2023–2024)
Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing (2023–2024)
Private Activity Bond Council (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board (2011–2012; 2013–2014; 2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ROCHELLE T. NGUYEN

*Democrat
Senate District 3
Clark County (part)
Attorney*



Born: 1977 – Vancouver, Washington

Educated: University of Puget Sound, B.A., Sociology, 1999; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D., 2002

Spouse: Matt Lay

Children: Henry, Hannah

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

December 2018* to December 2022†

Years in Senate:

December 2022 to Current

Interim Finance Committee: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

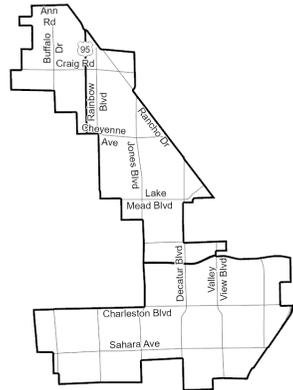
Education (2021)
Growth and Infrastructure (2019)
Health and Human Services (2019;
2021, Chair)
Judiciary (2019; 2021)
Select Committee on Redistricting
and Elections (2021 Special
Session)

Senate Committees:

Finance (2023; 2025)
Growth and Infrastructure (2025, Chair)
Health and Human Services (2023)
Judiciary (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (2023–2024)
Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (2019–2020, Chair)



* Appointed to the Assembly on December 18, 2018, to fill a vacancy due to the appointment of Assemblymember Chris Brooks to the Senate.

† Appointed to the Senate on December 20, 2022, to fill vacancy due to the resignation of Senator Chris Brooks.

ROCHELLE T. NGUYEN

*Democrat
Senate District 3
Clark County (part)
(continued)*

Interim Committees (continued):

Advisory Committee for the Office of Minority Health and Equity (2023–2024)
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of Issues Relating to Pretrial Release of
Defendants in Criminal Cases (SCR 11) (2019–2020)
Information Technology Advisory Board (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2021–2022)
Nevada Sentencing Commission (2019–2020)
Psychedelic Medicines Working Group (2023–2024)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



JAMES OHRENSCHALL

*Democrat
Senate District 21
Clark County (part)
Clark County Public Defender, Juvenile
Division*



Born: 1972 – Las Vegas, Nevada

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

Spouse: Riana Durrett

Children: Three sons

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 10 Regular Sessions and 13 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2006 to November 2018

Years in Senate:

November 2018 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2011; 2013; 2015; 2017)

Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2009; 2017, Chair)

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

Judiciary (2007; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2015; 2017)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2011; 2013, Chair; 2015; 2017)

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

Taxation (2007)

Senate Committees:

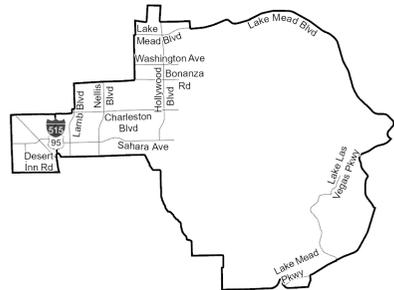
Commerce and Labor (2019, part)

Government Affairs (2019, part; 2021; 2023; 2025)

Judiciary (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2019, 2021, 2023, and 2025, Chair)

Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session, Chair)



JAMES OHRENSCHALL

*Democrat
Senate District 21
Clark County (part)
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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; 2015–2016)
Deposits and Refunds on Recycled Products (AB 427) (2011–2012, Chair)
Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2009–2010; 2011–2012; 2013–2014)
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (2021–2022;
2023–2024, Chair)
Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2013–2014; 2015–2016;
2019–2020, Chair)
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;
2015–2016; 2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Nevada AIDS Advisory Task Force (2009–2010)
Nevada Autism Task Force (AB 629) (2007–2008)
Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (2019–2020; 2021–2022;
2023–2024)
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Legislative Advisory
Committee (2007–2008)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



JULIE PAZINA

Democrat
Senate District 12
Clark County (part)
Vice President of Business Development,
Edlen Electrical Exhibition Services



Born: 1976 – Kansas City, Missouri

Educated: Vanderbilt University, B.S.

Spouse: Joel

Hobbies/Special Interests: Watching sporting events, reading, volunteering

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

November 2022 to Current

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023; 2025, Chair)

Growth and Infrastructure (2023; 2025)

Natural Resources (2023, Chair; 2025)

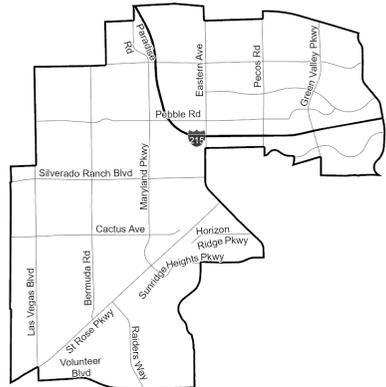
Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Natural Resources (2023–2024, Chair)

Nevada Advisory Council on Federal
Assistance (2023–2024)

Outdoor Education Advisory Working
Group (2023–2024)

State Council for the Coordination of
the Interstate Compact on Educational
Opportunity for Military Children (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



LORI ROGICH

Republican
Senate District 11
Clark County (part)
Attorney



Born: 1965 – Union, New Jersey

Educated: Rutgers University, B.A., History; Rutgers Law School, J.D.

Spouse: The Honorable Sig Rogich

Children: Olivia, Sig, Jessica, Christian, Britten, Erin

Hobbies/Special Interests: Pickleball, golf, performing arts, museums, practicing law

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Senate:

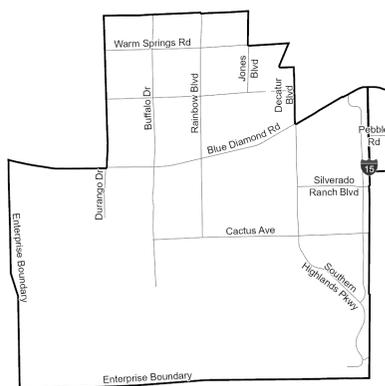
November 2024 to Current

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)

Education (2025)

Government Affairs (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



MELANIE SCHEIBLE

*Democrat
Senate District 9
Clark County (part)
Attorney*



Born: 1989 – Sacramento, California

Educated: Stanford University, School of Public Policy, B.A.; Columbia University, School of Law, J.D.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

November 2018 to Current

Leadership:

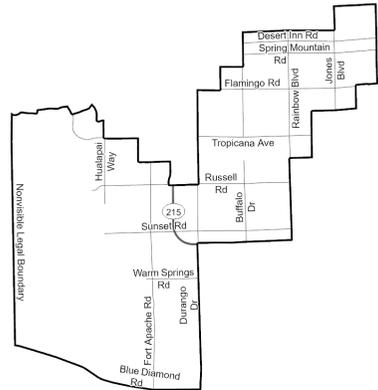
Senate Co-Majority Whip, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two)
Senate Chief Majority Whip, 2025

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2021; 2023; 2025)
Government Affairs (2019)
Judiciary (2019; 2021, 2023, and 2025, Chair)
Natural Resources (2019, Chair; 2021;
2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Commission on the Administration
of Justice (2019–2020)
Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature
(2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning Wildfires (ACR 4) (2019–2020)
Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of Issues Relating to Pretrial Release of
Defendants in Criminal Cases (SCR 11) (2019–2020)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2021–2022, Chair; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2019–2020)
Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning
Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs
(2021–2022; 2023–2024)



MELANIE SCHEIBLE

Democrat
Senate District 9
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Nevada Sentencing Commission (2023–2024, part)
Subcommittee on Public Lands (2021–2022; 2023–2024, Chair)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



JOHN C. STEINBECK

Republican
Senate District 18
Clark County (part)
Fire Chief, Clark County Fire Department



Born: 1971 – Santa Monica, California

Educated: Western High School, Las Vegas; College of Southern Nevada, A.S., Fire Science;
Purdue Global, B.S., Emergency Management

Spouse: Lynette Steinbeck

Hobbies/Special Interests: Skiing, jiu-jitsu, all-terrain vehicles

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Senate:

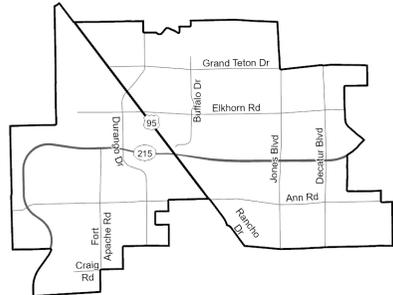
November 2024 to Current

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2025)

Revenue and Economic Development (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



JEFF STONE

Republican
Senate District 20
Clark County (part)
Pharmacist; Realtor



Born: 1956 – Los Angeles, California

Educated: University of California, Irvine, 1975–1976; University of California, Los Angeles, 1977; University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, Pharm.D., 1977–1981

Spouse: Regina

Children: Jason, Brittany, Anthony, Vincent

Hobbies/Special Interests: Coin collecting

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Senate:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Senate Co-Minority Whip, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two)
Senate Assistant Minority Leader, 2025

Legislative Commission: 2023–2024

Senate Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023)
Finance (2025)
Health and Human Services (2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2023)
Revenue and Economic Development (2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada (2023–2024)
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2021–2022, part; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ANGELA D. TAYLOR

Democrat
Senate District 15
Washoe County (part)
Consultant



Born: 1963 – San Francisco, California

Educated: University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), B.S., Business Administration; UNR, M.P.A., Public Administration and Policy; UNR, Ph.D., Educational Leadership

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, shopping, exercise, church, movies, spending time with family and friends

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to November 2024

Years in Senate:

November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

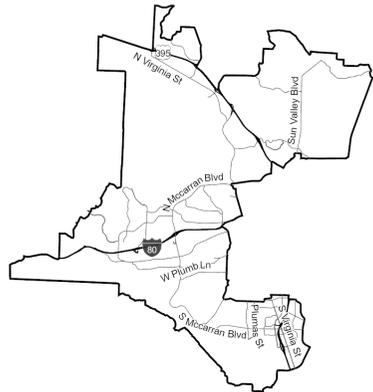
Education (2023)
Government Affairs (2023)
Health and Human Services (2023)

Senate Committees:

Education (2025, Chair)
Finance (2025)
Health and Human Services (2025)

Interim Committees:

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (2023–2024)
Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ROBIN L. TITUS

Republican
Senate District 17
Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon,
Mineral, Nye (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.

Spouse: Allen Veil

Children: Jennifer, Buck; stepchildren: Veronica, Erica, Clint

Grandchildren: Reegan, Riley, Keelan, Sophia, Olivia, Ukaius, Adeleene, Tristan, Colton, Caliber, Lainey

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

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 6 Regular Sessions and 7 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2014 to November 2022

Years in Senate:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Minority Deputy
Whip—North, 2019

Assembly Minority Floor Leader,
2020 Special Sessions (two); 2021;
2021 Special Session

Senate Minority Leader, 2025

Interim Finance Committee: 2015–2016;

2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022;
2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Health and Human Services (2015; 2017; 2019; 2021)

Natural Resources (2021)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2015, Chair; 2017; 2019)

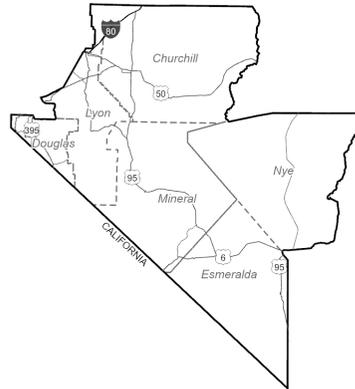
Ways and Means (2015; 2017; 2019; 2021)

Senate Committees:

Education (2023; 2025)

Finance (2023; 2025)

Health and Human Services (2023; 2025)



ROBIN L. TITUS

Republican

Senate District 17

*Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, Nye (part) Counties
(continued)*

Interim Committees:

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (2023–2024)

Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning Wildfires (ACR 4) (2019–2020)

Education Commission of the States (2015–2016)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2021–2022;
2023–2024)

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning
Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2015–2016; 2023–2024)

Legislative Committee on Health Care (2019–2020)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2015–2016)

Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022;
2023–2024)

Subcommittee on Education Accountability (2023–2024)

Subcommittee to Conduct a Study of Postacute Care (AB 242) (2015–2016, Chair)

BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF
THE NEVADA ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



NATHA C. ANDERSON

*Democrat
Assembly District 30
Washoe County (part)
Teacher*



Born: 1972 – Reno, Nevada

Educated: University of Nevada, Reno, B.A., Education

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, writing

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2020 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Majority Whip, 2025

Interim Finance Committee: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)

Education (2023)

Government Affairs (2021)

Natural Resources (2021; 2023; 2025, Chair)

Revenue (2021; 2023)

Ways and Means (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

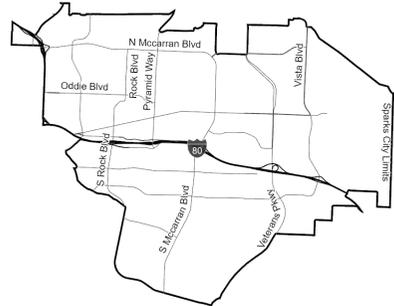
Information Technology Advisory Board (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (2021–2022)

Subcommittee on Public Lands (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



SHEA M. BACKUS

Democrat
Assembly District 37
Clark County (part)
Attorney



Born: 1975 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: E. W. Clark High School, Las Vegas; University of California, San Diego, Revelle College, B.S., Management Science, 1998; Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, J.D., 2003

Spouse: Marc McDermont

Hobbies/Special Interests: Crafts, travel

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 4 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2018 to November 2020;

November 2022 to Current

Legislative Commission: 2023–2024

Interim Finance Committee: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023)

Growth and Infrastructure (2019; 2025)

Judiciary (2019)

Revenue (2023 and 2025, Chair)

Taxation (2019)

Ways and Means (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

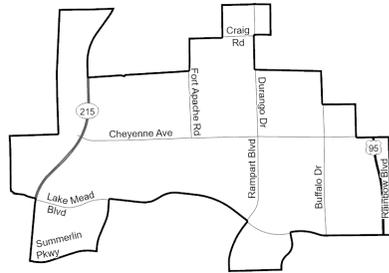
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (2023–2024, Chair)

National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (2019–2020; 2021–2022, nonlegislative; 2023–2024)

Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance (2019–2020)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



TRACY BROWN-MAY

Democrat
Assembly District 42
Clark County (part)
Nonprofit Executive, Disability Advocacy



Born: 1967 – Holyoke, Massachusetts

Educated: College of Southern Nevada, A.A., Political Science, 2015; Northeastern University, B.S., Liberal Science/Public Administration, 2021

Spouse: Jeff May

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

February 2021* to Current

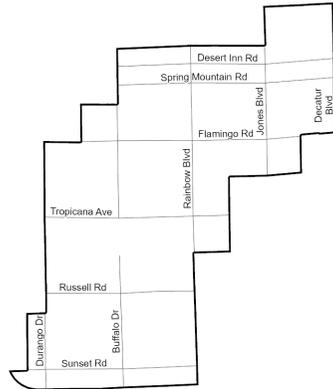
Interim Finance Committee: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2021)
Growth and Infrastructure (2021; 2023; 2025)
Health and Human Services (2025, Chair)
Natural Resources (2021; 2023)
Ways and Means (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (2023–2024)
Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2023–2024)
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2023–2024)
Nevada Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force (2023–2024)



* Appointed to the Assembly on February 2, 2021, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Assemblymember Alexander Assefa.

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



MAX E. CARTER II

Democrat
Assembly District 12
Clark County (part)
Electrician



Born: 1964 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: Las Vegas High School

Spouse: Karen (deceased)

Children: Michael, Thomas, Brian

Hobbies/Special Interests: Yoga, beekeeping, field dog trials, brewing, gardening, ruck marching, equestrian activities

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023; 2025)

Government Affairs (2023; 2025)

Growth and Infrastructure (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (2023–2024)

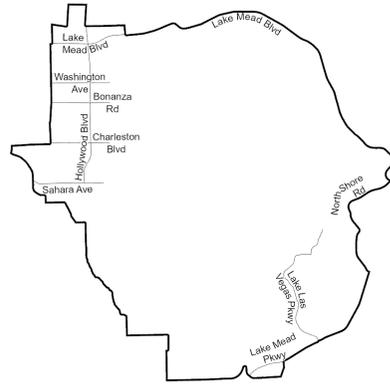
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2023–2024)

Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing (2023–2024)

Psychedelic Medicines Working Group (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



LISA K. COLE

*Republican
Assembly District 4
Clark County (part)
Small Business Owner; Attorney*



Born: 1974 – Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Educated: Allegheny College, B.S., 1996; Mitchell Hamline School of Law, J.D., 2023

Spouse: Dennis Cole

Children: Tyler Morales

Hobbies/Special Interests: CrossFit, running, cooking, reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

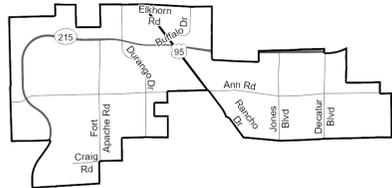
November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)

Judiciary (2025)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



VENICIA CONSIDINE

Democrat
Assembly District 18
Clark County (part)
Attorney; Director of Development



Born: 1969 – Queens, New York

Educated: University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.A., American History, 1997; UNLV, M.A., American History, 2002; UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D., 2008

Spouse: Kenn Merrill

Children: Sydney

Hobbies/Special Interests: Movies, books and libraries, traveling

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

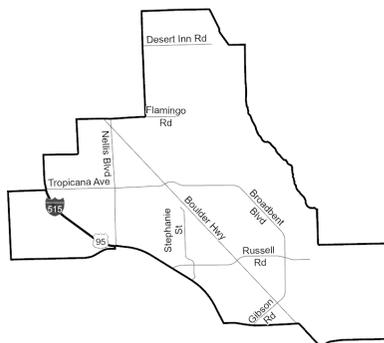
November 2020 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2021)
Government Affairs (2021; 2025, Chair)
Judiciary (2023)
Natural Resources (2023; 2025)
Revenue (2021; 2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Revenue (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens,
Veterans and Adults With Special Needs
(2021–2022)
Nevada Sentencing Commission (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



JOE DALIA

*Democrat
Assembly District 29
Clark County (part)
Attorney*



Born: 1991 – Boston, Massachusetts

Educated: Boston University, B.A., Political Science and Economics, 2013; University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2017

Spouse: Marina Dalia-Hunt

Children: Vivian, Audrey, Sloane

Hobbies/Special Interests: Bowling, fitness, writing

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

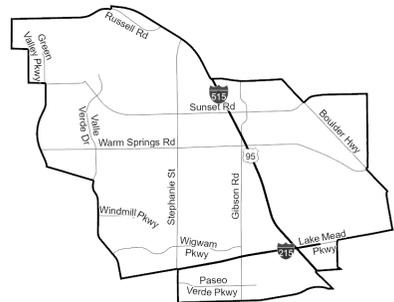
November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Education (2025)

Health and Human Services (2025)

Judiciary (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



RICH DELONG

Republican
Assembly District 26
Washoe County (part)
Geologist; Environmental Consultant



Born: 1957 – Los Angeles, California

Educated: California State University, Chico, B.A., Geology; University of Idaho, M.S., Resource Management; University of Idaho, M.S., Geology

Spouse: Julie McMillin

Children: Jamie, Caroline, Anna, Patty

Hobbies/Special Interests: Golf, mineral collecting, hiking

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Minority Whip, 2023; 2023 Special Sessions (two)

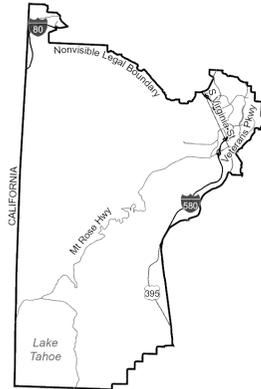
Legislative Commission: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Education (2025)
Government Affairs (2023; 2025)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2023)
Natural Resources (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Northern Nevada (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2023–2024)
Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2023–2024)
Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force (2023–2024)
Subcommittee on Public Lands (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



JILL DICKMAN

*Republican
Assembly District 31
Washoe County (part)
Business Owner, Custom Manufacturing*



Born: Hancock, Michigan

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

Spouse: Tom Dickman

Hobbies/Special Interests: Playing the harp, knitwear designer, showing Yorkies

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2014 to November 2016;
November 2020 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Majority Whip (North),
2015; 2015 Special Session; 2016 Special
Session
Assembly Assistant Minority Floor
Leader (North), 2023; 2023 Special
Sessions (two)

Legislative Commission: 2021–2022

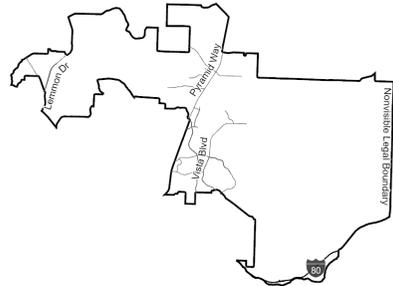
Interim Finance Committee: 2015–2016;
2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2021)
Government Affairs (2021)
Growth and Infrastructure (2023; 2025)
Health and Human Services (2015)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2021; 2023; 2025)
Taxation (2015)
Assembly Transportation (2015)
Ways and Means (2015; 2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Commission on Special License Plates (2015–2016)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2023–2024)



JILL DICKMAN

*Republican
Assembly District 31
Washoe County (part)
(continued)*

Interim Committees (continued):

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (2021–2022;
2023–2024)

Legislative Commission's Audit Subcommittee (2015–2016; 2021–2022)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



REUBEN D'SILVA

Democrat
Assembly District 28
Clark County (part)
High School History Teacher



Born: 1985 – Mumbai, India

Educated: College of Southern Nevada, A.A.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., History; University of Pennsylvania, M.A., Globalization Studies; Yale University, M.A., Comparative Religion and Politics

Military: United States Marine Corps, 2004–2008

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, writing, traveling

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Education (2023; 2025)
Government Affairs (2023; 2025)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2023)
Revenue (2025)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2023–2024)
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



REBECCA EDGEWORTH

*Republican
Assembly District 35
Clark County (part)
Physician; Professor*



Born: 1968 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: University of South Florida, B.S., Biology, 2000; University of South Florida School of Medicine, M.D., 2004

Spouse: Bruce Geller

Hobbies/Special Interests: Photography, learning other languages

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

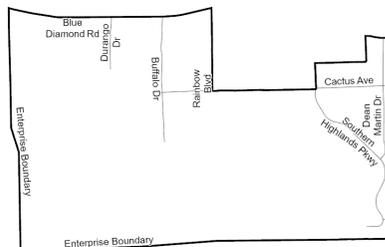
Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2025)
Health and Human Services (2025)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2025)
Select Committee on End-of-Life Care (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



TANYA P. FLANAGAN

Democrat
Assembly District 7
Clark County (part)
Communications and Public Relations



Born: 1970 – McNary, Arizona

Educated: University of Arizona, B.A., Journalism and Political Science, 1993; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, E.M.B.A., 2006

Hobbies/Special Interests: Her black Lab Nico, baking, reading, live music events, spending time with family

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

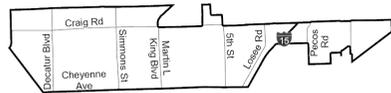
November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Education (2025)

Government Affairs (2025)

Revenue (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



DANIELLE GALLANT

*Republican
Assembly District 23
Clark County (part)
Broker*



Born: 1979 – Greenbrae, California

Educated: Auburn University, B.A., Psychology; Auburn University, M.S., Human Development and Family Studies

Spouse: Paul V. Gallant

Children: Xander, Maddox

Hobbies/Special Interests: Yoga, hula hooping, weight lifting, jogging, swimming, cooking, traveling, family game night

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

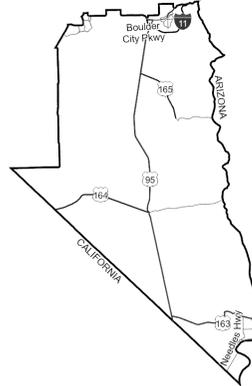
Assembly Assistant Minority Floor Leader
(South), 2023; 2023 Special Sessions (two)

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2025)
Growth and Infrastructure (2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2023)
Revenue (2023; 2025)
Select Committee on End-of-Life Care (2025)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth
and Infrastructure (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2023–2024)
Psychedelic Medicines Working Group (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



CECELIA GONZÁLEZ

Democrat
Assembly District 16
Clark County (part)
Educator



Born: 1991 – Whittier, California

Educated: Canyon Springs High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), B.A., Criminal Justice, 2015; UNLV, M.Ed., Multicultural Education–Curriculum and Instruction, 2019; UNLV, M.A., Elementary Education, 2024; UNLV, Ph.D. Candidate, Multicultural Education–Curriculum and Instruction

Spouse: Francisco González

Children: Itsara González

Hobbies/Special Interests: Hiking, traveling, reading

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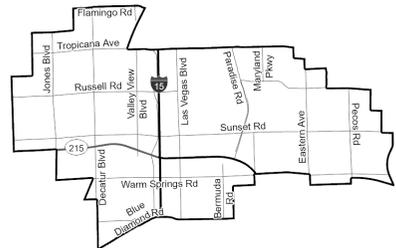
Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2020 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2023)
Health and Human Services (2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2021; 2025)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2021;
2023; 2025)
Natural Resources (2021)
Select Committee on End-of-Life Care
(2025)



Interim Committees:

Advisory Council for Family Engagement
(2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (2021–2022;
2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2023–2024)
Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (2021–2022; 2023–2024)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



HEATHER GOULDING

Democrat
Assembly District 27
Washoe County (part)
Project Manager and Analyst



Born: 1965 – Milton, Florida

Educated: University of Wisconsin, B.A., English, 1987; University of Nevada, Reno, M.B.A., Logistics, 1997

Spouse: Jack Hayes

Children: Alex, Anna

Hobbies/Special Interests: Biking, skiing, traveling

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

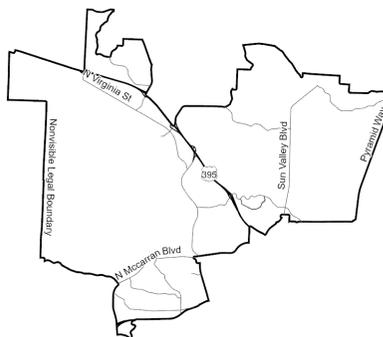
November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2025)

Health and Human Services (2025)

Revenue (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



KEN GRAY

*Republican
Assembly District 39
Douglas, Lyon (part) Counties
United States Air Force, Chief Master
Sergeant, Retired*



Born: 1969 – Long Beach, California

Educated: Community College of the Air Force, A.A.S., Health Care Management, and A.A.S., Allied Health Science; Excelsior College, B.S.; Chapman University, Graduate Studies

Spouse: Kati Gray

Children: Katelyn, Hannah

Military: United States Air Force, 1986–2013

Hobbies/Special Interests: Golfing, enjoying his dogs

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Health and Human Services (2023; 2025)

Judiciary (2023; 2025)

Revenue (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education

Funding (AB 493) (2023–2024)

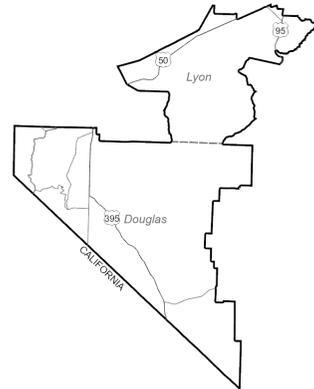
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2023–2024)

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2023–2024)

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (2023–2024)

Subcommittee on Education Accountability (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



BERT K. GURR

Republican
Assembly District 33
Elko (part), Eureka (part), Lincoln (part),
Nye (part), White Pine
Real Estate Broker



Born: 1948 – Roosevelt, Utah
Educated: Elko High School; Utah State University
Spouse: Lee Rix Gurr
Children: Mareesa, Morgan, Christy, Ken
Hobbies/Special Interests: Golf, hunting, shooting

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2023; 2025)
Growth and Infrastructure (2023; 2025)
Natural Resources (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee
(2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Natural Resources (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



GREGORY T. HAFÉN II

Republican
Assembly District 36
Clark (part), Lincoln (part), Nye (part)
Counties
Utility Manager



Born: 1982 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., Business Management

Hobbies/Special Interests: Outdoor activities, mountain biking, side-by-side, all-terrain vehicles

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

December 2018* to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Minority Whip–South,
2021; 2021 Special Session
Assembly Minority Floor Leader, 2025

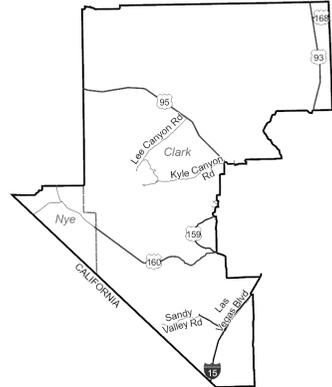
Interim Finance Committee: 2021–2022;
2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2019)
Health and Human Services (2019; 2021;
2023; 2025)
Revenue (2021; 2023; 2025)
Taxation (2019)
Ways and Means (2021; 2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2019–2020)
Committee to Conduct a Study of Issues Relating to Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana (ACR 7) (2019–2020)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Legislative Commission’s Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2021–2022)
Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)



* Appointed to the Assembly on December 7, 2018, to fill a vacancy due to the death of Assemblymember-elect Dennis Hof.

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ALEXIS M. HANSEN

Republican
Assembly District 32
Elko (part), Eureka (part), Humboldt, Lander;
Pershing, Washoe (part) Counties
Co-Owner of Ira Hansen and Sons Plumbing;
Realtor; Solid Source Realty



Born: 1960 – Sacramento, California

Educated: Sparks High School; University of Nevada, Reno

Spouse: Ira D. Hansen

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

Hobbies/Special Interests: Grandkids, historic homes, reading, real estate, travel

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2018 to Current

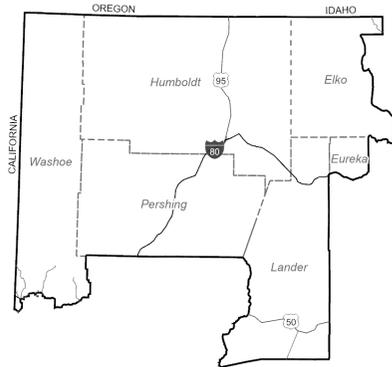
Legislative Commission: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Education (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)
Natural Resources (2021; 2023; 2025)
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and
Mining (2019)
Select Committee on Redistricting and
Elections (2021 Special Session)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Education (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2021–2022)
Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2019–2020)
Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2019–2020)
Subcommittee on Public Lands (2021–2022)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



MELISSA HARDY

*Republican
Assembly District 22
Clark County (part)
Small Business Owner*



Born: 1969 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: Las Vegas High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., Hotel/Business Administration

Spouse: Damon S. Hardy

Children: Celssie, Cydnic

Grandchildren: Benjamin, Oliver

Hobbies/Special Interests: Singing, piano, tennis, interior decoration, reading, water skiing, travel, sports fan

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2018 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Minority Floor Leader
South, 2025

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2019; 2021;
2023; 2025)

Education (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)

Government Affairs (2019)

Judiciary (2021; 2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Commission to Review Child Support
Guidelines (2023–2024)

Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Costs of Prescription Drugs (SB 276)
(2019–2020)

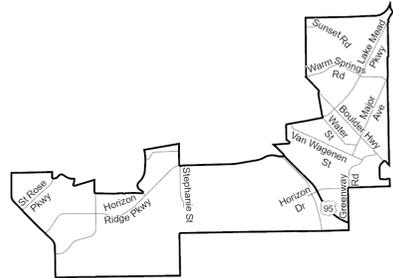
Committee to Review Child Support Guidelines (2019–2020)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2021–2022)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (2021–2022; 2023–2024)

Nevada Veterans Services Commission (2019–2020)

Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force (2021–2022)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



BRIAN HIBBETTS

Republican
Assembly District 13
Clark County (part)
Police Sergeant, Retired



Born: 1974 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Spouse: Tracy

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

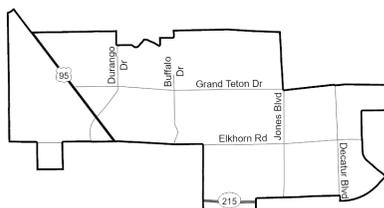
November 2022 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2023)
Health and Human Services (2023; 2025)
Legislative Operations and Elections
(2023; 2025)
Ways and Means (2025)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health
and Human Services (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections
(2023–2024)
Nevada Sentencing Commission (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



LINDA F. HUNT

*Democrat
Assembly District 17
Clark County (part)
Food Server and Realtor*



Born: 1960 – Jackson, Mississippi

Educated: Valley High School, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Criminal Justice and Mass Communications, 1977–1979

Children: Kevin Crockrom Sr.

Hobbies/Special Interests: Fishing, camping

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

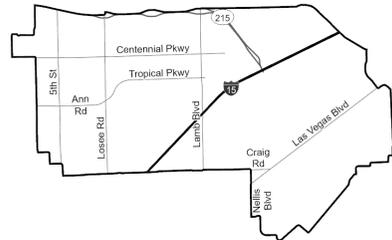
November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Education (2025)

Government Affairs (2025)

Health and Human Services (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



JOVAN A. JACKSON

Democrat
Assembly District 6
Clark County (part)
Entrepreneur; Community Organizer; Mental Health Advocate



Born: 1992 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: College of Southern Nevada, A.A., 2019

Hobbies/Special Interests: Traveling, hiking, swimming, advocating, learning new cultures, food connoisseur, public speaking

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2025)

Health and Human Services (2025)

Natural Resources (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



SANDRA JAUREGUI

*Democrat
Assembly District 41
Clark County (part)
Housing/Real Estate*



Born: 1983 – Monterey Park, California

Educated: Mt. San Antonio College, A.A.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A.

Hobbies/Special Interests: Avid hiker and runner

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2016 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Majority Whip, 2021;
2021 Special Session

Assembly Majority Floor Leader, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two); 2025

Legislative Commission: 2021–2022; 2023–2024

Interim Finance Committee: 2019–2020;
2021–2022; 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2017; 2019; 2021,
Chair; 2023; 2025)

Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2017)

Election Contests (2021)

Judiciary (2017)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2019, Chair; 2021; 2025)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2017)

Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session)

Ways and Means (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee on Housing (2021–2022)

Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2017–2018)

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of the Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting in the State of Nevada (SCR 9) (2019–2020)



SANDRA JAUREGUI

*Democrat
Assembly District 41
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Committee to Study Issues Regarding Affordable Housing (SCR 1) (2017–2018)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2021–2022, Chair)
Legislative Commission’s Audit Subcommittee (2021–2022, Chair)
Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (2017–2018; 2019–2020)
Subcommittee on Educational Accountability (2023–2024)
Subcommittee to Advise on the Expenditure of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding (2021–2022)
Subcommittee to Review and Advise on Coronavirus Federal Aid (2019–2020)
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2019–2020; 2021–2022, Chair)
Technological Crime Advisory Board (2017–2018)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



VENISE KARRIS

*Democrat
Assembly District 10
Clark County (part)
Retired Journeyman Wireman*



Born: 1957 – Chicago, Illinois

Educated: University of Illinois, B.S., 1980

Children: Lauren, Samantha

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, sewing, fingerloop knitting

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2025)

Growth and Infrastructure (2025)

Natural Resources (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



HEIDI KASAMA

*Republican
Assembly District 2
Clark County (part)
Realtor*



Born: New York, New York

Educated: Central Washington University, B.S., Accounting

Spouse: Peter Kasama

Children: Serena, Karina, Leona, Nicole

Hobbies/Special Interests: Golf, reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2020 to Current

Interim Finance Committee: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2021; 2023; 2025)

Government Affairs (2025)

Growth and Infrastructure (2023)

Judiciary (2021)

Natural Resources (2025)

Revenue (2021)

Ways and Means (2023)

Interim Committees:

Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee
(2021–2022)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2021–2022; 2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (2021–2022)

Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2021–2022)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



GREGORY S. KOENIG

*Republican
Assembly District 38
Churchill, Esmeralda, Lyon (part), Mineral,
Nye (part) Counties
Optometrist*



Born: 1967 – Pasco, Washington
Spouse: Terra
Children: Kennedy, Baylee, Davis
Grandchildren: Eight
Hobbies/Special Interests: Golf

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Assistant Minority Floor Leader North, 2025

Assembly Committees:

Education (2023; 2025)
Government Affairs (2023)
Health and Human Services (2023; 2025)
Ways and Means (2025)

Interim Committees:

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in
Education (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Government Affairs (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



SELENA LA RUE HATCH

Democrat
Assembly District 25
Washoe County (part)
Teacher



Born: 1989 – Reno, Nevada

Educated: Boston University, B.A., History; University of Nevada, Reno, M.Ed., Secondary Social Studies

Spouse: Stephen Hatch

Children: Abigail

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Education (2023; 2025)

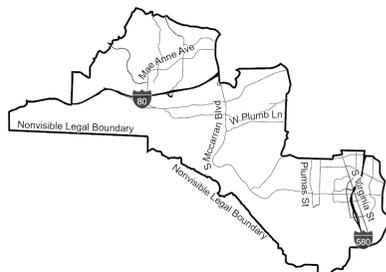
Judiciary (2023; 2025)

Natural Resources (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on

Natural Resources (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ELAINE H. MARZOLA

Democrat
Assembly District 21
Clark County (part)
Attorney



Born: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Educated: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., Women's Studies, 2006; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 2010

Children: Troy

Hobbies/Special Interests: Spending time with family, yoga, meditation, travel

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

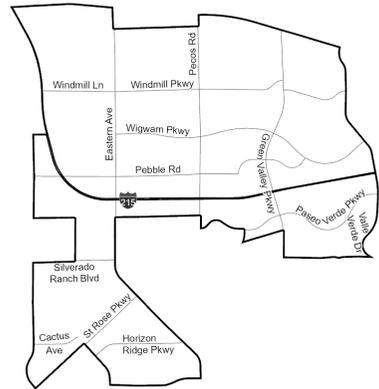
November 2020 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2021; 2023 and 2025, Chair)
Education (2021)
Growth and Infrastructure (2023)
Judiciary (2021; 2023; 2025)
Natural Resources (2025)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2021–2022; 2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



BRITTNEY M. MILLER

Democrat
Assembly District 5
Clark County (part)
Educator, Clark County School District



Born: Detroit, Michigan

Educated: Saginaw Valley State University, B.A., Criminal Justice; Oakland University, M.P.A.; Sierra Nevada College, M.A.T.

Hobbies/Special Interests: Traveling, sports, movies, reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2016 to Current

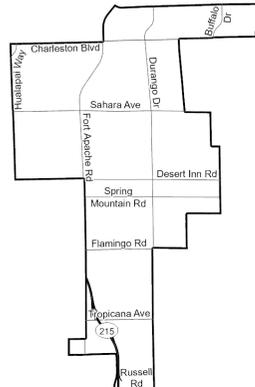
Interim Finance Committee: 2021–2022

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)
Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2017)
Education (2017; 2019; 2021)
Growth and Infrastructure (2023)
Health and Human Services (2017)
Judiciary (2017; 2019; 2023 and 2025, Chair)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2019; 2021, Chair; 2023; 2025)
Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session, Chair)
Ways and Means (2021)

Interim Committees:

Committee to Conduct an Investigation into Matters Relating to Reapportionment and Redistricting in Nevada (SCR 13) (2021–2022, Chair)
Education Commission of the States (2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2019–2020)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (2021–2022)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2023–2024, Chair)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (2021–2022, Chair; 2023–2024)
Legislative Commission’s Audit Subcommittee (2021–2022)



BRITTNEY M. MILLER

*Democrat
Assembly District 5
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Legislative Committee on Education (2017–2018; 2019–2020, Chair)

Nevada Veterans Services Commission (2021–2022)

State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



DANIELE MONROE-MORENO

Democrat
Assembly District 1
Clark County (part)
Corrections Officer, Retired



Born: 1964 – Tucson, Arizona

Spouse: Gary

Children: Candace, Cassandra, Celena, Colin, Aaron

Hobbies/Special Interests: Spoiling her grandchildren, volunteering in her community, cooking, organizing/planning events

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2016 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Majority Floor Leader,
2019; 2020 Special Sessions (two); 2021;
2021 Special Session

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two); 2025

Interim Finance Committee: 2019–2020;
2021–2022; 2023–2024, Chair

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023; 2025)

Government Affairs (2017)

Growth and Infrastructure (2019 and
2021, Chair)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2017; 2019; 2021; 2023; 2025)

Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session)

Transportation (2017)

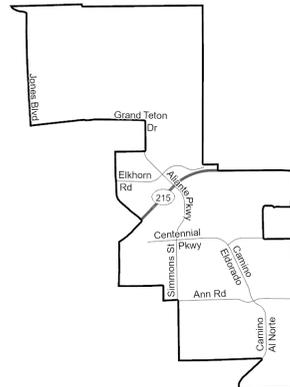
Ways and Means (2019; 2021; 2023 and 2025, Chair)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (2019–2020)

Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada (2017–2018)

Commission on Special License Plates (2017–2018; 2019–2020, Chair)



DANIELE MONROE-MORENO

*Democrat
Assembly District 1
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees (continued):

Committee on Industrial Programs (2017–2018; 2019–2020, Chair)
Committee to Consult With the Director (2017–2018; 2019–2020)
Governor's Workforce Development Board (2019–2020; 2023–2024)
Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2021–2022)
Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee (2021–2022, Chair, part; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2021–2022, Chair)
Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2017–2018, Chair;
2019–2020)
Legislative Committee on Energy (2019–2020, Chair)
Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (2017–2018)
Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force (2021–2022)
Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Subcommittee on Educational Accountability (2023–2024)
Subcommittee to Advise on the Expenditure of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding
(2021–2022)
Subcommittee to Review and Advise on Coronavirus Federal Aid (2019–2020)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



CINTHIA ZERMEÑO MOORE

Democrat
Assembly District 11
Clark County (part)



Born: 1982 – El Salto, Jalisco, Mexico

Children: Liam

Hobbies/Special Interests: Running, weights, reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

November 2024 to Current

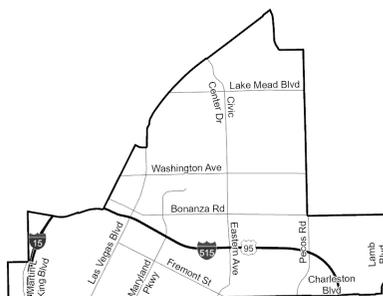
Assembly Committees:

Growth and Infrastructure (2025)

Judiciary (2025)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2025)

Select Committee on End-of-Life
Care (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ERICA MOSCA

Democrat
Assembly District 14
Clark County (part)
Education Nonprofit; Consultant



Born: 1986 – San Diego, California

Educated: Boston University, B.S.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.Ed.; Harvard Graduate School of Education, Ed.M.

Spouse: Nicholas Jared Smith

Hobbies/Special Interests: Spending time with pet border collie/husky, Panda

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Assistant Majority Floor
Leader, 2025

Interim Finance Committee: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Education (2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2023)
Legislative Operations and Elections
(2025, Chair)
Revenue (2023)
Ways and Means (2025)

Interim Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding (AB 493) (2023–2024)
Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature
(2023–2024)
Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (2023–2024)
Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



HANADI NADEEM

Democrat
Assembly District 34
Clark County (part)



Born: Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Educated: M.A., English Literature; Advanced Diploma, Linguistics

Spouse: Nadeem Tariq

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, writing, traveling, journaling, passionate about taking care of fellow Nevadans

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

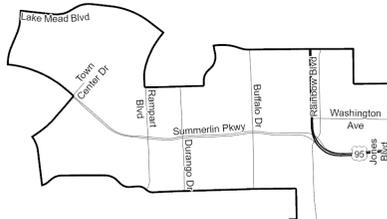
November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Health and Human Services (2025)

Judiciary (2025)

Legislative Operations and Elections (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



DUY NGUYEN

*Democrat
Assembly District 8
Clark County (part)
Nonprofit Executive and Small
Business Owner*



Born: 1979 – Vietnam

Educated: University of Phoenix, B.S., M.B.A.; San Diego State University

Spouse: Trang Le

Children: Leson, Tu-Anh

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 2 Regular Sessions and 2 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2022 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Government Affairs (2023; 2025)

Growth and Infrastructure (2025)

Health and Human Services (2023; 2025)

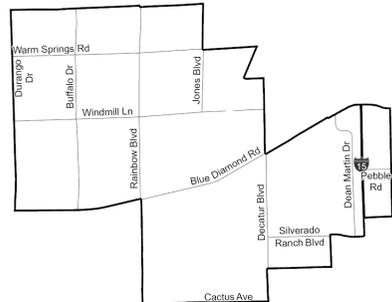
Revenue (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2023–2024)

Nevada Commission on Aging (2023–2024)

Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



PHILIP PK O'NEILL

Republican
Assembly District 40
Carson City and Storey, Washoe (part)
Counties
Law Enforcement, Retired



Born: 1951 – Washington, D.C.

Educated: University of Nevada, Reno, at Lake Tahoe, B.S., Business Management

Spouse: Nancy

Children: Laura, Philip, Nick, Andy

Hobbies/Special Interests: Travel, reading history books, target shoot, motorcycle touring, bird hunting

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2014 to November 2016

November 2020 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Minority Floor Leader, 2023;

2023 Special Sessions (two)

Interim Finance Committee: 2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2015; 2021;
2023; 2025)

Judiciary (2015; 2021)

Revenue (2021; 2023; 2025)

Transportation (2015)

Ways and Means (2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee on Nevada Criminal Justice Information Sharing (2015–2016)

Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration (2015–2016)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (2021–2022)

Joint Special Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning Innovation Zones (SCR 11)
(2021–2022)

Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2015–2016)



PHILIP PK O'NEILL

*Republican
Assembly District 40
Carson City and Storey, Washoe (part) Counties
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Interim Committees (continued):

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs
(2015–2016)
Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Subcommittee on Education Accountability (2023–2024)
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (2023–2024)

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



DAVID ORENTLICHER

Democrat
Assembly District 20
Clark County (part)
Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas,
William S. Boyd School of Law



Born: Washington, D.C.

Educated: Brandeis University, B.A., Economics; Harvard Law School, J.D.; Harvard Medical School, M.D.

Spouse: Judy

Children: Cy, Shay

Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, writing, Cajun dancing

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 3 Regular Sessions and 3 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

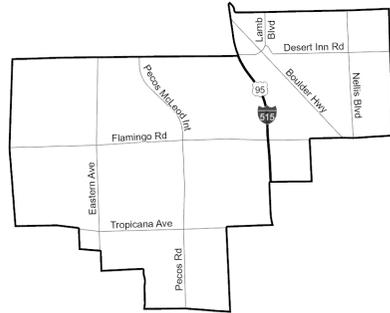
November 2020 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Education (2025)
Health and Human Services (2021;
2023; 2025)
Judiciary (2021; 2023; 2025)
Revenue (2021; 2023)
Select Committee on End-of-Life Care
(2025, Chair)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Council on the State Program for
Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic
Disease (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (2021–2022;
2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (2023–2024)
National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Nevada Sentencing Commission (2021–2022, part; 2023–2024, part)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



ERICA P. ROTH

*Democrat
Assembly District 24
Washoe County (part)
Attorney*



Born: 1989 – San Francisco, California

Educated: University of California, Santa Cruz, B.A., 2013; University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., 2017

Hobbies/Special Interests: Running, hiking, reading

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 1 Regular Session

Years in Assembly:

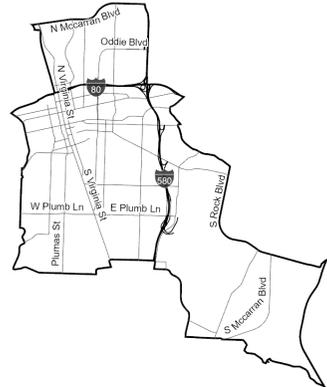
November 2024 to Current

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2025)

Judiciary (2025)

Revenue (2025)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



SELENA TORRES-FOSSETT

Democrat
Assembly District 3
Clark County (part)
High School Teacher



Born: 1995 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: College of Southern Nevada, A.A.; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A., English Literature; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.Ed. Candidate

Hobbies/Special Interests: Paddleboarding

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2018 to Current

Leadership:

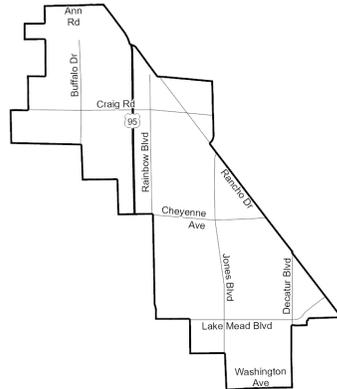
Assembly Assistant Majority Whip (South),
2023; 2023 Special Sessions (two)

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2023; 2025)
Education (2019; 2021; 2023; 2025, Chair)
Government Affairs (2021; 2023, Chair)
Judiciary (2019)
Legislative Operations and Elections
(2019; 2021)
Ways and Means (2025)

Interim Committees:

Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff (2023–2024)
Advisory Council for Family Engagement (2019–2020)
Board of Directors for the Corporation for Public Benefit for the Nevada Youth
Legislature (2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools (2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Education Commission of the States (2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (2023–2024)
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (2021–2022;
2023–2024, Chair)
Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (2019–2020)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



HOWARD WATTS

Democrat
Assembly District 15
Clark County (part)
Public Relations, Self-Employed



Born: 1987 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., Political Science

Spouse: Leora

Hobbies/Special Interests: Backpacking, fishing, travel

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 4 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2018 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Majority Whip, 2023;
2023 Special Sessions (two); 2025

Legislative Commission: 2023–2024

Interim Finance Committee: 2021–2022;
2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Growth and Infrastructure (2019; 2021; 2023
and 2025, Chair)

Judiciary (2019)

Natural Resources (2021, Chair; 2023; 2025)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2019)

Ways and Means (2021; 2023; 2025)

Interim Committees:

Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (2019–2020)

Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of the Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting in the State of Nevada (SCR 9) (2019–2020)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (2021–2022; 2023–2024)

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2021–2022, Chair)

Joint Special Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning Innovation Zones (SCR 11) (2021–2022)

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (2019–2020)

Private Activity Bond Council (2023–2024)



LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY—2025 SESSION



STEVE YEAGER

Democrat
Assembly District 9
Clark County (part)
Partner, Battle Born Injury Lawyers



Born: 1978 – Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

Educated: University of Michigan, B.A., History and Spanish; Cornell Law School, J.D.

Spouse: Bita Yeager

Hobbies/Special Interests: Running, hiking, reading, writing, traveling

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Served in 5 Regular Sessions and 5 Special Sessions

Years in Assembly:

November 2016 to Current

Leadership:

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, 2019;
2020 Special Sessions (two); 2021;
2021 Special Session

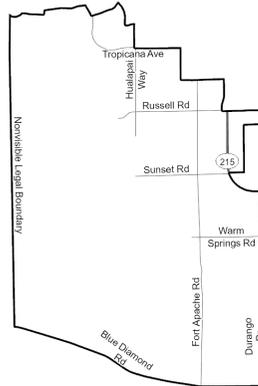
Assembly Speaker Designate, 2022
Assembly Speaker, 2023; 2023 Special
Sessions (two); 2025

Legislative Commission: 2021–2022, Chair;
2023–2024

Interim Finance Committee: 2021–2022;
2023–2024

Assembly Committees:

Commerce and Labor (2019; 2023; 2025)
Corrections, Parole, and Probation (2017)
Election Contests (2021, Chair)
Growth and Infrastructure (2019; 2021)
Health and Human Services (2017)
Judiciary (2017, 2019, and 2021, Chair)
Legislative Operations and Elections (2023)
Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (2017)
Revenue (2021)
Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections (2021 Special Session)
Ways and Means (2023; 2025)



STEVE YEAGER

*Democrat
Assembly District 9
Clark County (part)
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Interim Committees:

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (2017–2018, Chair)
Committee to Conduct a Study of Issues Relating to Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana (ACR 7) (2019–2020, Chair)
Committee to Consult With the Director (2019–2020)
Committee to Study the Advisability and Feasibility of Treating Certain Traffic and Related Violations as Civil Infractions (ACR 9) (2017–2018, Chair)
Gaming Policy Committee (2017–2018; 2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)
Legislative Commission’s Subcommittee to Review Regulations (2021–2022)
Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (2017–2018)
Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (2017–2018 and 2019–2020, Chair)
Subcommittee on Educational Accountability (2023–2024, Chair)
Technological Crime Advisory Board (2019–2020; 2021–2022; 2023–2024)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE
MEMBERS OF THE 2025 NEVADA
LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY

SENATE DIRECTORY

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**MEMBERS OF THE 2025 NEVADA LEGISLATURE
BY DISTRICT**

SENATE

<u><i>District* and County</i></u>	<u><i>Name</i></u>
No. 1, Clark (part).....	Michelee (Shelly) Cruz-Crawford (D)
No. 2, Clark (part).....	Edgar Flores (D)†
No. 3, Clark (part).....	Rochelle T. Nguyen (D)
No. 4, Clark (part).....	Dina Neal (D)
No. 5, Clark (part).....	Carrie Ann Buck (R)
No. 6, Clark (part).....	Nicole J. Cannizzaro (D)
No. 7, Clark (part).....	Roberta Lange (D)
No. 8, Clark (part).....	Marilyn Dondero Loop (D)†
No. 9, Clark (part).....	Melanie Scheible (D)†
No. 10, Clark (part).....	Fabian Doñate (D)†
No. 11, Clark (part).....	Lori Rogich (R)
No. 12, Clark (part).....	Julie Pazina (D)†
No. 13, Washoe (part).....	Skip Daly (D)†
No. 14, Elko (part), Eureka (part), Humboldt, Lander, Pershing, Washoe (part).....	Ira Hansen (R)†
No. 15, Washoe (part).....	Angela D. Taylor (D)
No. 16, Carson City, Storey, Washoe (part).....	Lisa Krasner (R)†
No. 17, Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, Nye (part).....	Robin L. Titus (R)†
No. 18, Clark (part).....	John C. Steinbeck (R)
No. 19, Clark (part), Elko (part), Eureka (part), Lincoln, Nye (part), White Pine.....	John Ellison (R)
No. 20, Clark (part).....	Jeff Stone (R)†
No. 21, Clark (part).....	James Ohrenschall (D)†

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†Term expires November 2026.

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No. 1, Clark (part).....	Daniele Monroe-Moreno (D)
No. 2, Clark (part).....	Heidi Kasama (R)
No. 3, Clark (part).....	Selena Torres-Fossett (D)
No. 4, Clark (part).....	Lisa K. Cole (R)
No. 5, Clark (part).....	Brittney M. Miller (D)
No. 6, Clark (part).....	Jovan A. Jackson (D)
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No. 8, Clark (part).....	Duy Nguyen (D)
No. 9, Clark (part).....	Steve Yeager (D)
No. 10, Clark (part).....	Venise Karris (D)
No. 11, Clark (part).....	Cynthia Zermeño Moore (D)
No. 12, Clark (part).....	Max E. Carter II (D)
No. 13, Clark (part).....	Brian Hibbetts (R)
No. 14, Clark (part).....	Erica Mosca (D)
No. 15, Clark (part).....	Howard Watts (D)
No. 16, Clark (part).....	Cecelia González (D)
No. 17, Clark (part).....	Linda F. Hunt (D)
No. 18, Clark (part).....	Venicia Considine (D)
No. 19, Clark (part).....	Toby Yurek (R)
No. 20, Clark (part).....	David Orentlicher (D)
No. 21, Clark (part).....	Elaine H. Marzola (D)
No. 22, Clark (part).....	Melissa Hardy (R)
No. 23, Clark (part).....	Danielle Gallant (R)
No. 24, Washoe (part).....	Erica P. Roth (D)
No. 25, Washoe (part).....	Selena La Rue Hatch (D)
No. 26, Washoe (part).....	Rich DeLong (R)
No. 27, Washoe (part).....	Heather Goulding (D)
No. 28, Clark (part).....	Reuben D'Silva (D)
No. 29, Clark (part).....	Joe Dalia (D)
No. 30, Washoe (part).....	Natha C. Anderson (D)
No. 31, Washoe (part).....	Jill Dickman (R)
No. 32, Elko (part), Eureka (part), Humboldt, Lander, Pershing, Washoe (part).....	Alexis M. Hansen (R)
No. 33, Elko (part), Eureka (part), Lincoln (part), Nye (part), White Pine.....	Bert K. Gurr (R)
No. 34, Clark (part).....	Hanadi Nadeem (D)
No. 35, Clark (part).....	Rebecca Edgeworth (R)
No. 36, Clark (part), Lincoln (part), Nye (part).....	Gregory T. Hafen II (R)
No. 37, Clark (part).....	Shea M. Backus (D)
No. 38, Churchill, Esmeralda, Lyon (part), Mineral, Nye (part).....	Gregory S. Koenig (R)
No. 39, Douglas, Lyon (part).....	Ken Gray (R)
No. 40, Carson City, Storey, Washoe (part).....	Philip PK O'Neill (D)
No. 41, Clark (part).....	Sandra Jauregui (D)
No. 42, Clark (part).....	Tracy Brown-May (D)

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INTERIM COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

2023–2024

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 by Senate, then Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Interim Finance Committee (NRS 218E.400)*

Monroe-Moreno (Chair), Dondero Loop (Vice Chair), Goicoechea, Harris Neal, R. Nguyen, Seevers O’Gara, Titus, Anderson, Backus, Brown-May, Dickman, Considine, Hafen, Jauregui, Kasama, Mosca, O’Neill, Peters, Watts, Yeager.

*Membership as of November 4, 2025, prior to the 2024 General Election.

Interim Finance Committee’s Subcommittee on Education Accountability (NRS 218E.410)

Yeager (Chair), Cannizzaro (Vice Chair), Dondero Loop, Titus, Gray, Jauregui, Monroe-Moreno, O’Neill.

Legislative Commission (NRS 218E.150)*

Cannizzaro (Chair), Harris (Vice Chair), Daly, I. Hansen, Krasner, Stone, Backus, DeLong, A. Hansen, Jauregui, Watts, Yeager.

*Membership as of November 4, 2025, prior to the 2024 General Election.

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

Dondero Loop (Chair), Daly (Vice Chair), Goicoechea, DeLong, Jauregui. Alternates: Neal, Titus, Backus, Anderson, Dickman.

Legislative Commission’s Budget Subcommittee (NRS 218E.255)

Monroe-Moreno (Chair), Dondero Loop (Vice Chair), Buck, Cannizzaro, Neal, Nguyen, Stone, Taylor, Titus, Anderson, Backus, Brown-May, Dickman, Hafen, Hibbetts, Jauregui, Koenig, Mosca, O’Neill, Torres-Fossett, Watts, Yeager.

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

Dondero Loop (Chair), Monroe-Moreno (Vice Chair), Ohrenschall, Stone, Carter, Gurr.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (NRS 218E.320)

Spearman (Chair), Marzola (Vice Chair), Lange, Stone, Backus, Kasama, O’Neill, Torres-Fossett. Alternates: Krasner, Pazina, Carter, Hardy, Yeager.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (NRS 218E.320)

Bilbray-Axelrod (Chair), Lange (Vice Chair), Buck, Dondero Loop, Anderson, D’Silva, A. Hansen, Hardy. Alternates: Flores, Titus, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Torres-Fossett.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (NRS 218E.320)

Torres-Fossett (Chair), Flores (Vice Chair), Daly, I. Hansen, Carter, D’Silva, Koenig, McArthur. Alternates: Goicoechea, Ohrenschall, Gurr, Taylor, Thomas.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure (NRS 218E.320)

Harris (Chair), Watts (Vice Chair), Buck, Daly, Brown-May, Carter, Dickman, Gallant. Alternates: I. Hansen, Pazina, Kasama, Miller, Summers-Armstrong.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (NRS 218E.320)

Doñate (Chair), Orentlicher (Vice Chair), R. Nguyen, Titus, Brown-May, Gray, Hibbetts, D. Nguyen. Alternates: Spearman, Stone, Gorelow, Hafen, Peters.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (NRS 218E.320)

Ohrenschall (Chair), Mosca (Vice Chair), Daly, Seevers O’Gara, Dickman, González, Hibbetts, Miller. Alternates: Krasner, Lange, DeLong, D’Silva, Yeager.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (NRS 218E.320)

Pazina (Chair), Anderson (Vice Chair), Goicoechea, Scheible, Bilbray-Axelrod, DeLong, Gurr, La Rue Hatch. Alternates: Flores, I. Hansen, Cohen, Considine, A. Hansen.

Subcommittee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)

Scheible (Chair); Anderson (Vice Chair); Goicoechea; DeLong; Justin Jones, Clark County Commissioner; Marissa Weaselboy, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc.; Alternates: Pazina, A. Hansen.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue (NRS 218E.320)

Backus (Chair), Neal (Vice Chair), Donate, Seevers O’Gara, Considine, Hafen, Orentlicher, Yurek. Alternates: Buck, Spearman, Anderson, Mosca, O’Neill.

Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary (NRS 218E.320)

Miller (Chair), Scheible (Vice Chair), Harris, Krasner, Gallant, González, Gray, Marzola. Alternates: I Hansen, R. Nguyen, Cohen, La Rue Hatch, Yurek.

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

Daly (Chair), Bilbray-Axelrod (Vice Chair), Scheible, Titus, Gray, Taylor.

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

Spearman (Chair), Brown-May (Vice Chair), Dondero Loop, Krasner, D’Silva, Gray.

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

Daly (Chair), Marzola (Vice Chair), I. Hansen, Lange, Backus, O’Neill.

NONLEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding (AB 493 [2023])

Buck, Dondero Loop, Gray, Mosca. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Board on Dream Tags (NRS 502.225)

Judi Caron, Greg Smith. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health (NRS 442.133)

R. Nguyen, Brown-May. Additional nonlegislative members.

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

DeLong, Taylor. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada (NRS 417.230)
Stone, D'Silva. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Committee for the Office of Minority Health and Equity (NRS 232.482)
R. Nguyen. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Committee on Housing (NRS 319.174)
Neal. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well Being of Public School Staff (AB 72 [2023])
Flores, Torres-Fossett, David Hudzick, Miguel Lara, Anthony M. Nunez, Misty Olmos.

Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety (NRS 408.581)
Brown-May, R. Nguyen. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Council for Family Engagement (NRS 385.610)
Neal, González. Additional nonlegislative members.

Advisory Council on Mortgage Investments and Mortgage Lending (NRS 645B.019)
Kevin Cordell, Jonathan T. Gedde, Adam Gregory, Adam Horowitz, Joshua O. Igeleke Jr.

Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (NRS 439.518)
Neal, Orentlicher. Additional nonlegislative members.

Board of Directors of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (NRS 695I.310)
Quincy L. Branch, Jonathan Johnson. Additional nonlegislative members.

Board of Trustees of the Nevada Employee Savings Trust (NRS 353D.300)
Andy Kao, William H Palmer III. Additional nonlegislative members.

Board on Indigent Defense Services (NRS 180.300)
Chris Giunchigliani, Jerrod Hickman. Additional nonlegislative members.

Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (NRS 433.429)
Carter, DeNeese Parker, Nita Schmidt. Additional nonlegislative members.

Commission on Ethics (NRS 281A.200)
Mike Langton, Teresa Lowry, Brianna Smith, Kim Wallin.

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (NRS 385.910)
Dondero Loop, Taylor, Titus, Koenig, Mosca, Torres-Fossett. Additional nonlegislative members.

Commission on School Funding (NRS 387.1246)
Former Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Nancy Brune, Dusty Casey, David Jensen, Punam Mathur, Jim McIntosh.

Committee to Review Child Support Guidelines (NRS 425.610)
Steinbeck, Flores, Dalia, Gray. Additional nonlegislative members.

Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools (NRS 389.510)
Dondero Loop, Torres-Fossett, Brent Husson, Yvette Williams. Additional nonlegislative members.

Economic Forum (NRS 353.226)

Linda Rosenthal (Chair), Jennifer Lewis (Vice Chair), Michael Crome, Brian Gordon, Marvin Leavitt.

Education Commission of the States (NRS 399.015, Article III)

Dondero Loop, Lange, Miller, Torres-Fossett. Additional nonlegislative members.

Gaming Policy Committee (NRS 463.021)

Cannizzaro, Yeager. Additional nonlegislative members.

Governor's Workforce Development Board (NRS 232.935)

Neal, Monroe-Moreno. Additional nonlegislative members.

Information Technology Advisory Board (NRS 242.122)

R. Nguyen, Anderson. Additional nonlegislative members.

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

Harris, Ohrenschall, Backus, Orentlicher. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance (NRS 358.020)

Pazina, Monroe-Moreno, Lisa Corrado, Audra Hamernik. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada Award and Honor Board Selection Committee (NRS 223.926)

Michael Green, Ph.D.; Fred Lokken; Bob Miller (Former Governor); Brian Sandoval (Former Governor). Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada Capital Investment Corporation Board (NRS 355.20)

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Nevada Commission on Aging (NRS 427A.032)

Dondero Loop, D. Nguyen. Additional nonlegislative members.

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

Daly, O'Neill. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs (NRS 232.852)

Nina Gallagher, Gina Jackson, Julio Jimenez-Wenz, Anabel Navarro, Kim Ngan Le, Juanny Romero, Nic Steele, Demetrius Ware, Gabriela Wyatt.

Nevada Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (P.L. 99-457, Part C of IDEA)

Brown-May. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing (NRS 232.4981)

Neal, Carter. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada Sentencing Commission (NRS 176.0133)

Krasner, Scheible, Considine, Hibbetts. Additional nonlegislative members.

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

Lucille Adin, Senate District 13; Fran Almaraz, Senate District 21; Margaret Batts, Senate District 4; Joann M. Bongiorno, Senate District 10; Nancy Carlson, Senate District 16; Cher Daniels, Senate District 14; Mary Fesenmaier, Senate District 17; Marilyn E. Jordan, Senate District 9; Laura Leavitt, Senate District 8; Peggy Leavitt, Senate District 20; Bob Linden, Senate District 7; William Marchant, Senate District 12; Elizabeth Martinez, Senate District 2; Fayyaz Raja, Senate District 6; Fred Silberkraus, Senate District 5;

Frank B. Slaughter III, Senate District 11; Rodger Troth, Senate District 18; Valarie Woods, Senate District 3. (Note: Senate Districts 1, 15, and 19 are vacant.)

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

Summers-Armstrong, Scheible. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (NRS 621.015)

Ohrenschall, González. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada State Infrastructure Bank (NRS 408.55069)

Tracy Holland, Mathew R. Kershaw, Ken Liu, Teresa Magnuson Melendez. Additional nonlegislative members.

Nevada Youth Legislature (NRS 219A.130)

Sebastian Rios, Senate District 18 (Chair); Ethan Cohen, Senate District 9 (Vice Chair); Kyle Allen, Senate District 16; Elver Alvarez Flores, Senate District 2; Tyler Breeden, Senate District 4; Sophie Cain, Senate District 8; Owen Chang, Senate District 14; Matthew Chen, Senate District 11; Jordan Chong, Senate District 13; Eric Conyers, Senate District 21; Mackenzie Coughlin, Senate District 1; Kathleen McCarthy, Senate District 6; Jolie Nguyen, Senate District 3; Daniel Obstgarten, Senate District 20; Joshua Park, Senate District 19; Sitara Reganti, Senate District 15; Phillip Rosas, Senate District 17; Hannah Villatoro, Senate District 7; Alexa Walsh, Senate District 12; Toren Wolf, Senate District 5.

Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature (NRS 219A.300)

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.) (Chair), Former Senator Joyce Woodhouse (Vice Chair), Scheible (Treasurer), Harris* (Secretary), Mosca, Torres-Fossett, Zhan Okuda-Lim.

*Former Senator Dallas Harris resigned from the Board on January 8, 2025.

Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (NRS 433.429)

Titus, Ali Banister, Ken Furlong. Additional nonlegislative members.

Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group (AB 164 [2023])

Buck, Pazina, Mosca, Yurek, Grace Angel, Roz Brooks, Brandi Cuti, Melanie Erquiaga, Cherese Jones, Sean Thorton.

Patient Protection Commission (NRS 439.908)

Bobbette Bond; Ikram Khan, M.D. Additional nonlegislative members.

Private Activity Bond Council (NRS 348A.050)

Neal, Watts. Additional nonlegislative members.

Psychedelic Medicines Working Group (SB 242 [2023])

R. Nguyen, Carter, Gallant, Lt. Diane M. Goldstein (Ret.). Additional nonlegislative members.

Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force (NRS 704.79887)

I. Hansen, Harris, Brown-May, DeLong. Additional nonlegislative members.

Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (NRS 433.429)

Ellison, Jeri Sanders, Bryce Shields. Additional nonlegislative members.

Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board (AB 304 [2009])

Neal, Monroe-Moreno. Additional nonlegislative members.

State Board of Education (NRS 385.021)

Katherine Dockweiler, Ed.D.; Tamara Hudson. Additional nonlegislative members.

State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (NRS 388F.020)

Pazina. Additional nonlegislative members.

State Public Charter School Authority (NRS 388A.150)

Ivet Aldaba, Ph.D.; Rosanne Richards; Tamika Shauntee Rosales; Kurt Thigpen. Additional nonlegislative members.

State Public Works Board (NRS 341.020)

Kevin Lewis, Roy Walker. Additional nonlegislative members.

Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group (NRS 458.460)

Doñate, Stone, Goulding, Gray. Additional nonlegislative members.

Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (NRS 439.5083)

Dondero Loop, D. Nguyen. Additional nonlegislative members.

Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (NRS 433.429)

Taylor, Sgt. Michael Morris, Jennifer Rains. Additional nonlegislative members.

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP

The Chair is named first, and 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—

Pazina, Daly, Flores, Lange, Scheible, Ellison, Rogich, Steinbeck.

EDUCATION—

Taylor, Dondero Loop, Cruz-Crawford, Doñate, Buck, Rogich, Titus.

FINANCE—

Dondero Loop, Nguyen, Cannizzaro, Neal, Taylor, Buck, Stone, Titus.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Flores, Ohrenschall, Daly, Neal, Ellison, Krasner, Rogich.

GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE—

Nguyen, Pazina, Doñate, Buck, Hansen.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES—

Doñate, Taylor, Lange, Stone, Titus.

JUDICIARY—

Scheible, Flores, Lange, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Ellison, Hansen, Krasner.

LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS—

Ohrenschall, Daly, Cannizzaro, Krasner, Steinbeck.

NATURAL RESOURCES—

Cruz-Crawford, Scheible, Pazina, Ellison, Hansen.

MAJORITY LEADER—
Nicole J. Cannizzaro

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE—
Marilyn Dondero Loop

ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER—
Roberta Lange

CHIEF MAJORITY WHIP—
Melanie Scheible

DEPUTY MAJORITY WHIPS—
Skip Daly
Fabian Doñate

MINORITY LEADER—
Robin L. Titus

ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER—
Jeff Stone

MINORITY WHIP—
Lisa Krasner

2025 ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP

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COMMERCE AND LABOR—

Marzola, Jauregui, Anderson, Carter, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Roth, Torres-Fossett, Yeager, Cole, Hardy, Kasama, O'Neill, Yurek.

EDUCATION—

Torres-Fossett, D'Silva, Dalia, Flanagan, Hunt, La Rue Hatch, Mosca, Orentlicher, DeLong, Hansen, Hardy, Koenig.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Considine, Nguyen, Carter, D'Silva, Flanagan, Goulding, Hunt, Jackson, Karris, DeLong, Edgeworth, Gallant, Gurr, Kasama.

GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE—

Watts, Carter, Backus, Brown-May, Karris, Moore, Nguyen, Dickman, Gallant, Gurr, Yurek.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES—

Brown-May, Nguyen, Dalia, González, Goulding, Hunt, Jackson, Nadeem, Orentlicher, Edgeworth, Gray, Hafen, Hibbetts, Koenig.

JUDICIARY—

Miller, Marzola, Dalia, González, La Rue Hatch, Moore, Nadeem, Orentlicher, Roth, Cole, Gray, Hansen, Hardy, Yurek.

LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS—

Mosca, González, Jauregui, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Moore, Nadeem, Cole, Dickman, Edgeworth, Hibbetts.

NATURAL RESOURCES—

Anderson, La Rue Hatch, Considine, Jackson, Karris, Marzola, Watts, DeLong, Gurr, Hansen, Kasama.

REVENUE—

Backus, Considine, D'Silva, Flanagan, Goulding, Nguyen, Roth, Gallant, Gray, Hafen, O'Neill.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON END-OF-LIFE CARE—

Orentlicher, (no vice chair designated), González, Moore, Edgeworth, Gallant,

WAYS AND MEANS—

Monroe-Moreno, Backus, Anderson, Brown-May, Jauregui, Mosca, Torres-Fossett, Watts, Yeager, Dickman, Hafen, Hibbetts, Koenig, O'Neill.

SPEAKER—

Steve Yeager

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE—

Daniele Monroe-Moreno

MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Sandra Jauregui

ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Erica Mosca

MAJORITY WHIP—

Howard Watts

ASSISTANT MAJORITY WHIP—

Natha C. Anderson

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Gregory T. Hafen II

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the historical background of Nevada's journey to statehood, including the adoption of the Nevada Constitution and the establishment of Nevada's three departments of state government. This chapter further outlines the authority of each department of state government and highlights certain constitutional provisions governing the interaction and relationship among the three departments.

THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

In 1861, Congress passed a federal act organizing the Territory of Nevada. (12 United States Statutes at Large, Ch. 83, at 209 (1861)) This organic act served as Nevada's territorial constitution, establishing a territorial governor and secretary, a territorial legislative assembly, and a territorial supreme court and court system. (*Id.*; *Sawyer v. Haydon*, 1 Nev. 75, 79-82 (1865) (discussing powers of the territorial government under the organic act); *Armstrong v. Paul*, 1 Nev. 134, 139-140 (1865) (discussing powers of the territorial government under the organic act); *Trustees of Sch. Dist. No. 1 v. County Comm'rs*, 1 Nev. 334, 340-41 (1865) (invalidating laws passed in violation of the organic act)) Between the passage of the organic act and Nevada's statehood on October 31, 1864, Nevada's territorial legislative assembly held three legislative sessions. (*Political History of Nevada*, at 126-34, 139 (Carson City, Nev., Sec'y of State, 12th ed., 2016)) The first session of the territorial legislative assembly was held from October 1 to November 29, 1861, the second session was held from November 11 to December 20, 1862, and the third and final session was held from January 12 to February 20, 1864. (*Id.*)

When the Nevada Constitution was approved in 1864, it provided that “[a]ll laws of the Territory of Nevada in force at the time of the admission of this State, not repugnant to this Constitution, shall remain in force until they expire by their own limitations or be altered or repealed by the Legislature.” (Nev. Const. Art. 17, Sec. 2) This meant that after Nevada's statehood, many of the territorial laws remained in force, and they were periodically amended by the Legislature. (*State v. Davis*, 14 Nev. 439, 442-43 (1880) (discussing the Legislature's amendments to “An act concerning crimes and punishments, approved November 26, 1861.”)) To this day, the substance of some territorial laws is still codified in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). For example, Nevada's very first territorial law was “An Act adopting the Common Law,” which provided that the common law of England, so far as it was not repugnant to or inconsistent with the United States Constitution, any federal laws, or any laws of the territory, would be the rule of decision in all courts of the territory. (Ch. 1, Laws of

the Territory of Nevada 1861, at 1) The substance of that first territorial law is presently codified in NRS 1.030.

Additionally, courts in Nevada may find evidence of the constitutional framers' intent, knowledge, or understanding when interpreting the Nevada Constitution by examining laws that were enacted by the territorial legislative assembly before the approval of the Nevada Constitution. (*Moore v. Orr*, 30 Nev. 458, 470, 98 P. 398, 402 (1908); *Aftercare of Clark County v. Justice Ct. of Las Vegas Twp.*, 120 Nev. 1, 6-8, 82 P.3d 931, 934-35 (2004); *Cheung v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 121 Nev. 867, 870-73, 124 P.3d 550, 553-55 (2005)) Consequently, the laws enacted by the territorial legislative assembly have continuing relevance to the interpretation of various provisions of the Nevada Constitution and Nevada's current statutes.

THE TWO STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS

During Nevada's territorial period, the territorial legislative assembly was faced with a sharp division between mining interests and agricultural interests over the appropriate method for the taxation of mines and mining claims. This division had significant impacts on Nevada's two state constitutional conventions held in 1863 and 1864. (*State v. Eastabrook*, 3 Nev. 173, 178-79 (1867); *Goldfield Consol. Mines Co. v. State*, 35 Nev. 178, 185-86, 127 P. 77, 79-80 (1912)) The mining interests believed that mines and mining claims should be exempt from taxation and that, if any taxation were to be imposed on mining operations, only the proceeds from productive mines and mining claims should be assessed and taxed. The agricultural interests believed that mines and mining claims should be assessed and taxed in the same manner as other property, regardless of whether the mines or mining claims were productive. (*Id.*)

At its three legislative sessions between 1861 to 1864, the territorial legislative assembly enacted several different methods for the taxation of mines and mining claims. At its first session, the territorial legislative assembly exempted "[m]ining claims" from property taxation. (Ch. 50, Laws of the Territory of Nevada 1861, Sec. 4, at 146) At its second session, the territorial legislative assembly narrowed the exception and provided that only "[u]nproductive mining claims" were exempt from property taxation. (Ch. 124, Laws of the Territory of Nevada 1862, Sec. 4, at 132) At its third and final session, the territorial legislative assembly removed the exemption for mining claims and provided that "mining claims and possessory rights thereto" were subject to property taxation. (Ch. 35, Laws of the Territory of Nevada 1864, Sec. 2, at 38; *Hale & Norcross Gold & Silver Mining Co. v. Storey County*, 1 Nev. 104, 105-09 (1865))

During this legislative period of unsettled and changing methods for the taxation of mines and mining claims, the territorial legislative assembly also passed an act providing for an election where the voters of the territory were asked to approve a ballot question convening a state constitutional convention. (Ch. 123, Laws of the Territory of Nevada 1862, at 128) On September 2, 1863, the voters approved the

ballot question, with 6,660 voting in favor and 1,502 voting against convening a state constitutional convention. (*Political History of Nevada*, at 130-32 (Carson City, Nev., Sec’y of State, 12th ed., 2016); Eleanore Bushnell and Don W. Driggs, *The Nevada Constitution: Origin and Growth*, at 14-15 (Reno, Nev., Univ. of Nev. Press, 6th ed., 1984)) At the time of the election, the United States Congress had not passed an enabling act authorizing the territory to convene a state constitutional convention and undertake the process of being admitted as a state. (U.S. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 3) Nevertheless, the territory’s first state constitutional convention was held from November 2 to December 11, 1863, where the delegates drafted a proposed constitution for the State of Nevada and passed a resolution stating that if the proposed 1863 constitution was approved by the voters, it would be transmitted to Congress with a request that the State of Nevada be admitted to the Union. (Andrew J. Marsh and Samuel L. Clemens, *Reports of the 1863 Constitutional Convention of the Territory of Nevada*, at 412 (Carson City, Nev., LCB, 1972); *The Nevada Constitution: Origin and Growth*, at 21-22 (Reno, Nev., Univ. of Nev. Press, 6th ed., 1984))

The proposed 1863 constitution was modeled, in large part, on the *California Constitution of 1849*, with various modifications. (*Reports of the 1863 Constitutional Convention of the Territory of Nevada*, at 437-51 (Carson City, Nev., LCB, 1972); *The Nevada Constitution: Origin and Growth*, at 27 (Reno, Nev., Univ. of Nev. Press, 6th ed., 1984)) During the convention there was extensive debate regarding the appropriate method for the taxation of mines and mining claims under the proposed 1863 constitution. Ultimately, the delegates decided that mines and mining claims would be assessed and taxed in the same manner as other property, regardless of whether the mines or mining claims were productive. (*Reports of the 1863 Constitutional Convention of the Territory of Nevada*, at 225-29, 239-52, 264-81, and 429 (Carson City, Nev., LCB, 1972))

Despite the voters’ support for convening the first state constitutional convention, the proposed 1863 constitution was met with strong public opposition for various reasons, including opposition from the mining interests to the proposed method for the taxation of mines and mining claims. (*Political History of Nevada*, at 132-33 (Carson City, Nev., Sec’y of State, 12th ed., 2016); *The Nevada Constitution: Origin and Growth*, at 15-18 (Reno, Nev., Univ. of Nev. Press, 6th ed., 1984)) On January 19, 1864, the voters rejected the proposed 1863 constitution, with 8,851 voting against and 2,157 voting in favor of approval. (*The Nevada Constitution: Origin and Growth*, at 15-18 (Reno, Nev., Univ. of Nev. Press, 6th ed., 1984))

Following the voters’ rejection of the proposed 1863 constitution, Congress passed an enabling act authorizing the territory to convene another state constitutional convention and undertake the process of being admitted as a state. (U.S. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 3; 13 United States Statutes at Large, Ch. 36, at 30 (1864)) The territory’s second state constitutional convention was held from July 4 to July 27, 1864. (Andrew J. Marsh, *Official Report of the Debates and Proceedings in the Constitutional Convention of the State of Nevada, Assembled at Carson City, July 4, 1864* (S.F., Cal.,

Frank Eastman, Printer, 1866)) As the starting point for discussion purposes, the delegates to the second state constitutional convention used the proposed 1863 constitution as their model because it was based, in large part, on the *California Constitution of 1849*. (*Id.* at 14-24) After additional debate the delegates made further modifications to the proposed 1863 constitution, including those regarding the appropriate method for the taxation of mines and mining claims. On this point, the delegates decided that only the proceeds from productive mines and mining claims would be assessed and taxed. (*Id.* at 222-30, 318-87, 405-33, 436-47, 499-501, 513-21, and 845)

On September 7, 1864, the voters approved the Nevada Constitution as proposed by the second state constitutional convention, with 10,375 voting in favor and 1,284 voting against approval. (*Political History of Nevada*, at 134-39 (Carson City, Nev., Sec’y of State, 12th ed., 2016); *The Nevada Constitution: Origin and Growth*, at 41-42 (Reno, Nev., Univ. of Nev. Press, 6th ed., 1984)) On October 31, 1864, as authorized by the enabling act, President Abraham Lincoln signed a presidential proclamation admitting the State of Nevada to the United States as a sovereign state on equal footing with the other states. (*Id.*; *Lawrence v. Clark County*, 127 Nev. 390, 254 P.3d 606 (2011))

Nevada’s two state constitutional conventions held in 1863 and 1864 have continuing relevance to the interpretation of various provisions of the Nevada Constitution because courts in Nevada will examine those debates and proceedings in ascertaining the intent of the framers. (*State ex rel. Santini v. Swackhamer*, 90 Nev. 153, 154-57, 521 P.2d 568, 569-70 (1974); *Tam v. Colton*, 94 Nev. 453, 457-58, 581 P.2d 447, 450-51 (1978); *State ex rel. Harvey v. Second Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 117 Nev. 754, 761-62, 32 P.3d 1263, 1267-68 (2001); *Child v. Lomax*, 124 Nev. 600, 609-11, 188 P.3d 1103, 1109-10 (2008); *Lueck v. Teuton*, 125 Nev. 674, 681-82, 219 P.3d 895, 899-900 (2009)) Although the comments made by delegates in the two state constitutional conventions are not conclusive or binding as to the meaning of a constitutional provision, courts in Nevada have found that such comments are highly persuasive authority regarding the intent of the framers. (*State ex rel. Lewis v. Doron*, 5 Nev. 399, 409 (1870); *Ex parte Shelor*, 33 Nev. 361, 376-77, 111 P. 291, 293-94 (1910))

Additionally, because the Nevada Constitution was modeled after the *California Constitution of 1849*, courts in Nevada will consider historical evidence relating to the adoption of the *California Constitution of 1849* to aid in interpreting the Nevada Constitution. (*State ex rel. Schur v. Payne*, 57 Nev. 286, 293-95, 63 P.2d 921, 923-24 (1937); *State ex rel. Harvey v. Second Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 117 Nev. 754, 761-62, 32 P.3d 1263, 1268 (2001)) For example, the *California Constitutional Debates and Proceedings of 1849*, and any legislation enacted by the California Legislature after the *California Constitution of 1849* was adopted could serve as historical evidence. (*State ex rel. Murphy v. Overton*, 16 Nev. 136, 146-47 (1881); *State ex rel. Schur v.*

Payne, 57 Nev. 286, 293-95, 63 P.2d 921, 923-24 (1937); *Aftercare of Clark County v. Justice Ct. of Las Vegas Twp.*, 120 Nev. 1, 7-8, 82 P.3d 931, 935 (2004))

Finally, when interpreting the Nevada Constitution, courts in Nevada will consider cases decided by courts in California and other states that have interpreted constitutional provisions that are similar to those in the Nevada Constitution. (*State ex rel. Ash v. Parkinson*, 5 Nev. 15, 24-27 (1869); *State ex rel. Mason v. Bd. of County Comm'rs*, 7 Nev. 392, 396-97 (1872); *In re Scott*, 53 Nev. 24, 35-36, 292 P. 291, 293-94 (1930); *Heller v. Legislature*, 120 Nev. 456, 466-69, 93 P.3d 746, 753-55 (2004)) As observed by the Nevada Supreme Court, although “state constitutional provisions seldom are identical,” cases from other states can provide significant guidance as to the meaning or intent of Nevada’s constitutional provisions. (*State ex rel. Herr v. Laxalt*, 84 Nev. 382, 387-88, 441 P.2d 687, 690-91 (1968))

THE THREE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT: STRUCTURE, POWER, AND RELATIONSHIP

The Nevada Constitution created a tripartite system of state government with the state’s governmental powers distributed among three separate departments or “branches” of the state government. These departments are the Legislative Department, the Executive Department, and the Judicial Department, and interestingly, the powers of each department are contained in a separate article of the Nevada Constitution. (Nev. Const. Art. 3, Sec. 1; Arts. 4, 5, and 6; *Galloway v. Truesdell*, 83 Nev. 13, 19-20, 422 P.2d 237, 241-42 (1967))

Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution contemplates the Legislative Department and distinctly tasks the Legislature with exercising the state’s legislative power. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 1) As part of the Legislative Department, Nevada has a two-house (bicameral) state legislative body, which is divided into a Senate and an Assembly. (*Id.*; *Gibson v. Mason*, 5 Nev. 283, 292-93 (1869)) The two houses jointly are designated as “The Legislature of the State of Nevada.” (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 1) The Legislature also houses committees, members, officers, and agencies acting in their official capacities on behalf of the Legislature, including the Legislative Counsel Bureau and any other agency, body, office, organization, or unit created or authorized to conduct or perform legislative business in an official capacity on behalf of the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4; Chapters 218A to 220, inclusive, of NRS; *State ex rel. Cannizzaro v. First Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 136 Nev. 315, 318, 466 P.3d 529, 532 (2020))

As Nevada’s foremost political institution, the Legislature’s primary functions are to: (1) enact laws for the State of Nevada; and (2) fund the operations of government. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 1 and 19; *Gibson v. Mason*, 5 Nev. 283, 291-99 (1869); *Norcross v. Cole*, 44 Nev. 88, 91-92, 189 P. 877, 877-78 (1920); *Shea v. State*, 138 Nev. 346, 352, 510 P.3d 148, 154 (2022)) As described by the Nevada Supreme Court, legislative power “is indeed very broad, and, except where limited by Federal or State Constitutional provisions, that power is practically absolute. Unless there are specific

constitutional limitations to the contrary, statutes are to be construed in favor of the legislative power.” (*Galloway v. Truesdell*, 83 Nev. 13, 20, 422 P.2d 237, 242 (1967)) Simply put, the Legislature establishes many of the standards under which society operates and provides sufficient funds to effectuate those standards.

In exercising its power to enact laws, the Legislature establishes societal norms and codifies fundamental rules of government, such as those rules related to administrative procedure. (*See, e.g.*, Chapter 233B of NRS) The Legislature also enacts laws that create and empower public entities and officers to carry out and enforce Nevada’s laws at the state and local levels. (*See, e.g.*, NRS 41.0397 and 170.060) For example, a law enacted to establish a public entity, such as a state department, division, board, commission, bureau, or other agency, likely also defines the scope of the public entity’s powers and the extent of the public entity’s duties. (*See, e.g.*, NRS 176.014) In this regard, the Legislature has the authority to create and change both societal norms and the operating standards of many public entities in Nevada.

In exercising its power of the purse, the Legislature also decides how much money is appropriated and for what reason. For example, the Legislature could appropriate money for specific purpose, such as the operation of a new program or replenishing of a fund. (*See, e.g.*, Ch. 5, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at 15-17) Contrastingly, the Legislature could reduce, eliminate, or transfer state funding for a specific purpose or require a public entity to use state funds in a particular manner. (*See, e.g.*, Ch. 2, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at 3) In this vein, the Legislature regulates the activities of public entities by granting or denying them the authority to expend public funds. (*See, e.g.*, NRS 414.040) Overall, these funding decisions are imperative to the operation of the government in Nevada.

Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution discusses the Executive Department. The Executive Department consists of the Governor, who is vested with the supreme executive power, and other state constitutional and statutory officers, agencies, bodies, and institutions charged with carrying out and enforcing the laws enacted by the Legislature, including the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Controller, Attorney General, State Board of Pardons Commissioners, Board of State Prison Commissioners, and Board of Examiners. (Nev. Const. Art. 5; Chapters 223 to 233I, inclusive, of NRS; *Comm’n on Ethics v. Hardy*, 125 Nev. 285, 297-98, 212 P.3d 1098, 1107-08 (2009))

In exercising the state’s executive power, the Executive Department is “charged with carrying out and enforcing the laws enacted by the Legislature.” (*Comm’n on Ethics v. Hardy*, 125 Nev. 285, 298, 212 P.3d 1098, 1107 (2009)) As observed by the Nevada Supreme Court, “[w]hen an act, not in conflict with the Constitution, passes both houses of the Legislature, and is approved by the Governor or passed over his veto, it is binding, and no person is above a law so enacted. As [the Governor] cannot prevent its passage over his veto, he is powerless to set aside a statute after it has

become the law.” (*State ex rel. White v. Dickerson*, 33 Nev. 540, 561, 113 P. 105, 111 (1910); *State of Nev. Employees Ass’n v. Daines*, 108 Nev. 15, 20-21, 824 P.2d 276, 279 (1992))

Article 6 of the Nevada Constitution contemplates the Judicial Department. The Judicial Department consists of the Nevada Supreme Court, which is vested with the supreme judicial power, and other state constitutional and statutory courts and judicial officers, including the Nevada Court of Appeals, district courts, family courts, justice courts, municipal courts, referees, hearing masters, court administrators, and court clerks. (Nev. Const. Art. 6; Chapters 1 to 5, inclusive, of NRS; *Blackjack Bonding v. City of Las Vegas Mun. Ct.*, 116 Nev. 1213, 1218-21, 14 P.3d 1275, 1279-80 (2000); *State ex rel. Harvey v. Second Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 117 Nev. 754, 768, 32 P.3d 1263, 1272-73 (2001); *Landreth v. Malik*, 127 Nev. 175, 180-81, 251 P.3d 163, 166-67 (2011); *In re Parental Rights as to L.L.S.*, 137 Nev. 241, 244-45, 487 P.3d 791, 795-96 (2021)) The Judicial Department also includes the Nevada Commission on Judicial Selection and the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline. (Nev. Const. Art. 6, Secs. 20 and 21; NRS 1.380 to 1.410, inclusive, and 1.425 to 1.4695, inclusive; *O’Brien v. State Bar of Nev.*, 114 Nev. 71, 75-77, 952 P.2d 952, 954-56 (1998); *Mosley v. Nev. Comm’n on Jud. Discipline*, 117 Nev. 371, 378-79, 22 P.3d 655, 659-60 (2001); *Halverson v. Hardcastle*, 123 Nev. 245, 263-65, 163 P.3d 428, 441-42 (2007); *Henry v. Nev. Comm’n on Jud. Discipline*, 135 Nev. 34, 35-37, 435 P.3d 659, 660-62 (2019))

In exercising the state’s judicial power, the Judicial Department is charged with interpreting constitutional provisions and the laws enacted by the Legislature when necessary to determine justiciable cases or controversies. (*Shea v. State*, 138 Nev. 346, 349-351, 510 P.3d 148, 151-53 (2002); *Berkson v. LePome*, 126 Nev. 492, 498-500, 245 P.3d 560, 564-65 (2010); *Marbury v. Madison*, 5 U.S. (1 Cranch) 137, 177 (1803) (“It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.”)) Judicial power includes the power to declare that the laws enacted by the Legislature are unconstitutional. (*Clean Water Coalition v. M Resort, LLC*, 127 Nev. 301, 309-10, 255 P.3d 247, 253 (2011)) As observed by the Nevada Supreme Court, “[a]lthough the Legislature’s law-making authority is considerable, it is not unlimited. Under constitutional checks and balances principles, courts are obligated to enforce the limitations that the constitution imposes upon legislative acts.” (*Id.* (internal citations omitted))

It is important to note that the Nevada Constitution also determines how the three departments of state government interact with one another, and the text of the Nevada Constitution contains an express provision that prohibits each department of state government from infringing on the powers of another department. This provision encompasses the separation of powers doctrine. (Nev. Const. Art. 3, Sec. 1) Simply put, the purpose of the separation of powers doctrine is to prevent one department of state government from encroaching on the governmental functions of another department of state government. (*Galloway v. Truesdell*, 83 Nev. 13, 18-22, 422 P.2d

237, 241-44 (1967)) Specifically, the separation of powers provision in the Nevada Constitution states that:

The powers of the Government of the State of Nevada shall be divided into three separate departments,—the Legislative,—the Executive and the Judicial; and 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 the cases expressly directed or permitted in this constitution.

(Nev. Const. Art. 3, Sec. 1)

Additionally, because all three departments of state government are linked together, they must be able to form a coordinated and interdependent system of government while also maintaining their constitutionally assigned autonomy under the separation of powers. (*Galloway v. Truesdell*, 83 Nev. 13, 18-22, 422 P.2d 237, 241-44 (1967)) Consequently, 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 [laws] 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.

(William J. Keefe and Morris S. Ogul, *The American Legislative Process: Congress and The States*, at 2 (Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1964))

In this vein, while the Nevada Constitution typically isolates the powers of one department of state government from another, in certain circumstances, the Nevada Constitution expressly gives specific constitutional powers to one department of state government that traditionally would be viewed as governmental functions appertaining to another department of state government.

For example, even though the Legislature is charged with exercising the state's legislative power, the Nevada Constitution expressly gives the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor specific constitutional powers to exercise certain limited legislative functions related to the legislative process. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 6, 18, and 35; Art. 5, Secs. 10 and 17; Art. 19, Sec. 2) The Governor has the authority to approve or veto bills passed by the Legislature, notwithstanding "the legislative character of the [Chief Executive's] function in approving or disapproving bills." (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 35; *Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 55 (1998) (quoting *Edwards v. United States*, 286 U.S. 482, 490 (1932)); *Birdsall v. Carrick*, 3 Nev. 154, 156-57 (1867)) Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor serves as the President of the Senate. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 17))

Additionally, the Nevada Constitution expressly gives each house of the Legislature specific constitutional powers to “judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its own members.” (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6) When either house of the Legislature is exercising this power in an election contest for a legislative office, the house is sitting as an adjudicatory body, and it is exercising functions “which are not legislative, but judicial, in character.” (*Barry v. U.S. ex rel. Cunningham*, 279 U.S. 597, 613 (1929); *Morgan v. United States*, 801 F.2d 445, 446-49 (D.C. Cir. 1986)) Thus, the house of the Legislature “acts in a judicial capacity” in regard to these election contests. (*Laxalt v. Cannon*, 80 Nev. 588, 590-91, 397 P.2d 466, 467-68 (1964))

The Nevada Constitution also expressly gives each house of the Legislature specific constitutional powers relating to the impeachment or removal of the Governor and certain other state and judicial officers. (Nev. Const. Art. 7, Secs. 1-3) When each house of the Legislature is exercising this power, it is exercising functions that are not legislative in character, but which are investigatory, accusatory, or adjudicatory in character, depending on the particular stage of the impeachment or removal proceedings. (*Nixon v. United States*, 506 U.S. 224, 235-36 (1993); *People ex rel. Robin v. Hayes*, 143 N.Y.S. 325, 327-28 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 1913), *aff’d*, 149 N.Y.S. 250 (N.Y. App. Div. 1914); *Ferguson v. Maddox*, 263 S.W. 888, 890-91 (Tex. 1924); *Kinsella v. Jaekle*, 475 A.2d 243, 254-55 (Conn. 1984)) Thus, the Nevada Constitution expressly authorizes the Legislative Department to exercise certain executive or judicial functions in these impeachment or removal proceedings.

The Nevada Constitution also expressly gives the Legislature specific constitutional powers to provide by law for a legislative body “composed of members of the Senate and Assembly which is authorized to act on behalf of both houses of the [L]egislature” to: (1) review regulations of Executive Department agencies in order to determine whether the regulations exceed the statutory authority for their adoption; and (2) nullify the regulations, by a majority vote of the legislative body, if the regulations exceed that statutory authority. (Nev. Const. Art. 3, Sec. 1) Because the determination of whether a regulation exceeds statutory authority presents a question of statutory interpretation, the determination traditionally involves the exercise of judicial functions. (*Silver State Elec. Supply Co. v. State ex rel. Dep’t of Taxation*, 123 Nev. 80, 84-85, 157 P.3d 710, 712-13 (2007); *Nev. Att’y for Injured Workers v. Nev. Self-Insurers Ass’n*, 126 Nev. 74, 83-84, 225 P.3d 1265, 1270-71 (2010)) Therefore, the Nevada Constitution expressly authorizes the Legislative Department to exercise judicial functions to determine whether a regulation conforms with statutory authority.

In conclusion, the Nevada Constitution generally isolates each department of state government, affording them specific powers. However, in certain limited circumstances, the Nevada Constitution has provided some overlap between the powers of each department.

CHAPTER III
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INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses the size and apportionment of the houses of the Legislature and the procedure for redistricting legislative districts. This chapter also contemplates legislative sessions and functional aspects of legislative membership, such as membership qualifications, elections, term limits, and vacancies in office, and the powers and responsibilities of members. Finally, this chapter describes certain financial operations of the Legislative Department.

SIZE AND APPORTIONMENT

Unlike some states, Nevada does not fix the number of its members of the Senate and Assembly in its constitution. Instead, the Nevada Constitution sets a maximum limit of seventy-five legislators from the combined total of the two houses of the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 15, Sec. 6) 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.” (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 5) The actual size of the Legislature is set by statute. (Chapter 218B of NRS)

Since 1982, the Legislature has had sixty-three members, with forty-two members in the Assembly and twenty-one members in the Senate. (Ch. 532, Statutes of Nevada 1981, at 1109-1126) However, it has not always been that way. The Legislature had the maximum seventy-five members for its sessions in 1875, 1877, 1879, 1913, and 1915, during periods of population growth. (*Political History of Nevada*, at 296 (Carson City, Nev., Sec’y of State, 12th ed., 2016)) By contrast, the Legislature had only forty-five members, the fewest members in the state’s history, for its sessions in 1893 through 1899, during a period of population decline. (*Id.*)

The Nevada Constitution states that representation must be apportioned according to population and that members of the Senate and Assembly must be apportioned among the several counties of the state or among legislative districts, which may be established by law. (Nev. Const. Art. 1, Sec. 13; Art. 4, Sec. 5) 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. (*Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533, 557-68 (1964); *Lucas v. 44th General Assembly of Colo.*, 377 U.S. 713, 734-35 (1964); *Evenwel v. Abbott*, 578 U.S. 54, 64-74 (2016)) Membership in both houses of the Legislature is geographically apportioned throughout the state based on population, using population counts from the federal decennial census as revised by the State Demographer in accordance with state law. (NRS 218B.105 and 360.288)

REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

Normally, the Legislature redistricts the state's legislative districts once every ten years following the federal decennial census conducted by the United States Census Bureau. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 5; Art. 15, Sec. 13) After receiving the necessary redistricting data following the federal decennial census, the Legislature enacts laws to reapportion and redistrict the election districts for the members of the Legislature (Chapter 218B of NRS); the members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Nevada (Chapter 304 of NRS); the members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada (Chapter 396 of NRS); and the elected members of the State Board of Education, which consists of a certain number of elected members and appointed members (Chapter 385 of NRS).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent delays in the operations of the decennial census in 2020, the redistricting data necessary for the 2021 redistricting was ultimately not delivered to the states until August 2021. (Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Research Division, *Reapportionment and Redistricting in Nevada: 2020 United States Census Data*, September 2021, www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/items/reapportionment-and-redistricting-in-nevada-2020-us-census-data) Therefore, the Legislature was unable to complete the redistricting during the 81st Legislative Session, which took place between February and June in 2021. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 2) As a result, Governor Steve Sisolak called the 33rd Special Session in the beginning of November 2021 to complete redistricting and address a handful of related election topics. (*A Proclamation by Governor Steve Sisolak to Convene a Special Session of the Nevada State Legislature*, Nov. 12, 2021, www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/33rd2021Special/Docs/Proclamation.pdf)

During the 33rd Special Session, the Legislature enacted two redistricting measures. Senate Bill No. 1 revised the election districts for the members of the Legislature, the members of the United States House of Representatives from the Nevada, and the elected members of the State Board of Education. (Ch. 1, Statutes of Nevada 2021, 33rd Spec. Sess., at 1) Assembly Bill No. 1 revised the election districts for the members of the Board of Regents of the university of Nevada. (Ch. 2, Statutes of Nevada 2021, 33rd Spec. Sess., at 79)

Specifically, as relates to the redistricting of the state's legislative districts during the 33rd Special Session, the approved maps retained the size of the Legislature. (Ch. 1, Statutes of Nevada 2021, 33rd Spec. Sess., at 1) However, most of the state legislative districts' boundaries changed during the redistricting process. (*Id.*) Based on the data provided by the 2020 United States Census, the average population of the Assembly districts is 73,919 people, and the Senate districts have an average population of 147,839 people. (*2021 Nevada Redistricting: Overview Maps and Statistical Tables*, Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau, December 2021, <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/items/2021-nevada-redistricting-overview-maps-and-statistical-tables>) Of note, the average population for state legislative districts has

increased by 15 percent over the past decade. (Nevada Legislative Counsel Research Division, *Reapportionment and Redistricting in Nevada: 2020 United States Census Data*, September 2021, www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/items/reapportionment-and-redistricting-in-nevada-2020-us-census-data) The state's population was just over 3.1 million in 2020, compared to about 2.7 million in 2010 and nearly 2 million in 2000. (*Id.*)

Currently, there are fifteen Senate districts wholly within Clark County; two districts entirely within Washoe County; one district encompassing Carson City, Storey County, and parts of Washoe County; one district including the eastern part of the state and parts of Clark County; one district including portions of Elko, Eureka, and Washoe Counties, and all of Humboldt, Lander, and Pershing Counties; and one district including all of Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, and Mineral Counties, as well as portions of Nye County. (Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Research Division, *2021 Nevada Redistricting: Overview Maps and Statistical Tables*, December 2021, <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/items/2021-nevada-redistricting-overview-maps-and-statistical-tables>) The forty-two Assembly districts include thirty districts wholly within Clark County, six districts entirely within Washoe County, and six districts containing parts of Clark or Washoe Counties and the rural counties. (*Id.*)

Maps A through F in Appendix G describe the boundaries of the state's legislative districts enacted by the Legislature during the 33rd Special Session. In addition, detailed maps of every district and related statistics are available on the Legislature's Internet website at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/items/2021-nevada-redistricting-overview-maps-and-statistical-tables>.

MEMBERSHIP

Terms of Office and Term Limits

Members of the Assembly are elected every two years by the registered voters in their respective districts, and Senators are elected every four years by the registered voters in their respective districts. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4; NRS 218B.100; Chapter 293 of NRS) The terms of Senators are staggered so that, as nearly as possible, one-half of the number of Senators is elected every two years. (Nev. Const. Art. 17, Secs. 9 and 10; *State ex rel. Herr v. Laxalt*, 84 Nev. 382, 386-88, 441 P.2d 687, 690-91 (1968))

However, under certain circumstances, a Senator or Assemblymember may be elected to fill a vacancy and serve the remainder of an unexpired term in accordance with the Nevada Constitution and election laws. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 12; NRS 293.165; *Lueck v. Teuton*, 125 Nev. 674, 682-85, 219 P.3d 895, 900-02 (2009); *Brown v. Georgetta*, 70 Nev. 500, 506-10, 275 P.2d 376, 379-80 (1954)) For more

information on vacancies, see the section in this chapter labeled “Filling Vacancies in Office.”

In 1996, Nevada’s voters approved a constitutional amendment related to term limits. The constitutional amendment limits legislators to 12 years of service in each house. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4) In 2008, the Nevada Supreme Court determined that the constitutional amendment applies only to periods of service commencing after November 27, 1996, the date on which the constitutional amendment became a part of the Nevada Constitution. (*Miller v. Burk*, 124 Nev. 579, 589-90, 188 P.3d 1112, 1119 (2008); *Child v. Lomax*, 124 Nev. 600, 608-11, 188 P.3d 1103, 1109-11 (2008)) Thus, term limits first impacted members of the Legislature during the 2010 election cycle.

Members of both houses of the Legislature are elected at the general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, at intervals of two or four years depending on the house in question. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4; Art. 15, Sec. 5; Art. 17, Secs. 9 and 10; NRS 293.12755) Their terms of office begin on the day following the general election. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4; *Child v. Lomax*, 124 Nev. 600, 609-11, 188 P.3d 1103, 1109-11 (2008)) However, members typically are not seated by their respective houses until the first day of the next regular session, which begins on the first Monday of February following the general election, unless a special session is convened before that regular session. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 2, 2A, and 6; Art. 5, Sec. 9)

Qualifications for Office

A person is not eligible to be elected or appointed as a member of the Legislature unless: (1) the person is at least 21 years old at the time of election or appointment; (2) the person is a qualified elector and resident in the respective county and district for the required period; (3) the person has been an actual citizen resident of Nevada for a minimum of one year preceding the election or appointment; and (4) the person meets all other constitutional and statutory qualifications for the legislative office. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 1; Art. 15, Sec. 3; NRS 218A.200, 218A.260, 281.040, 281.050, 293.1755, 293.176, 293.177, and 293.181; *Mengelkamp v. List*, 88 Nev. 542, 543-46, 501 P.2d 1032, 1033-34 (1972))

A person cannot be a qualified elector and cannot be elected or appointed to any public office in Nevada if: (1) the person has been convicted of treason or felony in any state or territory of the United States, unless restored to civil rights; or (2) the person has been adjudicated mentally incompetent, unless restored to legal capacity. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 1; Art. 15, Sec. 3; NRS 281.040) Additionally, a person is disqualified from holding any public office in Nevada if the person has been convicted of: (1) embezzlement or defalcation of the public funds of this state; (2) giving or offering a bribe to procure the person’s election or appointment to public office; or (3) receiving a bribe to aid in the procurement of a public office for any other person.

(Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 10) A person is also disqualified from holding any public office in Nevada if the person has been impeached by the Assembly, convicted by the Senate, and the Senate's judgment provides for such disqualification. (Nev. Const. Art. 7, Secs. 1 and 2; NRS 283.240 and 283.250) The conviction of a public officer or other persons of certain criminal offenses disqualifies the public officer or other person from thereafter holding any public office in Nevada. (NRS 193.019, 197.230, 226.210, and 408.353)

Challenges to Qualifications for Office

Under certain circumstances, a person with the proper legal standing may file a preelection challenge seeking to disqualify a candidate for legislative office on the grounds that the candidate fails to meet any constitutional or statutory qualifications for the office. (NRS 281.050, 293.182, and 293.2045; *Child v. Lomax*, 124 Nev. 600, 604-06, 188 P.3d 1103, 1106-07 (2008)) Contrastingly, each house of the Legislature has plenary and exclusive jurisdiction and power concerning any matter relating to the qualifications of a member or member-elect of the Legislature, and a member or member-elect cannot be disqualified from entering upon, taking, holding, or exercising any powers or duties of the office unless disqualified by the member's own house. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; NRS 293.1265; *Heller v. Legislature*, 120 Nev. 456, 466-72, 93 P.3d 746, 753-56 (2004))

Election Contests

The Nevada Constitution also vests each house of the Legislature with plenary and exclusive jurisdiction and power to determine the elections and returns of its own members. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6) As a result of this constitutional provision, each house of the Legislature is empowered to render a final and conclusive judgment in election contests for state legislative offices, and state courts are deprived of jurisdiction to decide those election contests. (*Id.*; *Laxalt v. Cannon*, 80 Nev. 588, 591, 397 P.2d 466, 467 (1964); *Garrard v. Gallagher*, 11 Nev. 382, 385-86 (1876); *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 560 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) Therefore, when adjudicating election contests for state legislative offices, each house has the authority to "render a judgment which is beyond the authority of any other tribunal to review." (*Barry v. United States ex rel. Cunningham*, 279 U.S. 597, 613 (1929); *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 560 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020))

To contest the general election for a state legislative office, a person with the proper legal standing must file a statement of contest and certain related documents with the Secretary of State within the statutorily prescribed time following the election. (NRS 293.407, 293.413, and 293.425) On the day of the organization of the Legislature, the Secretary of State must deliver the statement of contest and all related documents to the presiding officer of the house of the Legislature in which the election

contest is to be held, unless the contestant withdraws the statement of contest. (NRS 293.427; *Heller v. Legislature*, 120 Nev. 456, 462, 93 P.3d 746, 750 (2004)) The election contest must be heard and decided as prescribed by the rules of the house of the Legislature. (NRS 293.427) The house determines the remedies, if any, to award a party to the election contest, and the remedies may include the award of any costs incurred by a party in connection with the contest. (*Id.*; *Garrard v. Gallagher*, 11 Nev. 382, 385-86 (1876))

Limitations Relating to Accepting or Holding Other Offices

The Nevada Constitution provides that a person cannot hold a public office in Nevada if the person holds a lucrative office under the United States Government or any other power. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 9; *State ex rel. Summerfield v. Clarke*, 21 Nev. 333, 335-38, 31 P. 545, 546-47 (1892)) This constitutional restriction does not apply to postmasters whose compensation does not exceed \$500 per year or commissioners of deeds. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 9) Additionally, the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that if a legislator accepts an office under the United States Government or any other power, the legislator's acceptance of the other office acts as a constructive resignation of the legislative office and creates a vacancy in the member's seat. (*State ex rel. McMillan v. Sadler*, 25 Nev. 131, 172-74, 58 P. 284, 289 (1899))

The Nevada Constitution also provides that a legislator cannot, during the term for which the legislator has been elected, or for one year thereafter, be appointed to any civil office of profit under this state which has been created, or the salary or other emoluments of which have been increased, during the term, except for an office filled by elections by the people. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 8) The Nevada Supreme Court has determined that this constitutional provision applies only to appointments to a civil office of profit and does not apply to a legislator's acceptance of a position of public employment. (*State ex rel. Kendall v. Cole*, 38 Nev. 215, 218-33, 148 P. 551, 551-56 (1915))

Generally speaking, a legislator cannot hold a public office in the Executive or Judicial Departments of State Government. (Nev. Const. Art. 3, Sec. 1) However, the Nevada Constitution expressly authorizes the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to act as Governor under certain circumstances. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 17; *State ex rel. Hardin v. Sadler*, 23 Nev. 356, 357-58, 47 P. 450 (1897)) Moreover, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that legislators are not prohibited from holding positions of employment with the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), and local governments, subject to certain possible exceptions. *Nevada Policy Research Institute v. Miller*, 140 Nev. Adv. Op. 69, at 326-330 (Oct. 31, 2024)

Nevada law also provides that a person cannot: (1) file nomination papers for more than one elective office at an election; or (2) hold more than one elective office at the same time. (NRS 281.055) However, this statutory prohibition does not apply to

filing nomination papers for, or holding another elective office of, a special district, including an irrigation district, local or general improvement district, soil conservation district, or fire protection district, but excluding a school district. (*Id.*)

Resignations From Office

In Nevada, a public officer “has the absolute right of resignation at will.” (*State ex rel. Nourse v. Clarke*, 3 Nev. 566, 574 (1868)) However, a public office cannot be declared vacant due to resignation unless: (1) the public officer complies with the statutory procedures for carrying out the resignation; and (2) the public officer’s resignation becomes final and effective. (*State ex rel. Ryan v. Murphy*, 30 Nev. 409, 419-27, 97 P. 391, 392-95 (1908); *State ex rel. Williams v. Beck*, 24 Nev. 92, 97-98, 49 P. 1035, 1036-37 (1897)) To resign from office, the legislator must deliver the resignation to the Governor. (NRS 218A.250) Additionally, a legislator who has received a certificate of election or appointment to office may resign from office, regardless of whether the legislator has begun the legislator’s official duties or has taken the requisite oath of office. (*Id.*)

In most cases, a public officer’s resignation becomes final and effective immediately once the resignation is delivered in accordance with the statutory procedures. (*State ex rel. Nourse v. Clarke*, 3 Nev. 566, 574 (1867)) However, if the public officer provides in the resignation that it will take effect at a specified future date or that it is conditional and will not take effect except upon certain contingencies, the resignation does not become final and effective until the specified future date or the occurrence of the contingencies. (*Ryan v. Murphy*, 30 Nev. 409, 419-27, 97 P. 391, 392-95 (1908); *State ex rel. Williams v. Beck*, 24 Nev. 92, 97-98, 49 P. 1035, 1036-37 (1897)) Under those circumstances, if the public officer timely withdraws the resignation before the specified future date or the happening of the contingencies, the public officer remains in office as if the public officer had never written or delivered the resignation. (*Ryan v. Murphy*, 30 Nev. 409, 419-27, 97 P. 391, 392-95 (1908); *State ex rel. Williams v. Beck*, 24 Nev. 92, 97-98, 49 P. 1035, 1036-37 (1897))

Filling Vacancies in Office

When the Nevada Constitution was ratified by the voters in 1864, it required vacancies in state legislative offices to be filled by election. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 12 (1864)) Today, there is a different procedure used to fill these vacancies due to the adoption of constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature and approved by the voters. The Nevada Constitution currently requires legislative vacancies to be filled by election under certain circumstances and by appointment under certain other circumstances. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 12; *Grant v. Payne*, 60 Nev. 250, 252-58, 107 P.2d 307, 308-11 (1940), *superseded in part by constitutional amendments approved by the voters in 1944*)

Today, a legislative vacancy is required to be filled by appointment if the vacancy occurs during a regular or special session, or at any other time when the vacancy does not meet the requirements to be filled by election. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 12; NRS 218A.260) A legislative vacancy is required to be filled by election if: (1) a biennial election or regular election at which county officers are to be elected will take place between the occurrence of the vacancy and the next regular or special session; and (2) under the election laws in effect at the time, one or more qualified persons are properly designated or nominated as candidates for the legislative office and comply with all other statutory requirements for placement on the ballot before the expiration of the statutory deadline for making changes to the ballot for that election. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 12; NRS 293.165; *Lueck v. Teuton*, 125 Nev. 674, 682-85, 219 P.3d 895, 900-02 (2009); *Brown v. Georgetta*, 70 Nev. 500, 506-10, 275 P.2d 376, 379-80 (1954))

If a legislative vacancy is required to be filled by appointment, the appropriate board or boards of county commissioners, as applicable, must appoint a person who: (1) meets the qualifications for the office; (2) is nominated or timely files an application to fill the vacancy, as applicable; (3) is a member of the same political party as the former legislator; and (4) has actually, as opposed to constructively, resided in the legislative district for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date on which the person is nominated or the date established for the close of filing of applications to fill the vacancy, as applicable. (NRS 218A.260 and 218A.262) The specific procedures used to fill the legislative vacancy vary depending on: (1) whether the former legislator was elected or appointed from a legislative district wholly within one county or from a legislative district comprising more than one county; and (2) whether the former legislator was a member of the same political party as the Majority or Minority Leader of the former legislator's house or was not a member of either such political party. (*Id.*)

If the former legislator was elected or appointed from a legislative district wholly within one county and was a member of the same political party as the Majority or Minority Leader of the house, the Majority or Minority Leader, as applicable, must submit to the board of county commissioners a list of one or more qualified nominees to fill the vacancy. (*Id.*) After receipt of the list of qualified nominees, the board must appoint a qualified nominee from the list or reject every qualified nominee. If the board rejects all of the qualified nominees, the board must request a new list of qualified nominees from the same Majority or Minority Leader, as applicable, who must then submit a new list of one or more qualified nominees to fill the vacancy. After receipt of the new list of qualified nominees, the board must fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified nominee from the new list. (*Id.*)

If the former legislator was elected or appointed from a legislative district wholly within one county but was not a member of the same political party as either the Majority or Minority Leader of the house, the board of county commissioners must establish a process by which persons may file applications with the board to fill the

vacancy and a specific date for the close of filing of the applications. After the closing date, the board must fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified applicant. (*Id.*)

If the former legislator was elected or appointed from a legislative district comprising more than one county and was a member of the same political party as the Majority or Minority Leader of the house, the Majority or Minority Leader, as applicable, must submit to the board of county commissioners of each county within, or partly within, the district, a list of one or more qualified nominees to fill the vacancy. (*Id.*) After receipt of the list of qualified nominees, each board must first meet separately and select a qualified nominee from the list or reject every qualified nominee. The boards then must hold a joint meeting chaired by the person who is the chair of the board of the county with the largest population in the legislative district. At the joint meeting, the chair of each board, on behalf of that board, must cast a proportionate number of votes according to the percent, rounded to the nearest whole percent, which the population of that board's county is of the total population of the entire legislative district, as determined by the last decennial census or special census conducted by the United States Census Bureau. If a qualified nominee from the list receives a plurality of these votes, the qualified nominee is appointed to fill the vacancy. If the rejection of each qualified nominee from the list receives a plurality of these votes, the boards must request a new list of qualified nominees from the same Majority or Minority Leader, as applicable, who must then submit a new list of one or more qualified nominees to fill the vacancy. After receipt of the new list of qualified nominees, the boards must repeat the foregoing process, except that the boards must fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified nominee from the new list. (*Id.*)

If the former legislator was elected or appointed from a legislative district comprising more than one county but was not a member of the same political party as either the Majority or Minority Leader of the house, the board of county commissioners of each county within or partly within the district must establish a process by which persons may file applications with that board to fill the vacancy, and the board of county commissioners of the county with the largest population in the district must, after considering any recommendations made by the other boards within a reasonable time after the vacancy, establish a specific date that is the same for all of the boards for the close of filing of applications to fill the vacancy. (*Id.*) After the closing date, each board must first meet separately and select a qualified applicant to fill the vacancy. The boards then must hold a joint meeting chaired by the person who is the chair of the board of the county with the largest population in the legislative district. At the joint meeting, the chair of each board, on behalf of that board, must cast a proportionate number of votes according to the percent, rounded to the nearest whole percent, which the population of that board's county is of the total population of the entire legislative district, as determined by the last decennial census or special census conducted by the United States Census Bureau. If a qualified applicant receives a plurality of these votes, the qualified applicant is appointed to fill the vacancy. If qualified applicant does not receive a plurality of these votes, each board then must

select a qualified applicant as its candidate, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be chosen by drawing lots among the candidates so selected. (*Id.*)

Recall From Office

The Nevada Constitution provides that certain public officers, including legislators, are subject to recall from office through a recall process initiated by the required number of registered voters seeking to bring about a recall election. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9; *Strickland v. Waymire*, 126 Nev. 230, 233-42, 235 P.3d 605, 608-13 (2010)) However, the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that the constitutional recall provisions do not apply to judicial officers who are subject to removal from office by the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline or by the Legislature under other constitutional provisions. (Nev. Const. Art. 6, Sec. 21; Art. 7, Secs. 1-3; *Ramsey v. City of N. Las Vegas*, 133 Nev. 96, 99-106, 392 P.3d 614, 617-22 (2017))

The Nevada Constitution provides that the Legislature may enact laws that “aid the operation” of the constitutional recall provisions, and the Legislature has enacted statutory provisions to aid the operation of the recall process. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9; Chapter 306 of NRS) Therefore, any persons seeking to bring about a recall election must comply with all constitutional and statutory provisions governing the recall process. (*Citizens for Honest & Responsible Gov't v. Sec'y of State*, 116 Nev. 939, 947-51, 11 P.3d 121, 126-28 (2000); *Fiannaca v. Gill*, 78 Nev. 337, 339-45, 372 P.2d 683, 684-87 (1962))

Under the recall process, a recall petition cannot be circulated or filed against a public officer until the public officer has held the office for 6 months, except that a recall petition may be filed against a legislator at any time after 10 days from the beginning of the first session after the legislator's election. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9) A public officer who is appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of an elective office is subject to recall in the same manner as provided for a public officer elected to that office and, for purposes of the recall process, is deemed to have been elected to that office at the same election at which the former elected officeholder or candidate was elected before the vacancy in that office. (NRS 306.020)

To bring about a recall election, the persons circulating the recall petition must obtain the signatures of not less than 25 percent of the registered voters who voted in the district or other jurisdiction represented by the officeholder at the election at which the officeholder was elected. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9; NRS 306.020; *Strickland v. Waymire*, 126 Nev. 230, 233-42, 235 P.3d 605, 608-13 (2010)) However, before the recall petition is circulated, a notice of intent to circulate the petition must be filed with the filing officer with whom the officeholder filed the declaration of candidacy. (NRS 306.015) The notice of intent must be signed by three registered voters who voted in the district or other jurisdiction represented by the officeholder at the election at which the officeholder was elected and reside in that district or other jurisdiction on

the date that the notice of intent is filed with the filing officer. (*Id.*) The notice of intent cannot be filed during the period the circulation or filing of the recall petition is prohibited under the Nevada Constitution. (NAC 306.005)

The recall petition that is circulated for signatures must meet various requirements, including setting forth the reasons why the recall is demanded, in not more than 200 words, which must appear on each signature page of the petition. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9; NRS 306.020 and 306.030; NAC 293.182) The recall petition may be circulated for signatures for not more than 90 days after the date that the notice of intent is filed with the filing officer. (NRS 306.015) If the persons who filed the notice of intent comply with the requirements for circulating and submitting the recall petition for signature verification, the filing officer must submit the petition to the appropriate county clerks for signature verification. (NRS 306.015, 306.016, and 306.035)

Before signature verification is completed, any persons who signed the recall petition may have their names removed from the petition by submitting a request to the appropriate county clerk. (NRS 306.015) After signature verification is completed, if election officials determine that the recall petition contains enough valid signatures to bring about a recall election, any persons who signed the recall petition may have their names stricken from the petition by submitting a request to the filing officer within the statutorily prescribed period. (NRS 306.040) However, the filing officer cannot issue the call for the recall election, and the recall election cannot be held, if the filing officer receives so many requests to strike names from the recall petition such that the recall petition no longer contains enough valid signatures. (*Id.*)

If election officials determine that the recall petition contains enough valid signatures to bring about a recall election, an action to challenge the legal sufficiency of the petition, including the validity of the signatures, may be brought by filing a complaint in the district court within the statutorily prescribed period. (NRS 306.040; NAC 306.040) In such an action, if the district court determines that the recall petition is not legally sufficient, it must order the filing officer to cease all proceedings regarding the petition. (NRS 306.040) However, if the district court determines that the recall petition is legally sufficient, it must order the filing officer to issue the call for the recall election. (*Id.*)

If, during the recall process, the officeholder resigns from office before the filing officer issues the call for the recall election, the filing officer must cease all proceedings regarding the recall petition, and the vacancy in office must be filled in the manner provided by law. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9; NRS 306.045) However, if the officeholder resigns from office after the filing officer issues the call for the recall election, the election must be conducted. (*Id.*)

If the recall election is conducted, the sample ballots must include the reasons why the recall is demanded, as set forth in the recall petition. (Nev. Const. Art. 2,

Sec. 9; NRS 306.060) The sample ballots must also include the officeholder's justification of the officeholder's course in office, in not more than 200 words, if furnished by the officeholder. (NRS 306.060) For purposes of the recall election, other persons may be nominated as candidates for the office at the election by filing a nominating petition with the signatures of the required number of registered voters and complying with the requirements for becoming a candidate at the election. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9; NRS 306.110; NAC 293.182 and 306.045)

If other candidates are not nominated for the recall election, the ballots must include the name of the officeholder, the office that held by the officeholder, and the words "For Recall" and "Against Recall." (NRS 306.070) If the voters recall the officeholder, the vacancy in office must be filled in the manner provided by law. (NRS 306.080) If other candidates are nominated for the recall election, the ballots must include the name of the officeholder, the office that held by the officeholder, and the names of the other candidates, but the words "For Recall" and "Against Recall" must be omitted from the ballots. (NRS 306.070) The person who receives the highest number of votes at the recall election is elected for the remainder of the unexpired term, whether that person is the officeholder or another candidate on the ballot. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9)

If a recall petition is filed and the recall election is conducted, but the officeholder is not recalled at the election, other recall petitions may not be filed against the same officeholder during the term for which the officeholder was elected, unless the persons seeking to file the subsequent recall petition first pay the state and each affected local government, as applicable, the total amount expended from each public treasury as expenses for the preceding recall election. (*Id.*)

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Legislative Fund

During each regular session, the Legislature appropriates money from the State General Fund to pay for the expenses of the regular session and the operations of the Legislative Department during the next biennium. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 1, 2, and 19) *See, e.g.,* Ch. 1, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at 1; Legislative Counsel Bureau Fiscal Analysis Division, *Nevada Legislative Appropriations Report: Eighty-Second Legislature, Thirty-Fourth (2023) Special Session, Thirty-Fifth (2023) Special Session*, November 2023, www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/fiscal/Appropriation%20Reports/2023AppropriationsReport/2023_82nd_AmendedAppropriationsReport.pdf) When necessary to defray the costs of a special session, the Legislature also appropriates money from the State General Fund to pay for the expenses of the special session. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 1, 2A, and 19; Art. 5, Sec. 9) These appropriations are deposited in the Legislative Fund. (NRS 218A.150) The expenses paid from the Legislative Fund include expenses for legislator and staff salaries, per diem allowances, and travel expenses; the costs of operating, maintaining, and improving

the Legislative Building and all other legislative buildings, facilities, and grounds; expenses for operations during the legislative interim; and all other necessary expenses of the Legislative Department. (*Id.*)

Legislator Compensation

The Nevada Constitution contains several requirements and restrictions regarding the payment of a salary or compensation to legislators. During sessions, legislators are entitled to be paid a salary or compensation for their services in an amount established by law and paid out of the state treasury, but legislators cannot be paid their salary or compensation for more than 60 days during a regular session or more than 20 days during a special session, regardless of the length of the session. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 28 and 33) When legislators receive the salary or compensation for their services, they are being compensated for the performance of all duties connected with their legislative offices, and they cannot receive, in addition to their salary or compensation, any personal fees or perquisites for the performance of any duties connected with their legislative offices or any additional duties imposed on them by law. (Nev. Const. Art. 17, Sec. 5; *Crosman v. Nightingill*, 1 Nev. 323, 324-26 (1865)) However, legislators may receive allowances, advances, or reimbursements for expenses incurred in the performance of any duties connected with their legislative offices or any additional duties imposed on them by law. (*State ex rel. Coffin v. Atherton*, 19 Nev. 332, 346-47, 10 P. 901, 910 (1886); *Christopherson v. Reeves*, 184 N.W. 1015, 1015-19 (S.D. 1921); *State ex rel. Douglas v. Beermann*, 347 N.W.2d 297, 301-05 (Neb. 1984))

The Nevada Constitution provides that money may not be drawn from the state treasury to pay the salary or compensation of any legislators unless the amount of the salary or compensation has been established by a law in force before the election or appointment of the legislators. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 28 and 33; *State ex rel. King v. Hallock*, 16 Nev. 152, 153-54 (1881)) When the amount of the salary or compensation has been properly established by such a law, the amount cannot be increased or diminished for those legislators during the term for which they have been elected. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 28 and 33; Art. 15, Sec. 9; Art. 17, Sec. 5; *Crosman v. Nightingill*, 1 Nev. 323, 324-26 (1865); *King v. Hallock*, 16 Nev. 152, 153-54 (1881))

In carrying out these constitutional provisions, the Legislature has enacted a statutory formula for establishing the amount of the salary or compensation to be paid to legislators during each legislative session, subject to certain adjustments on the first day of each legislator's term of office. (NRS 218A.630) When the statutory formula was enacted in 2005, each legislator serving in office at that time was entitled to be paid a baseline compensation in the amount of \$130 for each day of service during a session, with the payments not to exceed the constitutional limit on the maximum number of days that a salary or compensation may be paid to legislators during the session. (Ch. 329, Statutes of Nevada 2005, Sec. 7, at 1184, as amended by Ch. 532, Statutes of Nevada 2007, Sec. 8, at 3308) Under the statutory formula, for legislative terms of office that began on the day after the general election in 2006, the amount of

the baseline compensation for the office was increased on the first day of the term by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State from November 2, 2004, to November 7, 2006. (*Id.*) For legislative terms of office beginning after November 7, 2006, the amount of the immediately preceding baseline compensation for the office must be increased on the first day of the term by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State during the immediately preceding term of that office. (NRS 218A.630) Therefore, the amount of the baseline compensation paid to a legislator during a session will depend on the beginning date of the legislator's current term of office.

In addition to being paid compensation during a session, legislators are entitled to be paid compensation, with certain limitations, for each day or portion of a day during which they attend meetings as members of interim committees or certain other bodies or attend a pre-session orientation conference, a training session conducted for new legislators, or any conference, meeting, seminar, or other gathering for which they officially represent the State of Nevada or its Legislature. (NRS 218A.635, 218E.160, 218E.200, 218E.325, 218E.400, 218E.420, 218E.445, 218E.515, 218E.560, 218E.755, 232B.210, 239C.150, 385.610, 389.510, 427A.036, and 442.133) The daily rate paid to legislators as compensation for the attendance equals the daily rate paid as compensation to a majority of the members of the Legislature during the preceding regular session. (*Id.*) If legislators attend multiple meetings, sessions, conferences, seminars, or other gatherings during a single day, they are entitled to be paid the daily rate as compensation only once for that day, regardless of the number of meetings, sessions, conferences, seminars, or other gatherings that they attend during that day. (NRS 218A.640)

Legislator Allowances and Expenses

For a regular or special session, the Nevada Constitution provides that the Legislature may make an appropriation for the payment of the actual expenses that each legislator incurs, not exceeding the sum of \$60 per legislator, for postage, express charges, newspapers, and stationery. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 33) The Nevada Constitution also mandates that the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Lieutenant Governor as the President of the Senate, must be paid an additional allowance of \$2 per diem during the time of their actual attendance as presiding officers. (*Id.*)

In addition to the payment of these constitutional allowances and expenses for a regular or special session, the Legislature has provided by law for the payment of other allowances and expenses related a regular or special session. (NRS 218A.645, 218A.665, and 218A.670) For attendance at a regular or special session, a pre-session orientation conference, a training session conducted for new legislators, and certain committee meetings, legislators are entitled to receive per diem allowances and reimbursements for travel expenses incurred in the performance of legislative business, with certain limitations. (NRS 218A.645) The per diem allowances, which

are intended to cover lodging, meals, and incidental expenses incurred by legislators when traveling for legislative business, cannot exceed the maximum rate established for the Carson City area for employees of the federal government by the United States General Services Administration under federal law. (NRS 218A.645; 5 U.S.C. §§ 5701 et seq.)

For a regular session, legislators are entitled to receive a supplemental allowance which, in the aggregate, must not exceed a total of \$10,000 for the payment of the following expenses related to the regular session: (1) expenses for moving to and from the Carson City area; (2) expenses for travel to and from their homes or their temporary residences in the Carson City area, for travel to and from certain committee meetings, and for individual travel within this State related to legislative business; (3) expenses for renting furniture for temporary residences in the Carson City area, with certain limitations; and (4) expenses for maintaining temporary residences in the Carson City area under a lease or other agreement for occupancy, with certain limitations, but only if the legislator's home is more than 50 miles from Carson City. (NRS 218A.645) If legislators are entitled to payments for expenses for maintaining temporary residences in the Carson City area, the amount cannot exceed the fair market rent for a one-bedroom unit in Carson City, as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, prorated for the number of days of the month that the legislators actually maintain such temporary residences, but excluding any days before the first day of the regular session or after the day of the adjournment sine die of the regular session. (*Id.*) For Fiscal Year 2025, the published rate for the fair market rent in the Carson City area is \$1,148 per month. (*FY 2025 Schedule of Metropolitan & Non-Metropolitan Fair Market Rents*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmr2025/FY2025_FMR_Schedule.pdf)

Additionally, for a regular session, legislators are entitled to receive an allowance of not more than \$2,800 for the payment of expenses incurred in the performance of legislative business, and legislators who are chairs of standing committees or hold certain leadership positions are entitled to an additional allowance of not more than \$900 for the payment of certain communication charges. (NRS 218A.645 and 218A.665) However, any expenses incurred by legislators during a regular session from tolls and charges for the use of a landline telephone service provided by the Legislative Counsel Bureau must be paid from the Legislative Fund. (*Id.*) For a regular session, legislators are also entitled to a certain number of business cards, sheets of official letterhead, and envelopes printed by the State Printing Office within the Legislative Counsel Bureau at the expense of the Legislative Fund. (NRS 218A.670 and 344.050) Finally, for a regular session, legislators may request advances of money for travel expenses. (NRS 218A.650)

For a special session, legislators are entitled to receive a supplemental allowance which, in the aggregate, must not exceed a total of \$1,200 for the payment of expenses related to the special session for travel to and from their homes or their temporary

residences in the Carson City area, for travel to and from certain committee meetings, and for individual travel within this State related to legislative business. (NRS 218A.645) Additionally, for a special session, legislators are entitled to receive an allowance of not more than \$300 for the payment of expenses incurred in the performance of legislative business, and legislators who are chairs of standing committees or hold certain leadership positions are entitled to an additional allowance of not more than \$64 for the payment of certain communication charges. (NRS 218A.645 and 218A.665) However, any expenses incurred by legislators during a special session from tolls and charges for the use of a landline telephone service provided by the Legislative Counsel Bureau must be paid from the Legislative Fund. (*Id.*)

During the legislative interim, legislators are entitled to receive per diem allowances and reimbursements for travel expenses, with certain limitations, for each day or portion of a day during which they attend meetings as members of interim committees or certain other bodies or attend a pre-session orientation conference, a training session conducted for new legislators, or any conference, meeting, seminar, or other gathering at which they officially represent the State of Nevada or its Legislature. (NRS 218A.635, 218E.160, 218E.200, 218E.325, 218E.400, 218E.420, 218E.445, 218E.515, 218E.560, 218E.755, 232B.210, 239C.150, 385.610, 389.510, 427A.036, and 442.133) In addition, during the legislative interim, legislators are entitled to receive an additional allowance for travel within this State, with certain limitations, to participate in meetings of interim committees on which they do not serve as members or meetings with any agencies, officers, or employees of federal, state, or local government or any other public entities regarding issues relating to this State. (NRS 218A.660) The allowance applies only to trips whose one-way distance is 50 miles or more or whose round-trip distance is 100 miles or more. The maximum amount of the allowance is \$3,000 for the legislative interim. However, the allowance is not payable to a legislator for any travel that occurs during the legislative interim at any time after the date on which a legislator has filed a declaration of candidacy for an elective office and remains a candidate for that office. (*Id.*) Finally, during the legislative interim, legislators may request advances of money for travel expenses. (NRS 218F.230)

Legislators' Retirement System

With certain exceptions, legislators are required to be participating members of the Legislators' Retirement System, unless they comply with the requirements for opting out of the participation. (NRS 218C.320 and 218C.330) If any legislators are public employees who are on a leave of absence from their public employment to serve in the Legislature, they may remain contributing members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) during the leave of absence from their public employment, instead of accruing service credit under the Legislators' Retirement System, if they

comply with the requirements for remaining contributing members of PERS. (NRS 286.385)

When legislators are participating members of the Legislators' Retirement System, the Legislative Counsel Bureau must: (1) deduct an amount equal to 15 percent of their gross compensation earned as legislators as their employee contribution to the retirement system; and (2) pay a corresponding employer contribution to the retirement system from the Legislative Fund in an amount based on the recommendation of a consulting actuary. (NRS 218C.390) For legislators who take office on or after July 1, 1975, service credit under the retirement system begins on the day after their election or appointment to office and ends on the day of the election of their successors, unless their service in office ends sooner because of death, resignation, or removal from office. (NRS 218C.350) Under certain circumstances, legislators may purchase service credit in the retirement system by paying the full actuarial costs and complying with all other requirements to purchase the service credit. (NRS 218C.370 and 218C.380)

For legislators who have an effective date of membership in the retirement system before July 1, 2015, the minimum service requirement to be eligible for retirement is 10 years of accredited service, which must be calculated by including any purchased service credit. (NRS 218C.450) For legislators who have an effective date of membership in the retirement system on or after July 1, 2015, the minimum service requirement to be eligible for retirement is 10 years of service, which must be calculated by excluding any purchased service credit unless the legislator has a family medical emergency that meets the requirements for including such purchased service credit in the calculation. A lapse in service as a legislator does not operate to forfeit any retirement rights accrued by the legislator before the lapse. (*Id.*)

If legislators are eligible for retirement and elect to retire at the age of 60 years or older, they are entitled to a full monthly retirement allowance in the amount of \$25 for each year of service up to 30 years, prorated for fractions of a year, subject to any applicable limitations imposed by federal law for governmental plans. (NRS 218C.340, 218C.450, 218C.500, 218C.520, 218C.530, and 218C.560) However, if legislators are eligible for retirement and elect to retire at any age less than 60 years old, they are entitled to a monthly retirement allowance that is actuarially reduced in amount. (NRS 218C.450)

The Legislators' Retirement System includes provisions for the payment of monthly retirement allowances under certain circumstances to surviving spouses, dependents, or other designated beneficiaries. (NRS 218C.570 to 218C.584, inclusive) Any retired legislators or beneficiaries receiving monthly retirement allowances under the Legislators' Retirement System are entitled to receive cost-of-living increases in their monthly retirement allowances in the same amount provided to retirees and beneficiaries under PERS. (NRS 218C.510)

CHAPTER IV
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INTRODUCTION

This chapter summarizes how the Legislature uses its power to make laws and change public policy. The chapter includes important details about legislative sessions, legislative measures, and the legislative process.

UNDERSTANDING LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE: SOURCES OF AUTHORITY AND TERMINOLOGY

The Senate and the Assembly function in accordance with parliamentary authority from a variety of sources, including the Nevada Constitution, any rules adopted jointly and independently by the houses, the relevant provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes, any custom, usage, and precedence of the houses, relevant parliamentary treatises, and judicial decisions interpreting such sources of authority. Each house independently determines the precedence of each source. (Senate Standing Rules 53 and 90, and Assembly Standing Rule 100, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

It is important to note that the sources of parliamentary authority governing legislative procedure cannot be understood without a firm grasp of its legislative terminology. Over the years, parliamentary law has developed a vocabulary of its own that is used during various stages of the legislative process. In some circumstances, this legislative terminology has acquired specialized or technical meanings that vary from the ordinary meaning of the same terms in common conversation. Given the evolution of the vocabulary and its deviation from common parlance, the understanding of legislative terminology may also vary from one state legislature to another. For the purpose of facilitating a standard understanding of legislative terminology used in the Nevada Legislature, Appendix F provides a list of frequently used legislative terms and their definitions.

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

The Legislature holds regular sessions biennially for not more than 120 days beginning on the first Monday of February in each odd number year. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 2) These regular sessions serve as the main lawmaking period for legislators. During the regular sessions, legislators enact laws on a wide range of topics, appropriate money, and exercise other legislative powers. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 1, 2, and 19)

Historically, regular sessions of the Legislature have varied in length and frequency. The first biennial session of the Legislature took place in 1867, and each

regular session has been held in an odd-numbered year, except for the one annual session held in 1960. (*Political History of Nevada*, at 289 (Carson City, Nev., Sec’y of State, 12th ed., 2016)) In 1958, the Nevada Constitution was amended to provide for annual sessions. However, two years later that provision was removed, and biennial sessions were reimplemented at the Legislature. The current 120-day maximum was established by a constitutional amendment approved in 1998. (*Id.*)

On extraordinary occasions, the Legislature also convenes into special sessions. A special session is called by a proclamation issued by the Governor or by a petition signed by two thirds of the members in each house of the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 2A; Art. 5, Sec. 9) To date, there have been 35 special sessions, all of which were called by the Governor. (Legislative Counsel Bureau Research Division, *Special Sessions of the Nevada Legislature*, June 2023, <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Documents/NevadaSpecialSessions.pdf>)

Special sessions address issues that arise during the legislative interim and typically focus on a few select agenda items. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 2A; Art. 5, Sec. 9) The entity that calls the special session determines the purpose or purposes of the special session. (*Id.*) For example, if the Governor convenes the special session, the Governor’s proclamation must state the purpose or purposes of the special session. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 9) Alternatively, if the Legislature convenes itself in special session, the purpose or purposes of the special session must be included in the Legislature’s petition. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 2A) To this point, the Legislature may not enact any bills pertaining to subjects other than those for which it was convened for the special session or those which are necessary to cover the cost of the special session. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 2A; Art. 5, Sec. 9)

As of 2012, a special session may not last more than 20 days, unless the special session contemplates the impeachment or removal from office of certain public officials. (*Id.*) The 20th Special Session in 2003 was the longest on record, lasting 27 days. (Legislative Counsel Bureau Research Division, *Special Sessions of the Nevada Legislature*, June 2023, <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Documents/NevadaSpecialSessions.pdf>) The shortest special session on record was the 34th Special Session in 2023, which lasted just under 2 hours. (Journal of the Senate, 34th Special Session, The First Day, www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/34th2023Special/Journal/Senate/Final/sj001.pdf; and Journal of the Assembly, 34th Special Session, The First Day, <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/34th2023Special/Journal/Assembly/Final/aj001.pdf>)

In terms of location, the Nevada Constitution requires that regular and special sessions take place in Carson City. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 1; Art. 15, Sec. 1) A regular and special session is also generally required to be open to the public. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 15) At the Legislative Building in Carson City, for example, the public can speak with legislators, watch legislative sessions, and provide public comment on bills at committee meetings. The public is also able to participate in the legislative process

at the Legislature's campus in Las Vegas, which provides simultaneous videoconferencing for various meetings of the Legislature in Carson City. More information on the Legislature's facilities in Carson City and Las Vegas can be found in Chapter V of this Manual.

The Legislature customarily does not meet every calendar day during a regular or special session and will adjourn to take small breaks throughout the legislative session. For example, the Legislature typically does not meet on the weekends during a regular or special session. However, the Nevada Constitution stipulates that the Senate or Assembly may not, without the consent of the other house, adjourn for more than three days. (*Id.*) The *Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly* further specify that, with the consent of both the Senate and the Assembly, or by concurrent resolution, 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 to prepare the matters respectively entrusted to them for the consideration of the Legislature as a whole. (Joint Standing Rule 9, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Under these rules, the total time taken for all the adjournments cannot exceed 20 days during any regular session. (*Id.*)

The Legislature ends a regular or special session by adjourning sine die. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 2 and 2A; Art. 5, Sec. 9) If the Senate and Assembly disagree with respect to the time of the Legislature's final adjournment, the Governor is constitutionally empowered to adjourn the Legislature at a proper time, but not beyond the time fixed for the meeting of the next Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 11)

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Legislative Sessions

During sessions, legislators engage in various official functions and responsibilities. For example, legislators shepherd the bills or resolutions that they introduce, sponsor, or support through the legislative process by providing testimony at committee hearings, work with others to improve the measures, and encourage their colleagues to vote in favor of the measures. Legislators also serve on the committees that review bills or resolutions and other matters referred to and placed on the agendas for the committees. Each legislator is typically assigned to two or more standing committees and may be assigned to temporary, special, or select committees. As committee members, legislators listen to and question witnesses who appear before the committee, participate in subcommittees created to focus on specific measures or issues, and vote on whether a bill or resolution should be transmitted to the full house of the Legislature, with or without a recommendation as to the action that the full house should take on the measure. (Senate Standing Rules 43 and 53, and Assembly Standing Rules 42, 53, and 54, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) More information on committees can be found in the section of this chapter labeled "How a Bill Becomes a Law."

Legislators also serve on conference committees consisting of members from both houses that are formed to resolve the differences between amendments passed by each house of the Legislature to the same bill. (Joint Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) More information on conference committees can be found in the section of this chapter labeled “How a Bill Becomes a Law.”

At times, legislators may be required to participate in a committee of the whole, where all members of the house sit together as a single committee to address specific measures or issues. (Senate Standing Rule 46, and Assembly Standing Rule 45, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023); *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 683-691 (Denver, Colo., Nat’l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) Typically, a committee of the whole is formed only occasionally during regular sessions but may be used more often during special sessions to facilitate those legislative proceedings.

Legislators also may be assigned to joint committees of the two houses of the Legislature. (Joint Standing Rule 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Joint committees allow both houses to conduct a single review or inquiry regarding specific measures or issues, and joint committees may prepare a joint report for consideration by both houses. (*Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 653-659 (Denver, Colo., Nat’l Conf. of State Legs., 2020); *Cushing’s Legislative Assemblies*, Secs. 2043-2045)

During legislative sessions, legislators are required to attend the meetings of their respective houses, which are commonly referred to as “floor sessions.” (Senate Standing Rules 10, 11, and 12, and Assembly Standing Rule 10, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Each house has the power to compel the attendance of absent members in a manner and under penalties prescribed by each house. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 13) This power includes ordering the arrest of absent members. (*Id.*; *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 190, 191, and 561 (Denver, Colo., Nat’l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) Each house may exercise this power even if less than a quorum is present to transact business. (*Id.*)

When not on the floor, in committees, or in other meetings during sessions, legislators communicate with constituents who call or visit, legislators meet and confer with lobbyists who represent various organizations or advocate for various policies and viewpoints, and legislators work with staff members who provide assistance and requested information. Legislators are also asked to speak to groups, attend numerous community functions, and participate in important state and local events as representatives of the Legislative Department of State Government.

Legislative Interims

The legislative interim is the period between legislative sessions, and during this time, legislators continue to make speeches, assist constituents, meet with lobbyists and other interested parties, and compile information in preparation for the next legislative session. Often, legislators serve as facilitators among various groups. For example, a legislator might contact a governmental 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 preceding sessions. In this capacity, a legislator might attend a hearing conducted by a state agency formulating pertinent regulations.

As part of their official functions and responsibilities during the legislative interim, most legislators serve on one or more committees, subcommittees, or special committees, which are commonly referred to as “interim committees.” (Chapter 218E of NRS) The Legislature’s interim committees study specific subjects, provide oversight regarding particular issues, or are part of national organizations that bring together legislators from the various states to discuss similar problems. The interim committees generally hold their meetings throughout the legislative interim, but some are authorized to meet during sessions as well, including the Legislative Commission and Interim Finance Committee. (*Id.*)

Some interim committees are established as statutory committees that are assigned ongoing legislative functions and responsibilities, such as the Legislative Commission, the Interim Finance Committee, the Joint Interim Standing Committees, the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee, the Subcommittee on Public Lands, the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System, and the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs. (*Id.*)

As relates to the Joint Interim Standing Committees, there are nine such committees: (1) Commerce and Labor; (2) Education; (3) Government Affairs; (4) Growth and Infrastructure; (5) Health and Human Services; (6) Judiciary; (7) Legislative Operations and Elections; (8) Natural Resources; and (9) Revenue. (NRS 218E.320) These Joint Interim Standing Committees parallel the standing committees established by the Legislature during its biennial sessions. (NRS 218E.320; Senate Standing Rule 40, and Assembly Standing Rule 40, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) In many ways, this parallel committee structure allows legislators to continue to review, evaluate, and study topics of legislative importance throughout the interim between legislative sessions.

More information on the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee can be found in Chapter V of this Manual.

Other Duties and Responsibilities

The foregoing description of the official functions and responsibilities of legislators is not comprehensive. Legislators often are required to undertake other functions and responsibilities in their official capacities. For example, legislators who chair committees or serve in leadership roles have numerous other functions and responsibilities that they must perform to assist the Legislative Department in maintaining its status as a coequal and coordinate department of state government both during and between sessions. Legislators also are expected by their political parties and communities to perform certain functions and responsibilities, such as attending political party caucuses and participating in important state and local events. In addition, most legislators hold full-time jobs or operate businesses and have various other civic, social, and family commitments, and they must fulfill their responsibilities to employers, business organizations, family members, and many others while also serving as citizen-legislators. Even though Nevada prides itself on having such a citizen-Legislature with members representing a broad spectrum of occupations, professions, businesses, and life experiences, successful participation in the legislative process demands a significant commitment of time and effort from each of its citizen-legislators to carry out the people's legislative business effectively.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND OTHER LEADERS

To perform their proper roles efficiently, the two houses of the Legislature are authorized by the Nevada Constitution to choose their own officers, except for the President of the Senate, who is the Lieutenant Governor. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6) 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.

Presiding Officers

The Nevada Constitution provides that the Lieutenant Governor is the Senate's presiding officer, sitting as the President of the Senate. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 17) 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. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Secs. 17 and 18) Although the Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate, the Lieutenant Governor is not a member of the Senate. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 17) However, when acting as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Lieutenant Governor may exercise a tie-breaking or "casting vote." (*Id.*; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 513 and 514 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020))

In terms of duties, 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. (Senate Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) In addition, the President recognizes senators during debate, rules on questions of parliamentary procedure, subject to appeal, and signs all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants, and subpoenas. (Nev. Const. Art 4, Sec. 18; Senate Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

The President Pro Tempore presides over the Senate in the absence of the President. (NRS 218A.500; Senate Standing Rule 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Unlike the President, the President Pro Tempore is a member of the Senate and is elected by it. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; Senate Standing Rule 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) As a Senator, the President Pro Tempore may vote on all issues and exercises all of the powers and responsibilities of the President. (Senate Standing Rule 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Under the Nevada Constitution, the President Pro Tempore is the second in line of succession to the governorship, immediately after the Lieutenant Governor. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 17) The tenure of the President Pro Tempore extends beyond the session through the interim until a successor is appointed after the general election. (Senate Standing Rule 6, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

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 that officer is absent, the Committee's vice chair should preside over the Senate. (Senate Standing Rule 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) In the event that none of the designated officers are able to preside over the Senate, it must elect one of its members as the presiding officer for that occasion. (*Id.*)

In the Assembly, the presiding officer is the Speaker. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Unlike the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly is elected from among the membership of the Assembly. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6) The *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 or adopted 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. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18; Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Speaker is not required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings except when the vote would be decisive. (Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*,

Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) In all yea and nay votes, the Speaker's name is required to be called last. (*Id.*) The Speaker is third in the line of succession to the governorship, behind the Lieutenant Governor and President Pro Tempore of the Senate. (NRS 223.080) The tenure of the Speaker continues beyond the end of the regular session through the interim until the next regular session. (Assembly Standing Rules 1 and 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Like the Senate, the Assembly also elects a Speaker Pro Tempore from among its members, who presides in the temporary absence of the Speaker. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) However, if a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the Speaker, the members of the Assembly will select a new Speaker. (Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Speaker Pro Tempore's duties are comparable to those of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, exclusive of the right of succession to the governorship. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; Art. 5, Sec. 17; Assembly Standing Rule 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

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 establish other leadership positions for members to manage the legislative workload.

In the Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of their respective parties are selected during party caucus. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; Senate Standing Rule 6, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) In the Assembly, the Majority and Minority Floor Leader is selected during each party's caucus. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; Assembly Standing Rule 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The tenure of these leaders extends during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature and until the organization of the next succeeding regular session. (Senate Standing Rule 6 and Assembly Standing Rule 2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

In Nevada, the Senate Majority Leader is the actual leader of the Senate, with powers that are similar to the Speaker of the Assembly. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; Senate Standing Rule 6, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) For example, the Senate Majority Leader: (1) determines the start time the of the Senate's organizational session; (2) refers prefiled bills and resolutions to committee; and (3) appoints members to committees. (Senate Standing Rules 6 and 40, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

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. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6) House leaders are not legal officers of the houses since their offices do not exist under provisions of law.

Generally, the Majority Floor Leaders of the Senate and Assembly, respectively, or the Assistant Majority Floor Leaders of the Senate and Assembly, respectively, manage the referral to committee of bills that are received from the other house and work closely with the presiding officer and chief parliamentarian involving legislation being considered on the floor.

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 because members customarily exercise wide latitude in voting. However, in certain critical areas, the Majority and Minority Floor Leaders are expected to call a caucus to determine their party's stances on issues. Once a position is agreed on, the floor leaders work with the party "whips" to solidify partisan support for the caucus decision.

Chief Parliamentarians

The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly are legislative officers who are elected by the members of their respective houses. (NRS 218A.520 and 218A.550; Senate Standing Rule 3, and Assembly Standing Rule 3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) While neither is a member of either house, each serves as the chief administrative officer and parliamentarian of the respective house and each is responsible for administering and managing the operations of the house, supervising and assigning the duties of its employees, and performing various other duties. (NRS 218A.520 and 218A.550; Senate Standing Rule 3, and Assembly Standing Rule 3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023); *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 584 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020))

For example, during the floor sessions of their respective houses, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly are present to administer and manage the daily business and proceedings under the direction of the presiding officer and majority leadership. (*Id.*) They also perform the duty to read each bill and joint resolution in the manner required by the Nevada Constitution and the rules of each house. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18; Senate Standing Rules 109, 110, 113, 116, and 118, and Assembly Standing Rules 109, 110, 111, 113, 116, and 118, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) After each bill and joint resolution is passed by both houses, it must be signed after enrollment by the presiding officer of each house and by the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly, or an authorized assistant. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18; NRS 218D.640) The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly also maintain all records of the Senate and Assembly, respectively, supervise compilation of the daily journals

and the histories of their respective houses, and advise the presiding officer and members of each house on matters of parliamentary procedure and the house and joint rules. (NRS 218D.930, 218D.935, and 218D.940; Senate Standing Rule 3, and Assembly Standing Rule 3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

When the Legislature is not in session, the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly and their staff assist legislative leaders with administrative matters that arise during the legislative 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, and prepare for the next legislative session. (*Id.*)

Sergeant at Arms

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the Assembly are responsible for keeping order in and around the chamber of their respective houses, ensuring that only authorized persons are permitted on the floor of their respective houses, and handling other duties as directed by the Secretary of the Senate or the Speaker or Chief Clerk, as applicable. (NRS 218A.910 and 218F.520; Senate Standing Rule 4, and Assembly Standing Rule 94, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Additionally, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate is also responsible for maintaining the Senate’s chamber, private lounge, and meeting rooms for committees. (Senate Standing Rule 4, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES AND BALLOT QUESTIONS

Bills

A bill is the most common legislative measure seen in the legislative process, and it is used as the vessel to create, amend, or repeal provisions in the Nevada Revised Statutes. A bill can encompass almost any topic, so long as it complies with the United States Constitution and Nevada Constitution. The following discussion in the section labeled “How a Bill Becomes a Law” provides an overview of the legislative process for bills.

Joint Resolutions

A joint resolution is used for three distinct purposes: (1) to request that the President of the United States, Congress, or a federal agency perform some act believed to be in the best interests of the state or nation; (2) to amend the Nevada Constitution; or (3) to ratify an amendment to the United States Constitution. (Joint

Standing Rule 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

The procedure for passing joint resolutions is similar to that of a bill, except that joint resolutions are delivered directly to the Secretary of State, unlike bills which are delivered to the Governor. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18; Art. 16, Sec. 1; NRS 218D.800 to 218D.810, inclusive; Assembly Standing Rule 118, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Another key distinction between the procedures for bills and joint resolutions is that a joint resolution that amends the Nevada Constitution is held by the Secretary of State and returned to the next chosen Legislature for reconsideration. (Nev. Const. Art. 16, Sec. 1; NRS 218D.800) If the next Legislature approves the proposed constitutional amendment, the joint resolution is then submitted to the people “in such manner and at such time as the Legislature shall prescribe” for a vote. (Nev. Const. Art. 16, Sec. 1) The law currently requires that this opportunity to vote be at the next general election or at a special election authorized by the Legislature for the purpose of addressing the joint resolution. (NRS 218D.800)

Concurrent Resolutions

A concurrent resolution is used for a variety of purposes, such as to amend the Joint Standing Rules, to express facts, principles, opinions, and purposes of the Senate and Assembly, to establish joint committees of the two houses, to direct the Legislative Commission to conduct interim studies, to resolve that the return of a bill from the other house is necessary and appropriate, to request the return from the Governor or the Secretary of State of an enrolled bill or resolution, as applicable, or to memorialize a former member of the Legislature or other distinguished person upon death. (Joint Standing Rule 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

A concurrent resolution must be adopted by both houses by a simple majority vote. It should be noted that concurrent resolutions are not signed by the Governor and are delivered to the Secretary of State for filing.

One-House Resolutions

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. (Joint Standing Rule 7, and Assembly Standing Rules 44 and 119, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Senate or Assembly

one-house resolutions are adopted by a simple majority vote and are enrolled and delivered to the Secretary of State.

Initiative Petitions

The initiative petition process provides an avenue by which the public themselves can amend the Nevada Constitution or enact a new or otherwise amend a state or local law. (Nev. Const. Art. 19, Sec. 2) It is important to note that initiative petitions, unlike bills and joint resolutions, are not drafted by the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, but instead are drafted by outside interest groups. (*Id.*) Once the text of the initiative petition has been drafted, a copy of the proposed initiative petition must be filed with the Secretary of State before its circulation for signing by the requisite number of registered voters. (Nev. Const. Art. 19, Secs. 2 and 3) After the required number of signatures are gathered for an initiative petition, the initiative petition is transmitted to the Secretary of State for signature verification. (*Id.*)

Once the signatures are verified on an initiative petition to change the Nevada Constitution, the Secretary of State will cause the initiative petition to be placed on the ballot at the next general election. (*Id.*) If the initiative petition to change the Nevada Constitution is approved by the voters, the initiative petition must be returned to the next general election for a second approval of the voters before the Nevada Constitution is officially amended. (Nev. Const. Art. 19, Sec. 2)

Contrastingly, after the signatures are verified on an initiative petition to enact or change a state or local law, the initiative petition is transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Legislature as soon as it convenes in regular session. (Nev. Const. Art. 19, Secs. 2 and 3) The petition must be enacted without change or rejected by the Legislature within 40 days. (Nev. Const. Art. 19, Sec. 2) 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 petition to the voters for approval or disapproval at the next general election. Such an initiative petition to enact or change a state or local law that is approved by the voters cannot be amended, annulled, repealed, set aside, or suspended by the Legislature for three years from the date it takes effect. (*Id.*)

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Because a bill is the main vessel used to change the laws in Nevada, this section discusses the steps through which a bill progresses toward enactment into law. Additionally, these steps are outlined in a chart located in Appendix C at the end of this Manual.

By way of background, the 82nd Regular Session in 2023 considered 1,040 bills—529 bills from the Assembly and 511 bills from the Senate. (“Legislative Box Score,

Eighty-Second Session, 2023,” Senate History, Final Volume, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Senate and Assembly also considered a combined total of 52 resolutions during the 82nd Regular Session. Of the bills that were considered during the 82nd Regular Session: (1) 535 were enacted into law; (2) 75 were vetoed during the session and the Legislature did not override the veto; and (3) 32 were vetoed after the Session ended and will be returned to the houses in which they originated for possible reconsideration when the 83rd Regular Session convenes in 2025. (*Id.*)

Submitting a Bill Draft Request (BDR)

Long before the Legislature convenes for its regular sessions, 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 before it can formally enter the legislative arena for consideration.

In order to transfer the idea onto paper, the idea must be submitted to the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218D.050) This submission is known as a bill draft request (BDR). Simply put, the BDR provides the Legal Division with the policy details that are necessary for the drafting of the bill. A robust BDR will: (1) outline the problem giving rise to the BDR; (2) supply any background information related to the problem underlying the BDR; and (3) concretely identify the ways in which the requester wants to change the law or describe the ultimate policy objectives of the requester. Moreover, the policy underlying the BDR should be completely developed because once the BDR is submitted to the Legal Division, the requester cannot change the subject matter of the BDR. (NRS 218D.100)

Nevada law determines who can submit BDRs, how many BDRs can be submitted, and the timing under which each BDR must be submitted. (Chapter 218D of NRS) The latter two points depend on the identity of the requester. (NRS 218D.150 to 218D.220, inclusive) However, the question of who can submit a BDR can be broken down into four main categories: (1) requesters from the Legislative Department; (2) requesters from the Executive Department; (3) requesters from the Judicial Department; and (4) local governmental entities. (*Id.*) Appendices A and B provide a general overview of the statutory limitations and deadlines for BDRs.

From the Legislative Department, legislators are the main people who submit BDRs. The number of BDRs allotted to a legislator and the deadline for BDR submission depends on whether the legislator is an incumbent, whether the legislator is a member of the Senate or Assembly, and whether the legislator holds a leadership

position. (NRS 218D.150 and 218D.160) For example, incumbents typically get more BDRs than their newly elected peers, Senators get more BDRs than Assembly members, and legislators in leadership positions get more BDRs than other legislators. (*Id.*) There is also a process for delineating BDRs in the event a legislative office becomes vacant. (NRS 218D.152)

Additionally, there are various other persons and committees from the Legislative Department that are allotted BDRs. From the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the Legislative Counsel and the General Counsel are afforded an unlimited number of BDRs. (NRS 218.155) The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly are also allotted an unlimited number of BDRs. (*Id.*) Various other statutory, interim, and other committees are also supplied with a certain number of BDRs. (NRS 218D.160)

Certain Executive Department officials can also submit BDRs. For example, the Governor or the Governor's designee are afforded a certain number of BDRs, which can be submitted on behalf of other Executive Department entities and officers. (NRS 218D.175) The Director of the Office of Finance, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the State Controller, and the Attorney General are also given a certain number of BDRs. (*Id.*)

As relates to the Judicial Department, only the Nevada Supreme Court is also authorized to submit BDRs. (NRS 218D.190) However, the Nevada Supreme Court can submit its BDRs on behalf of any court in Nevada. (*Id.*)

Finally, local governmental entities and other commissions, boards, and forums are also given BDRs. On the local government side, counties, school districts, and cities may submit BDRs, however, the number allotted to each entity is dependent on its population. (NRS 218D.205) An association of counties or cities may also submit a certain number of BDRs. (NRS 218D.210) The following other entities are also afforded BDRs: (1) certain regional transportation commissions; (2) certain regional behavioral health policy boards; (3) the Patient Protection Commission; (4) the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs; (5) the Advisory Committee on Housing; and (6) the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum. (NRS 218D.211 to 218D.220, inclusive)

On July 1 of the year preceding the next regular session, and each week thereafter until the final adjournment of the Legislature, the Legislative Counsel prepares a list reflecting the BDRs received by the Legislative Counsel. (NRS 218D.130) The BDR list is available on the Legislature's Internet website.

Bill Drafting

Nevada law requires the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to provide bill drafting services for the Legislature. (NRS 218D.050) The Legal

Division's staff consists of bill drafters and other support staff who aid in the editing, printing, and indexing of the drafted bills. It is important to note that the Legal Division provides confidential and nonpartisan legal services at no charge for all legislators. (NRS 218F.150) Additional information related to the Legal Division is contained in Chapter V of this Manual.

As described previously, all BDRs are submitted to the Legal Division for drafting, and upon their receipt, the BDRs are internally assigned to a bill drafter for drafting. The bill drafter will then review the BDR and translate the information into a bill that uses uniform legal terminology, form, and style. The goal of the bill drafting process is to produce bills that are coherent, concise, understandable, free of ambiguity, and legally viable.

As part of the bill drafting process, the Legal Division will check the bill for conformance with a variety of legal sources, including the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, and relevant court decisions. For example, the Legal Division will check to ensure that the BDR is limited to one subject, as prescribed by the Nevada Constitution. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 17) The bill drafting process also requires the Legal Division to study the Nevada Revised Statutes to ascertain whether the proposed change conflicts with existing sections of law. In the event of a conflict, the conflicting sections of law will be inserted into the BDR and revised in a manner that conforms with the requester's ultimate policy goals.

The Legislative Counsel, insofar as it is possible, processes BDRs submitted by legislators in the order in which they are received by the Legal Division. (NRS 218D.110) However, legislators may designate different drafting priorities for their own BDRs. (*Id.*) For BDRs submitted by non-legislative requesters, there is a similar order of priority, except that as soon as 10 or more measures are received from an Executive Department entity, the Legislative Counsel may request that the entity designate the priority for each succeeding BDR. (NRS 218D.115) However, full priority is given to legislators' BDRs for bill drafting, and the Legislative Counsel is not permitted to prepare any proposed legislation during any regular session except as authorized by statute or joint rule of the Legislature. (NRS 218D.050 and 218D.110)

Once a legislator's bill is drafted, the Legal Division will deliver the bill to the legislative sponsor. The sponsor will then review the bill and obtain cosponsors or joint sponsors, if desired. Once the legislator has reviewed the bill and obtained sponsors as applicable, the legislator will deliver the bill to the Front Desk of the Senate or Assembly, as applicable, for introduction. More information on sponsorship can be found in the section of this chapter called "How to Read a Bill."

Introduction, First Reading, and Referral of Bills in the House of Origin

Beginning on the first day of the legislative session, a bill may be introduced in the Legislature. In the house of origin, the bill's introduction is the first time the bill is

given a bill number and is typically the first time the bill is made available to the public. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 733 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) The timing of when a bill can be introduced generally depends on who requested the BDR. Appendix A provides an overview of the deadlines for introduction and passage of legislation.

In some instances, however, the person or entity that requested the bill will participate in the prefiling process, which allows a bill to be numbered, printed, and made available for public review before the first day of the regular session. (NRS 218D.575 and 218D.580) On the first day of session, the bill is then formally introduced and referred to committee. (NRS 218D.585) The prefiling process is designed to help expedite the review of a significant number of bills early in the session, and because of the expedited timeline, the prefiled bills can be heard in a committee as early as the second or third day of session.

It should be noted, however, that only certain people or entities can request the prefiling of a bill. (NRS 218D.575) For example, a legislative requester can only request the prefiling of a bill that was originally requested by the legislator. Additionally, a legislator designated as the chair of a standing committee for the upcoming legislative session may request the prefiling of a bill on behalf of the standing committee. (*Id.*) Contrastingly, a non-legislative requestor, such as those from the Executive and Judicial Departments and local governmental entities, must request the prefiling of the bill, and if the prefiling is not so requested by the third Wednesday of November preceding a legislative session, the bill is deemed withdrawn. (NRS 218D.175 to 218D.220, inclusive) For the bills that are requested to be prefiled by non-legislative entities, the bills will be randomly divided between the houses of the Legislature and prefiled on behalf of the relevant standing committee. (NRS 218D.575)

Unless certain limited exceptions apply, all bills sponsored by legislators must be introduced not later than ten calendar days after initial delivery or the deadline for introduction, whichever is earlier. (Joint Rule 14.2, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Under the Nevada Constitution, it does not matter whether a bill is first introduced in the Senate or the Assembly. (Nev. Const., Art. 4, Sec. 16) However, bills originating in one house of the Legislature must be introduced by a member or standing committee of that house.

All bills in Nevada, except for those placed on a consent calendar, are required by the Nevada Constitution to be read by sections in each house on three separate days. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18) 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. (*Id.*) To comply with the constitutional requirements, the houses have first, second, and third readings on every bill. (Senate

Standing Rule 120, and Assembly Standing Rule 120, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) 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 that the Nevada 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 in print form and electronically, with the latest amendments incorporated into their texts.

The first reading in both houses is for information only, and the bill may not be amended until its second reading. (Senate Standing Rule 109 and Assembly Standing Rule 109, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess., (2023)) Once the bill has been read for the first time, it will usually be referred to a standing committee, with the whole house voting on the question. (Senate Standing Rules 40 and 109 and Assembly Standing Rules 2 and 109, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess., (2023))

In the Senate, bills are usually referred to standing committees with jurisdiction over legislative measures that affect specific titles and chapters of the Nevada Revised Statutes. (Senate Standing Rule 40, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Senate Standing Rules establish the standing committees and their respective jurisdiction, and establish the procedures by which members will be appointed to serve on the standing committee. For example, during the 82nd Regular Session in 2023, the Senate Committee on Education had seven members with jurisdiction over measures that primarily affected chapters 353B, 378 to 380A, inclusive, 385 to 386, inclusive, and 388 to 399, inclusive, of NRS. (*Id.*) Although a bill may initially be referred to a particular committee in the Senate, on occasion, different committees may be proposed from the floor. (Senate Standing Rule 50, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

In the Assembly, a motion is usually made for the referral of bills to standing committees. Similarly to the Senate, the Assembly Standing Rules establish the Assembly standing committees and the method by which members are appointed to serve on the standing committees. (Assembly Standing Rules 40 and 41, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Unlike the Senate, however, the Assembly Standing Rules do not set forth the specific titles and chapters of the NRS for which each standing committee has jurisdiction. (Assembly Standing Rule 40, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Once a bill has been introduced, read for the first time, and referred to a standing committee, the chair of the standing committee may schedule the bill for a committee hearing. (Senate Standing Rule 53, and Assembly Standing Rule 47, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Committee Consideration and Action in the House of Origin

Once a bill is referred to a standing committee, it is available to be contemplated at a public hearing by the members of the standing committee. The membership of Senate and Assembly standing committees for the 83rd Session in 2025 is set forth in Chapter I of this Manual.

In the Senate, the party composition of the standing committees is determined by the Majority Leader. (Senate Standing Rule 40, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Majority Leader then makes majority party assignments and designates a chair and vice chair from the majority party. The Minority Leader makes minority party assignments to the Senate standing committees. (*Id.*)

In the Assembly, the Speaker of the Assembly designates the chair, vice chair, and members of each committee. (Assembly Standing Rule 41, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) In practice, the Speaker of the Assembly usually consults with the Minority Floor Leader on the committee appointments of minority party members. With some exceptions, the general custom is for the party membership on standing committees to reflect the composition of the entire Assembly.

The standing committees of the Senate and Assembly serve as the workshops of the Legislature. Visitors are often amazed at the rapidity with which business is dispatched in the standing committees, few realizing that long hours in standing committee sessions have transpired prior to any floor action on a bill. It is in these standing committees that bill hearings are held, testimony from interested parties is taken, and bills are analyzed for their legal and social merits.

Standing committees also perform other functions aside from considering legislation. For example, the Senate Standing Rules 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. (Senate Standing Rule 54, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

However, the main duty of the standing committees is to review and take testimony on legislation that is referred to the committee. The chair of each standing committee determines the agenda of the standing committee and holds the power to determine which bills are heard in the standing committee and which bills are not. (Senate Standing Rule 53, and Assembly Standing Rule 47, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) In rare instances, standing committees in each house of the Legislature will hold joint hearings to discuss one or more bills at the same time. (Assembly Standing Rule 50, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

It is important to note that the work of standing committees is subject to various deadlines established by the Joint Standing Rules. Specifically, there are various deadlines for when committees in the house of origin and second house, respectively, must act on a bill. (Joint Standing Rule 14.3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Appendix A provides an overview of the deadlines for introduction and passage of legislation.

Before standing committee meetings, a notice regarding the committee's agenda for the meeting will be posted conspicuously in the Legislative Building and made available on the Legislature's Internet website. (Senate Standing Rule 92, and Assembly Standing Rule 52.5, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The agenda must include the date, time, place, and topics or legislation to be covered at the meeting. (*Id.*) This notice is meant to put the public and other relevant actors on notice of the committee's proposed actions in case they wish to attend the meeting or provide testimony on a piece of legislation.

At each standing committee hearing, the proponents and opponents of a bill are given an opportunity to present their cases. The testimony may be taken from lobbyists, academicians, public officials, special interest groups, private citizens, and other interested persons. Witnesses summoned to appear before a standing committee are compensated at the same rate as witnesses required to attend a court of law in Nevada, however, witnesses appearing of their own volition do so at their own expense. (Senate Standing Rule 140, and Assembly Standing Rule 140, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Typically, bills are heard twice in a standing committee. The first time the bill is heard by the committee, the primary sponsor of the bill will present the bill and provide any background information that would help the committee in its review of the proposal. At this first hearing, the sponsor may also choose to have a subject matter expert appear to provide additional testimony regarding the proposed legislative measure and its importance. The second committee hearing on a bill is usually a work session. At these work sessions, the standing committee reviews proposed amendments to the bill, if any, and determines what action, or recommendation, should be taken on the measure. It is important to note that committees cannot actually amend a bill, however, they can make the specific recommendations set forth below. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 616 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020))

By custom, standing committees make several types of recommendations on bills that come before them for consideration. A standing committee may report a bill back to the whole house with a recommendation of: (1) "Do pass"; (2) "Amend, and do pass, as amended"; or (3) "Do pass, as amended". The third option only occurs in the instance where the legislative measure was re-referred to the standing committee and the bill was previously amended in the same house. These 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) that the bill be passed and re-referred or amended and re-referred to a specified committee; (2) “Indefinitely Postpone”; and (3) “Do pass, and place on consent calendar.” The second option, in the Senate, is not a recommendation to the body, but is a committee action that kills the bill for the current legislative session. A committee may also report a bill “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 taken by the whole house.

In the Assembly, when a bill is referred concurrently to two committees, the rules specify that it is initially transmitted to the first committee named. (Assembly Standing Rule 43, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) If the first committee votes to amend the bill, 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. (*Id.*)

Senate Standing Rule 53 requires committees to maintain minutes and complete records of all bills referred, received, set for a hearing, heard, voted upon, and reported from the committee. Assembly Standing Rule 51 requires that records be kept of committee votes on bills and of committee proceedings. (Senate Standing Rule 52 and Assembly Standing Rule 51, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Furthermore, these records, minutes, and documents are required to be delivered to and archived in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (Senate Standing Rule 53, and Assembly Standing Rule 52, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Leg. (2023))

Second Reading in the House of Origin

As stated previously, the Nevada Constitution typically requires each bill to be read in each house on three separate days. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18) The second reading of a bill typically occurs after the bill is returned from being considered by a standing committee. (*Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 734 (Denver, Colo., Nat’l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) Because a committee cannot actually amend a bill, the second reading is usually the first time in which the chamber determines whether to adopt any amendments recommended by the committee or take certain other actions on the bill. (*Id.*)

If the committee recommends the amendment of a bill, or an individual legislator proposes an amendment to the bill on the floor, or both, the amendments must be made available to all members before the actual adoption or rejection of the proposed amendments. (Senate Standing Rule 113, and Assembly Standing Rule 110, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Committee amendments or amendments from individual legislators are then adopted or rejected

by simple majority vote of the members present and voting. 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. (*Id.*)

General File and Third Reading in the House of Origin

The third reading of a bill will usually occur one or more days after the second reading of the bill. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18) The third reading is the time in which the bill is considered for passage. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 736 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) If new amendments are proposed and adopted at this time, the bill is sent back for reprinting and goes through the reprinting and engrossment process once more. (Senate Standing Rule 113, and Assembly Standing Rule 110, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) 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 voting roll is opened to determine the fate of the bill.

Generally speaking, for a bill to pass, the Nevada Constitution requires that a majority of the members elected to each house vote in favor of the bill. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18) However, bills that 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 of the members. (*Id.*)

If the bill passes, it is transmitted to the other house and the house of origin relinquishes 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. (Joint Standing Rule 7, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

The Joint Standing Rules establish a deadline by which the bill must be passed out of the first house. (Joint Standing Rule 14.3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) If the bill fails to meet this deadline, it is considered dead, and no further action can be taken on it. (*Id.*) Appendix A provides an overview of the deadlines for introduction and passage of legislation.

Action in the Second House

Each bill goes through the entire process all over again when it is transmitted to the other house. Typically, this means that the bill is introduced in the second house, read for the first time, referred to a committee for a hearing and possible action, read for a second and third time, and then voted on by the second house. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18; Senate Standing Rules 109, 110, and 113, and Assembly Standing Rules

109 and 110, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) If a bill is passed by the second house without amendment, the bill is sent back to the house of origin for final enrollment, which is the preparation for final printing by the Legislative Counsel, and delivery to the Governor. (NRS 218D.630 and 218D.660; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 737 and 738 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020))

If the second house amends a bill, then it is necessary for the house of origin to concur or not to concur with the amendments. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 766 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) If the house of origin concurs in the amendments, the bill is ready for enrollment. (*Id.*) If, however, 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, a temporary committee, known as a conference committee, will be formed to remedy the conflict. (Joint Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023); *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 769 and 770 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020))

Like in the first house, the Joint Standing Rules establish a deadline by which the bill must be passed out of the second house. (Joint Standing Rule 14.3, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Appendix A provides an overview of the deadlines for introduction and passage of legislation.

Resolution of House Differences

A conference committee is a temporary committee formed under the circumstances where each house passes the same bill in different forms. (Joint Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023); *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 769 and 770 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) To create a conference committee, each house appoints members who will serve as conferees. The conference committee will then hold a meeting to resolve the differences existing in the two versions of the bill. (*Id.*)

At the meeting of the 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. The 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. (*Id.*)

Once the conferees reach an agreement, they report back to their respective houses with their recommendations. (Joint Standing Rule 1, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023); *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 771 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) The report of a conference committee may be adopted by acclamation, an action that is considered equivalent to

the final passage voting requirement of the bill as recommended in the report. However, a conference report is not subject to amendment. Additionally, there cannot be more than one conference committee on any bill. If agreement cannot be reached by the conference committee, the bill dies. (*Id.*)

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 on the house that the bill originated, to the Legislative Counsel to be enrolled. (NRS 218D.630) The Legislative Counsel then prepares the passed bill for the final printing. (NRS 218D.635) During the printing process, the bill 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. (NRS 218D.640) After final printing, the bill is returned to the Legislative Counsel, who compares the enrolled copy with the engrossed copy. (NRS 218D.635) If the enrolled bill is found to be correct, the Legislative Counsel presents the measure to the proper legislative officials for their signatures. (NRS 218D.635; Joint Standing Rule 4, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The bill is then delivered by the Legislative Counsel, or that person's designee, to the Governor for consideration. (NRS 218D.660) Once the Governor receives the bill, the Governor, or a designee of the Governor, must: (1) stamp on the back of the bill the date and hour of receipt and the number of pages of the bill; and (2) compute and note the time limit for action by the Governor. (NRS 218D.675) The time limits related to taking action on a bill are discussed more in the section labeled "Gubernatorial Action."

Gubernatorial Action

Once a bill is delivered to the Governor, the Governor has the choice of: (1) signing the bill; (2) vetoing the bill; or (3) allowing the bill to become law without a signature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 35) 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 on the bill. If the bill 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. (*Id.*)

Under the first option, the Governor will sign the bill following the signatures of the legislative officials. (*Id.*; NRS 218D.675) Once the bill is signed by the Governor, it must be delivered to the Secretary of State, who must endorse the back of the bill. (NRS 218D.675)

Under the second option, the Governor vetoes the bill. 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. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 35) If the Governor vetoes a bill within ten days after adjournment, the bill must be filed, together with the specific objections to it, with 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. (*Id.*; NRS 218D.680)

Finally, under the third option, the Governor does not sign or veto a bill in the constitutionally allotted time. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 35) Under this circumstance, the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature and the Governor or the Governor's staff must deliver the bill to the Secretary of State. (*Id.*; NRS 218D.680)

HOW TO READ A BILL

Each bill is composed of various parts. A firm understanding of each of these parts is necessary to fully understand the bill and its policy implications. The following is a brief description of the various parts of a bill.

Bill Number

At the very top of the bill is its bill number. Depending on whether the bill is introduced in the Senate or Assembly, the bill will read: "Senate/Assembly Bill No. X." Bills are numbered in each house in succeeding order. For example, the first bill introduced in the Assembly will be Assembly Bill No. 1, the second bill introduced in the Assembly will be Assembly Bill No. 2, etc.

Sponsors

Immediately to the right of the bill number is the sponsor of the bill. If a bill is introduced by a legislator, that legislator is the primary sponsor of the bill and the legislator's name is listed first, to the right of the bill number. The legislator can also seek to add additional legislators in the same house as primary sponsors or cosponsors to the legislative measure. (*See Senate Standing Rule 112, Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)*) Additionally, the legislator that introduces the bill can seek to add legislators from the other house as joint sponsors to the legislation. (Joint Rule 5, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)*) The joint sponsors will be listed below the date of introduction.

If the legislation is introduced by a standing committee, then that standing committee is the sponsor of the bill, and the committee's name will be listed to the right of the bill number. (NRS 218D.250; Joint Rule 5, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)*) The standing committee can also seek to add the equivalent standing committee in the other house as a joint sponsor to the

legislation. (NRS 218D.250; Joint Rule 5, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Introduction and Referral Information

The date on which the bill was introduced in the house of origin is listed on the first page of the bill. The date is placed below the bill number and sponsorship information from the house of origin and before the joint sponsorship information, if any. Additionally, the committee to which the bill is referred in the house of origin is printed below the introduction date and joint sponsorship information, if any.

Summary

A summary is a single sentence that gives the reader a general overview of the subject of the bill. The summary is included in the bill for informational purposes, and it is not constitutionally or statutorily required.

Fiscal Considerations

Each bill contains various pieces of information related to its fiscal effect on state and local governments. While each bill is required to include a statement of fiscal effect, under certain circumstances, bills must also contain specific markings related to unfunded mandates and extraordinary vote requirements. Moreover, fiscal notes will also be prepared under certain circumstances to detail the fiscal cost of the bill on state and local governmental entities.

STATEMENT OF FISCAL EFFECT

Immediately below the summary is information related to the fiscal effect of the bill on state and local governmental entities. This statement of fiscal effect is initially determined by the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau during the bill drafting process. (NRS 218D.415) The Legal Division will analyze the bill and determine what statutorily prescribed language should be marked on the bill depending on its projected fiscal effect. (*Id.*)

For example, NRS 218D.415 provides that each bill must have one of the following statements related to the fiscal effect on local governments:

- Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
- Effect on Local Government: No.
- Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.

Additionally, NRS 218D.415 provides that each bill must contain one of the following statements related to the fiscal effect on the state:

- Effect on the State: Yes.
- Effect on the State: No.
- Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in Executive Budget.
- Effect on the State: Executive Budget.
- Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

It should be noted that a bill being designated with “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 has a financial impact on state or local government. A fiscal note submitted by an affected state or local governmental entity will actually detail the estimated cost of the bill on the state or local governmental entity.

FISCAL NOTES

The Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau will obtain a fiscal note for a bill if it determines that the bill: (1) creates or increases a fiscal liability or decreases revenue for the state government by more than \$2,000; (2) 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 (3) creates or increases a fiscal liability or decreases revenue for any local government or school district. (NRS 218D.430) A fiscal note is a supporting document to a bill. It estimates the underlying cost of a bill’s policy on a state or local governmental entity. (NRS 218D.430 and 218D.470)

Contrastingly, the Fiscal Analysis Division is not required to request a fiscal note on a bill with a fiscal effect that would cost less than \$2,000 to implement, or that relates exclusively to the executive budget. (NRS 218D.430)

Similarly, the Fiscal Analysis Division is not required to obtain a fiscal note if the only impact on a local government is that a bill 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. (NRS 218D.435) However, a state or local governmental entity may submit unsolicited fiscal notes indicating a potential fiscal impact. (*Id.*)

Once the Fiscal Analysis Division determines a fiscal note is required to be prepared for the bill, the Fiscal Analysis Division informs the requester of the BDR

that a fiscal note is required and requests permission to obtain fiscal notes from the affected state or local governmental entities. (NRS 218D.460) It should be noted that if the requester is a legislator, the legislator may choose not to give this permission to the Fiscal Analysis Division, in which case, the Fiscal Analysis Division must wait to request the fiscal note until the introduction of the bill. (*Id.*)

When the Fiscal Analysis Division requests a fiscal note, it will submit the bill to the state or local governmental entity that may be fiscally affected by the bill. (NRS 218D.460) A bill that is sent to a state or local governmental 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 has been made public, or with the permission of the party who has requested the bill. (NRS 218D.495)

A state governmental entity has five working days from the date of request to provide the fiscal note to the Fiscal Analysis Division. (NRS 218D.475) If the fiscal note relates to an agency of the Executive Department, it must send the fiscal note to the Governor's Office of Finance for review and comments before returning it to the Fiscal Analysis Division. (NRS 218D.465) Contrastingly, fiscal notes completed by the Judicial Department, the Legislature, or other non-Executive Department agencies are returned directly to the Fiscal Analysis Division and are not subject to review by the Governor's Office of Finance. (*Id.*) The Fiscal Analysis Division may grant up to a ten-day extension on the return of a fiscal note if the subject requires extensive research. (NRS 218D.475)

Local governments are allowed eight working days to provide a response to a request for a fiscal note and may not be given an extension beyond that period. (NRS 218D.475) The completed fiscal notes of local governments are consolidated by the Fiscal Analysis Division into a single fiscal note. (NRS 218D.480)

The fiscal notes can be viewed electronically on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS).

UNFUNDED MANDATES

If a bill will require a local governmental entity to establish, provide, or increase a program or service that is estimated to cost more than \$5,000 per local governmental entity and a source of revenue to pay the expense is not identified in the bill, the bill must indicate that it contains an unfunded mandate, and further indicate whether the unfunded mandate was requested by the affected local governmental entities. (NRS 218D.270) If the bill is required to have these markings, the markings will be located below the statement of fiscal effect.

2/3 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT

The Nevada Constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote in each house to pass a bill that creates, generates, or increases any public revenue. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18) For example, a bill that newly requires a tax, fee, or assessment would be subject to this voting requirement. (*Id.*) If a two-thirds majority vote is required, it will be marked at the top of the first page of the bill, along with an indication of what section triggers the requirement.

Title

The title of the bill appears after the statement of fiscal effect. The title is a compilation of clauses that describe the substantive provisions of bill, typically in the order in which they appear. By way of background, the Nevada Constitution requires each bill to contain a title, which briefly describes the single subject of the bill. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 17) To this point, the first clause of the title indicates the single subject of the bill. For example, a title whose first clause states, “An act relating to elections” will indicate that the entire contents of the bill relate to elections. The clauses following the first clause will then provide more detail relating to the substantive provisions of the bill.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest

To the extent practicable, each bill introduced in the Legislature will also include a digest, which must be printed on the bill immediately following the title of the bill. (NRS 218D.290) A digest is a short summary of the bill that is written by the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau in language used in common parlance. Specifically, the digest summarizes the existing status of the law, if any, and how the contents of the bill add, change, or repeal existing law. (*Id.*)

Enacting Clause

The Nevada Constitution provides that each bill must contain the phrase “The people of the State of Nevada represented in the Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows.” (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 23) This phrase is found following the Legislative Counsel’s Digest.

Substantive Changes

The substantive provisions of the bill will appear after the enacting clause. Typically, a bill is broken down into sections. Each section contains a proposed new section of law, or an existing section of law that is proposed to be amended by the bill.

Existing law will appear as black text, with proposed new language appearing in bold blue italics, and language proposed to be removed appearing between brackets as

stricken red language. A short explanation of these styles is shown directly above the title of the bill.

In amendments: (1) the new language will appear as green bold underline; (2) language proposed to be deleted by the amendment will show in purple double strikethrough; and (3) orange double underlining shows deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in the amendment. An explanation of the amendment's styles is shown on the cover page of the amendment.

Transitory Provisions

The bill's transitory provisions will appear in sections follow the substantive sections of the bill. A transitory provision is a non-substantive provision that gives some further direction for how the bill should be interpreted. A transitory provision appears in black text only and it will not be given its own NRS number. However, the transitory provision may sometimes be codified as "Reviser's Note" following the NRS section to which it applies.

Perhaps the most common transitory provision is the effective date of the bill. An example of a specific effective date in a bill would be "This act becomes effective upon passage and approval" or "This act becomes effective on May 1, 2025." It should be noted, however, that bills do not need to contain a specific effective date. If this is the case, the bill automatically becomes effective on October 1 of the year in which the bill is passed, which, for this legislative session would be October 1, 2025. (NRS 218D.330) Other types of transitory provisions include appropriations, grandfather clauses, and repealers.

CHAPTER V
LEGISLATIVE STAFF AND FACILITIES

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the organizational structure and responsibilities of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and its staff. This chapter also discusses the staff of the Senate and Assembly and the various buildings that house operations of the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

The Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) is the permanent legislative agency that provides impartial assistance to the Legislature and facilitates core legislative operations year-round, both during legislative sessions and throughout the interim period between legislative sessions. (Chapter 218F of NRS) Uniquely, the Legislative Counsel Bureau is composed of two legislator-run bodies and a central office composed of nonpartisan staff who serve all members of the Legislature, regardless of political party. (NRS 218F.100)

The Legislative Counsel Bureau was established in 1945 after the Legislature recognized the need for more information and assistance to deal with the increasingly complex tasks of the Legislature. (Ch. 91, Statutes of Nevada 1945, 136-37) The Legislative Counsel Bureau of 1945 looked very different from the Legislative Counsel Bureau of today, consisting of one member of the Senate, one member of the Assembly, and the Governor, who served as Chair of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The 1945 version of the Legislative Counsel Bureau also appointed one person to serve as the Legislative Counsel. (*Id.*)

Over the years the organizational structure and duties of the Legislative Counsel Bureau drastically expanded. Today, the Legislative Counsel Bureau's responsibilities encompass functions from simple administrative duties to extensive powers of legislative oversight, policy research, and emergency appropriations. (Ch. 218F of NRS) Additionally, the Legislative Counsel Bureau of today organizationally consists of the Legislative Commission, the Interim Finance Committee, the Director, the Audit Division, the Fiscal Analysis Division, the Legal Division, the Research Division, and the Administrative Division. (NRS 218F.100) The following sections describe activities of these entities.

Legislative Commission

The Legislative Commission is housed within the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and it is composed of 12 legislator members. (NRS 218E.150) At each regular session, the Senate and the Assembly each designate six members, and alternates for those

members, to serve on the Legislative Commission. (*Id.*) The Joint Standing Rules establish: (1) the method of determining the majority and minority party regular and alternate membership on the Legislative Commission; (2) the method of filling vacancies on the Legislative Commission; (3) the method of selecting the Chair; and (4) the term of office of the Chair. (*Id.*; Joint Standing Rule 11, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Additionally, the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau acts as the nonvoting recording secretary for the Legislative Commission. (NRS 218E.155)

Each member of the Legislative Commission serves until the member's successor is appointed to the Legislative Commission. (NRS 218E.150) However, a retiring legislator or a legislator who has been defeated for reelection serves only until the day after the general election, and any resulting vacancy is filled in the same manner established for vacancies under the *Joint Standing Rules*. (*Id.*; Joint Standing Rule 11, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

In terms of responsibilities, the Legislative Commission exercises general policymaking and supervisory authority over the operations of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, assists the Legislature in maintaining its independent and coordinate status with the Executive and Judicial Departments of State Government, investigates any area within the competence of the Legislature, and performs various other tasks assigned to it by law. (NRS 218E.150 and 218E.175 to 218E.205, inclusive)

The Legislative Commission meets periodically throughout the year, as the accumulation of business requires. (NRS 218E.155) At these meetings, the Legislative Commission handles a variety of tasks. For example, at a single meeting, the Legislative Commission could approve administrative regulations, appoint members to committees and similar entities, and appoint the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (*See, e.g.*, NRS 218F.100, 219.020, and 233B.067)

Interim Finance Committee

The Legislature also created the Interim Finance Committee, which is housed within the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218F.100) The Interim Finance Committee is composed of legislators who were members of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means during the current or immediately preceding regular session. (NRS 218E.400) The position of Chair of the Interim Finance Committee alternates between the Chairs of the two legislative committees. Additionally, the Secretary of the Interim Finance Committee is the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (*Id.*)

The term of a legislator on the Interim Finance Committee expires on the convening of the next regular legislative session, unless a member is replaced before such time by the Speaker of the Assembly, for an Assembly member, or the Majority Leader of the Senate, for a Senator. However, a legislator's membership on the Interim

Finance Committee terminates on the next day after the general election in the case of a legislator's retirement or failure to be reelected. (*Id.*)

One of the main duties of the Interim Finance Committee is to administer the Contingency Account in the State General Fund between legislative sessions. (NRS 353.266 to 353.269, inclusive) In relevant part, the Contingency Account was set up for emergency use by state agencies to supplement regular appropriations that fail to cover certain unforeseen expenses when the Legislature is not in session. (NRS 353.266) Before the Interim Finance Committee allocates money from the Account, however, state agencies must follow various procedures to request the appropriation. (NRS 353.268 and 353.269)

The Interim Finance Committee also reviews state agency requests to accept certain gifts and grants, modify budgets for certain work programs, and reclassify state merit system positions in certain circumstances. (NRS 353.220, 353.224, and 353.335) Specifically, state agencies must receive prior approval of the Interim Finance Committee before they: (1) accept governmental grants in excess of \$200,000; (2) accept gifts or donations of a monetary value over \$200,000; (3) accept gifts or grants that involve the hiring of new employees; (4) amend work program budgets in an amount more than \$75,000, when considered with previous changes, would increase or decrease a budget category by the lesser of 20 percent or \$350,000; or (5) convert or reclassify certain merit system positions to another type of position when this conversion significantly changes the job scope or job duties of the position as budgeted by the Legislature. (*Id.*)

Additionally, when the Legislature is not in session, the Interim Finance Committee approves any change in the scope of the design or construction of certain 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. (NRS 341.145)

The Director

The Director functions as the executive head of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and supervises the Legislative Counsel Bureau's daily administrative and technical activities. (NRS 218F.110) The Legislative Commission appoints the Director, and the Director, in turn, appoints the heads of the Legislative Counsel Bureau's various divisions, subject to the approval of the Legislative Commission. (NRS 218F.100)

The Director has various budgetary and fiscal duties related to the operation of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. For example, the Director employs staff for the Legislative Counsel Bureau at salaries within the limits of legislative appropriations and the salary schedule approved by the Legislative Commission. (NRS 218F.110) The Director, or the Director's designee, also authorizes claims against the Legislative Fund and deposits money into and signs checks for the Special Account for

Intergovernmental Activities. (NRS 218A.150, 218F.200, and 218F.210) Additionally, the Director makes the necessary deductions and contributions for legislators' retirement. (NRS 218C.390)

On the operational side, the Director assigns space in and supervises the upkeep of the legislative facilities and grounds. (NRS 331.135) With the authorization of the Legislative Commission, the Director may also enter into agreements for the acquisition of property necessary to support the Legislature and its staff. (NRS 218E.180)

The Director is also given the statutory responsibility of registering lobbyists. (NRS 218H.200) This responsibility includes issuing identification badges to lobbyists, accepting registration statements from lobbyists, receiving reports from lobbyists, and conducting investigations regarding lobbyists. (NRS 218H.200, 218H.300, 218H.400, and 218H.530) Additional information related to lobbying can be found in Chapter VI of this Manual.

The Director also has various duties related to various legislative committees. For example, the Director serves as Secretary to the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee. (NRS 218E.155 and 218E.400) The Director or the Director's designee also serves as the secretary for various other legislative committees. (*See, e.g.*, NRS 218E.325, 218E.560, and 218E.755)

The Audit Division

The Audit Division is one of the five divisions in the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218F.100) The Legislative Auditor serves as the chief of the Audit Division and is supported by experienced staff who are familiar with government operations and accounting. (NRS 218F.100, 218G.100, and 218G.110)

One of the main focuses of the Audit Division is to conduct legislative audits of governmental entities, certain organizations that receive public funds, and entities that provide certain services for children. (Ch. 218G of NRS) These audits are conducted in accordance with rigorous professional standards for the purpose of providing an independent and unbiased evaluation of the entity's operations. (NRS 218G.110)

The findings and recommendations of the Audit Division are published in formal reports, which include suggestions for change. (NRS 218G.230) The final audit reports are then presented at a meeting of the Legislative Commission or the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission. (NRS 218G.240) However, if the Legislature is in session and the Chair of the Legislative Commission or the Chair of the Audit Subcommittee does not call a meeting within five days after being notified that an audit report is ready for presentation, the Legislative Auditor issues the report. (NRS 218G.230) After presentation of the final audit report, the Audit Division makes

copies of the audit report available to each member of the Legislature, state officials, and the public. (NRS 218G.240)

In addition to preparing audit reports, the Audit Division reviews corrective action plans and status reports that are required to be filed by audited agencies under certain circumstances after the presentation of the final audit report. (NRS 218G.250 and 218G.270)

Overall, the Audit Division improves accountability and effectiveness in state government through the performance of legislative audits. (Chapter 218G of NRS)

The Fiscal Analysis Division

The Fiscal Analysis Division is one of five divisions contained in the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218F.100) It is responsible for various tasks related to analyzing the state's fiscal policy. (NRS 218F.100 and 218F.600). The Fiscal Analysis Division is led by the Senate Fiscal Analyst and the Assembly Fiscal Analyst. (NRS 218F.100)

The Fiscal Analysis Division examines the Executive Budget each fiscal year. (NRS 353.205) Additionally, every even-numbered year, the Fiscal Analysis Division also receives and interprets factual data related to the fiscal conditions of state and local governments and performs a budget stress test. (NRS 353.210 and 218F.600)

The Fiscal Analysis Division also administers the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation (LeBeape). (NRS 218E.625) The Bureau is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and conducting studies related to certain educational programs. (*Id.*)

During legislative sessions, the Fiscal Analysis Division analyzes appropriations bills, revenue bills, and bills that have a fiscal impact. (NRS 218F.600) To this point, the Fiscal Analysis Division prepares fiscal notes for bills and joint resolutions with certain fiscal implications. (NRS 218D.430 to 218D.495, inclusive) For more information related to fiscal notes, see Chapter IV of this Manual.

In this vein, the Fiscal Analysis Division provides fiscal and other administrative support to various standing and interim committees whose jurisdiction encompasses fiscal subjects, such as those committees dealing with revenue and other budgetary matters and the Interim Finance Committee. (NRS 218F.600) More information on the standing and interim committees can be found in this chapter and Chapter IV of the Manual.

The Fiscal Analysis Division also prepares various reports documenting the fiscal actions of the state. (*See generally* NRS 218F.600) For example, the Fiscal Analysis

Division prepares the Appropriations Report, which describes the fiscal and tax actions of the Legislature during the previous session.

Overall, the Fiscal Analysis Division provides essential support to the Legislature in its exercise of the power of the purse.

The Legal Division

The Legal Division is also housed within the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218F.100) It provides a wide variety of legal support to the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Legislature. (NRS 218F.700 and 218F.710). The Legal Division is led by the Legislative Counsel and General Counsel and is staffed by attorneys, paralegals, editors, indexers, and document technicians. (NRS 218F.700)

One of the Legal Division's primary duties is to draft bills and resolutions for legislative sessions. (NRS 218D.050 to 218D.220). More information related to the bill drafting process can be found in Chapter IV of this Manual. After each session, the Legal Division compiles the newly enacted and amended laws and codifies them into the Nevada Revised Statutes. (NRS 220.100 to 220.125, inclusive)

During legislative sessions and throughout the interim, the attorneys of the Legal Division also provide real-time legal advice and other legal support as Committee Counsels to each standing and interim committee. (NRS 218F.700 and 218F.710) More information related to the standing and interim committees can be found in this chapter and Chapter IV of this Manual.

The Legal Division also issues legal opinions, which interpret questions of law, regardless of whether the questions pertain to existing or proposed law. (NRS 218F.710) A legal opinion may be requested by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, a legislator, or a committee of the Legislature. (*Id.*)

At the direction of the Legislative Commission, or the Chair of the Legislative Commission under certain circumstances, the Legal Division also appears in, commences, prosecutes, defends, and intervenes in actions, suits, or other judicial or administrative proceedings to protect the official interests of the Legislature or any of its committees. (NRS 218F.720)

Additionally, the Legal Division is responsible for reviewing certain regulations adopted by the agencies of the Executive Department of the State Government. (NRS 233B.063). The Legal Division revises, if appropriate, the language of each regulation so that it is clear, concise, and appropriate for incorporation into the Nevada Administrative Code. (*Id.*) Additionally, the Legal Division codifies all adopted regulations that have been approved by the Legislative Commission in the Nevada Administrative Code. (NRS 233B.062)

The Legal Division acts as the chief legal adviser and legal counsel to the Legislative Department of State Government, supplying daily legal services that are essential to its fluid operations.

The Research Division

The Research Division is also housed within the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218F.100) The Research Division provides various informational and policy services for the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Legislature. (NRS 218F.810) The Research Division is led by the Research Director and is staffed by individuals with a wide variety of policy expertise. (NRS 218F.100 and 218F.800)

One of the primary responsibilities of the Research Division is to prepare and respond to requests for policy information, analysis, and assistance from legislators. (NRS 218F.810) In this vein, the Research Division provides policy and other administrative support to the standing committees during legislative sessions and the majority of the interim committees. (*Id.*) More information on standing and interim committees can be found in this chapter and Chapter IV of this Manual.

Additionally, the Research Division produces policy-related documents and answers requests for information from state agencies, legislative staff in other states, businesses, legislative constituents, and the public. The Research Division also staffs the Research Library, which provides professional library services, and a Constituent Services Unit that provides assistance to legislators with constituent concerns. (*Id.*)

In summary, the primary function of the Research Division is to provide legislators, legislative staff, and members of the public under certain circumstances with research services and all types of information regarding legislative issues that are not specifically fiscal or legal in nature.

The Administrative Division

The Administrative Division is also housed in the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218F.100) The Administrative Division provides operating and technical support to the other divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and to the Legislature. (NRS 218F.500) The support offered by the Administrative Division encompasses a wide variety of tasks, including: (1) broadcast and production services; (2) control of inventory, purchasing, and warehouse operations; (3) information technology services; (4) janitorial services; (5) construction, landscaping, and maintenance of legislative buildings and grounds; (6) preserving and maintaining order and security; (7) accounting and other financial services; and (8) other duties assigned to the Administrative Division by the Legislative Commission. (NRS 218F.500 and 218F.520)

SENATE AND ASSEMBLY STAFF

In addition to the services provided by the Legislative Counsel Bureau's staff, each house of the Legislature employs staff that is necessary for the operations of the house. (NRS 218A.510 to 218A.550, inclusive, and 218A.605) During sessions, the number of staff members employed by the houses increases to approximately 200 committee staff members, personal secretaries, and other people who ensure that the legislative sessions function smoothly. During the legislative interim, several staff members for each house of the Legislature remain in their positions and continue to perform various functions, including the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly. (*Id.*) Additional information related to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly can be found in Chapter IV of this Manual.

LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES

The staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Senate and Assembly are located at various facilities in Carson City and Las Vegas. A detailed directory of legislative staff is included in the "Directory of State and Local Government" at the end of this Manual.

The Legislative Building

The Legislative Building is located at 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701. It contains the chambers of the Senate and Assembly and is the heart of the legislative sessions. The Legislative Building houses the staff of the Senate and Assembly, as well as the Legal and Administrative Divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The Research Library is also located on the first floor of the Legislative Building. The floor plan of the Legislative Building may be found in Appendix H.

The Sedway Office Building

The Sedway Office Building is located at 333 E. 5th Street, Carson City, NV 89701. It contains the Audit, Fiscal Analysis, and Research Divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The State Printing Office

The State Printing Office is located at 301 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. This building contains the staff of the State Printing Office and various other divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The building also houses the Legislative Counsel Bureau's warehouse operations.

The Nevada Legislature Office Building

The Nevada Legislature Office Building is located at 7230 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119. It includes offices for legislators and staff of the Administrative and Research Divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, as well as the Legislative Police. This building has one large committee room with videoconference capabilities which can accommodate up to 120 people. It also includes conference and caucus rooms for legislators with real-time communication equipment. Additionally, one of two gift shops in southern Nevada is located in this facility, as well as a cafeteria.

The State of Nevada Building—Legislative Counsel Bureau

The State of Nevada Building-Legislative Counsel Bureau is located at 700 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 300, Las Vegas, NV 89119. The third floor of the building includes offices for the Audit and Legal Divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The Legislative Counsel Bureau manages this property and leases the other floors of the building to the following state agencies:

- Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board, Suite 100
- Nevada Department of Taxation, Suite 200
- Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau, Suite 300

Legislative Hearing Rooms

The Legislative Hearing Rooms building is located at 7120 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119. The building accommodates up to nine committee rooms with videoconference capabilities as well as legislator caucus room space with real-time communications. One of the two gift shops in southern Nevada is located in this facility.

CHAPTER VI
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INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act (Lobbying Act), which applies to people who lobby the Legislative Department of State Government. (Ch. 218H of NRS) In simplest terms, this Act contemplates the registration and disclosure requirements for lobbyists and prohibits certain conduct of lobbyists. (*Id.*)

ADMINISTRATION

The Lobbying Act is administered by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (Director), who is authorized to interpret the Lobbying Act and take other actions that are necessary to administer the Lobbying Act. (NRS 218H.500 to 218H.530, inclusive) Additionally, the Legislative Commission is authorized to adopt regulations to carry out the Lobbying Act, and the Legislative Commission has done so in its adoption of the *Guidance on Lobbying*, which was adopted on December 28, 2022, and can be found on the Legislature’s Internet website. (NRS 218H.500)

WHO IS A “LOBBYIST”?

The Lobbying Act applies to persons who meet the definition of a “lobbyist.” That term is defined as follows:

1. “Lobbyist” means, except as limited by subsection 2, a person who communicates directly with a member of the Legislative Branch on behalf of someone other than himself or herself to influence legislative action, whether or not any compensation is received for the communication.
2. “Lobbyist” does not include:
 - (a) Persons who confine their activities to formal appearances before legislative committees and who clearly identify themselves and the interest or interests for whom they are testifying.
 - (b) Employees of a bona fide news medium who meet the definition of “lobbyist” set forth in subsection 1 only in the course of their professional duties and who contact Legislators for the sole purpose of carrying out their news gathering function.
 - (c) Employees of departments, divisions or agencies of the state government who appear before legislative committees only to explain the effect of legislation or any other legislative action related to their departments, divisions or agencies.

(d) Members of the Legislative Branch who are exercising, performing or carrying out their powers, functions, duties or responsibilities on matters relating to legislation or any other legislative action.

(e) Elected officers of this State and its political subdivisions who confine their lobbying activities to issues directly related to the scope of the office to which they were elected.

(f) Persons who contact the Legislators who are elected from the district in which they reside.

(g) Persons who are clients of a lobbyist, unless those persons engage in any activities that independently meet the definition of “lobbyist” set forth in subsection 1.

(h) Persons who confine their lobbying activities to communicating directly with one or more members of the Legislative Branch only on an infrequent or irregular basis and who do not otherwise engage in any lobbying activities, unless those persons engage in a pattern of conduct that is substantially similar to engaging in lobbying activities on a recurrent or regular basis.

(NRS 218H.080)

REGISTRATION

A person who acts as a lobbyist during a regular or special session is required to file a registration statement with the Director not later than 2 days after beginning the lobbying activity. (NRS 218H.200) The registration statement must be filed electronically on the Legislature’s Internet website and the lobbyist must pay a registration fee under certain circumstances. (*Guidance on Lobbying Adopted by the Legis. Comm’n* (Nev. Dec. 28, 2022)) The registration fees are as follows:

- Paid lobbyists must pay \$300 for regular sessions and \$50 for special sessions.
- Paid lobbyists representing only nonprofit organizations must pay \$100 for regular sessions and \$20 for special sessions.
- Nonpaid lobbyists must pay \$20 for regular sessions and \$20 for special sessions.
- Nonpaid veteran lobbyists must pay \$0 for regular session and \$0 for special sessions.

The initial registration statement must include the lobbyist’s name, a photograph of the lobbyist, certain contact information concerning the lobbyist and the employer or business of the lobbyist, and certain other information. (NRS 218H.210) The initial

registration statement must also identify the lobbyist's clients and certain associations with legislators under certain circumstances. (*Id.*)

Once the Director registers the lobbyist, the lobbyist will be furnished an identification badge that must be worn whenever the lobbyist appears in the Legislative Building. (NRS 218H.300)

If any information changes on the lobbyist's initial registration statement, the lobbyist must file a supplementary registration statement with the Director not later than 24 hours after the change, if it occurred during a regular or special session, or not later than 14 days after the change if it occurred during the interim. (NRS 218H.220) If the lobbyist terminates the lobbying activity during a regular or special session, the person must file a termination notice with the Director not later than 30 days after the termination. (NRS 218H.230)

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

During a regular or special session, each lobbyist is required to electronically file a report concerning their lobbying activities for the previous month with the Director. (NRS 218H.400) Each lobbyist is also required to electronically file a final report with the Director not later than 30 days after the close of the session. (*Id.*)

The reports must disclose the lobbyist's expenditures, and if the total expenditures exceed \$50, the expenditures must be itemized on the report. (*Id.*) The term "expenditure" is defined under the Lobbying Act as follows:

1. "Expenditure" means any of the following acts by a lobbyist while the Legislature is in a regular or special session:

(a) Any payment, conveyance, transfer, distribution, deposit, advance, loan, forbearance, subscription, pledge or rendering of money, services or anything else of value; or

(b) Any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any such expenditure.

2. The term includes, without limitation:

(a) Anything of value provided for an educational or informational meeting, event or trip.

(b) The cost of a party, meal, function or other social event to which every Legislator is invited.

3. The term does not include:

(a) A prohibited gift.

(b) A lobbyist's personal expenditures for his or her own food, beverages, lodging, travel expenses or membership fees or dues.

(NRS 218H.050)

If a lobbyist files a report late, the lobbyist must pay a \$10 late fee to the Director, unless the lobbyist is a nonpaid lobbyist or nonpaid veteran lobbyist, in which case there is not a late filing fee. (NRS 218H.410; *Guidance on Lobbying Adopted by the Legis. Comm'n* (Nev. Dec. 22, 2022))

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

The Lobbying Act prohibits certain conduct of lobbyists. (NRS 218H.900, 218H.930, and 218H.950) A violation of any such prohibition is punishable as a misdemeanor. (NRS 218H.960) Additionally, the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau may suspend or revoke the registration of a lobbyist who violates the Lobbying Act. (NRS 218H.530) Moreover, a district court may issue an injunction to enforce the Lobbying Act upon application by the Attorney General. (NRS 218H.540)

Misrepresentations

The Lobbying Act prohibits a lobbyist from indicating that the lobbyist has authorization from a legislator to request a professional service from an employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau when the lobbyist does not have that authorization. (NRS 218H.900) Additionally, if a lobbyist obtains a legislator's authorization to request a professional service from an employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the lobbyist is prohibited from misrepresenting the scope of that authorization. For purposes of these prohibitions, "professional service" means "conducting legal, fiscal or policy research or analysis, drafting a bill, resolution or amendment, or otherwise engaging in work for which an employee is professionally trained or qualified." (*Id.*)

A lobbyist is also prohibited from knowingly or willfully making false statements or misrepresentations of facts to members of the Legislative Branch for the purpose of persuading or influencing the member into taking a legislative action. (NRS 218H.930)

Finally, a lobbyist is prohibited from knowingly or willfully making a false statement or misrepresentation of fact in a registration statement or report required under the Lobbying Act. In this vein, and with certain exceptions, a person is prohibited from knowingly acting as a lobbyist during a regular or special session without being registered as a lobbyist. (*Id.*)

Gifts

One of the main aspects of the Lobbying Act is its gift prohibitions, which act to: (1) restrict lobbyists from knowingly and willfully giving gifts to members of the Legislative Branch and their immediate family; and (2) restrict members of the Legislative Branch and their immediate family from knowingly or willfully soliciting or accepting a gift from a lobbyist. (NRS 218H.930) This prohibition applies year-round regardless of whether the Legislature is in session. (*Id.*)

PROHIBITED GIFT RECIPIENTS

The Lobbying Act identifies two groups of people as prohibited gift recipients: (1) members of the Legislative Branch; and (2) immediate family of those persons. (*Id.*) However, each of these groups are composed of several subgroups of people who are prohibited gift recipients.

As relates to the first group of prohibited gift recipients, the term “members of the Legislative Branch” is defined as “any Legislator, any member of the Legislator’s staff or any officer, employee, assistant or other person employed with reference to the legislative duties of the Legislator or the Legislative Branch, regardless of whether they are paid or otherwise compensated to serve in their positions.” (NRS 218H.090, 218H.930) Thus, the term “member of the Legislative Branch” can be further broken down into two subgroups of people: (1) legislators; and (2) legislative staff.

Although, the term “legislator” is not a defined term under the Lobbying Act, the term is defined for the purpose of Title 17 of NRS, which encompasses the Lobbying Act. Therefore, the title-wide definition for “legislator” applies for purposes of the Lobbying Act and means “a person elected or appointed as a member of the Senate or Assembly.” (NRS 218A.072) Thus, all legislators, regardless of the method by which they are seated, are prohibited gift recipients under the Lobbying Act. However, it is important to note that the timing of when the gift prohibitions apply to the legislator is dependent on when the legislator begins their term of office.

For purposes of elected legislators, their terms of office in the Senate or Assembly begin on the day after their election. Therefore, the gift prohibitions would apply to elected legislators on the day after their election, regardless of whether the member-elect has taken the official oath of office or has been seated in the Senate or Assembly. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4)

Contrastingly, appointed legislators begin their terms of office “from the time of their qualification,” which means at the time that they receive their certificate of appointment and take the official oath of office. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 12; Art. 15, Sec. 2; NRS 218A.220, 218A.260, 282.010, and 283.130) Once the appointee completes these tasks, they are qualified to take office, and therefore subject to the gift prohibition provisions of the Lobbying Act, regardless of whether the appointed legislator has been seated in the Senate or Assembly. (NRS 282.010)

The second group of people covered under the umbrella term “members of the Legislative Branch” is “any member of the Legislator’s staff or any officer, employee, assistant or other person employed with reference to the legislative duties of the Legislator or the Legislative Branch, regardless of whether they are paid or otherwise compensated to serve in their positions.” (NRS 218H.090) It is important to note that this part of the definition is not dependent on compensation or full-time employment.

Therefore, the gift prohibitions would apply broadly to all legislative staff, including full-time and part-time employees and unpaid volunteers and interns.

The second group of people to which the gift prohibitions apply is the “immediate family” of members of the Legislative Branch. (NRS 218H.930) The term “immediate family” means any of the following: (1) the spouse or domestic partner of the person; (2) a relative who lives in the same home or dwelling as the person; or (3) a relative who does not live in the same home or dwelling as the person but who is dependent on and receiving substantial support from the person. (NRS 218H.065) Moreover, a “relative” is someone related to the person, or to the spouse or domestic partner of the person by blood, adoption, marriage, or domestic partnership within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity. (*Id.*) Therefore, any such spouse, domestic partner, or relative of a legislator or legislative staff is similarly restricted by the gift prohibitions under the Lobbyist Act.

WHAT IS A “GIFT”?

One of the main considerations in determining whether the gift prohibitions have been violated is the determination of whether the thing or service exchanged qualifies as a “gift.” The term “gift” is defined in relevant part as “any payment, conveyance, transfer, distribution, deposit, advance, loan, forbearance, subscription, pledge or rendering of money, services or anything else of value.” (NRS 218H.060) In simple terms, a “gift” means anything with even a *de minimis* value, including, goods, services, food, beverages, entertainment, etc. (*Id.*) This point is further emphasized from the legislative history of the gift prohibition section of law, which used to allow gifts that were valued less than \$100. (Section 12 of Senate Bill 307, chapter 320, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at 1717 (amending NRS 218H.930)) Therefore, if the exchanged good or service has any value, it would be considered a gift under the Lobbying Act, unless one of the specific exceptions applies to the exchange. These exceptions are explained in greater detail in the following sections.

EQUAL OR GREATER CONSIDERATION EXCEPTION

The Lobbying Act does not consider something a “gift” if “consideration of equal or greater value is received.” (NRS 218H.060)

For example, if a lobbyist is also a lawyer and a legislator hires the lobbyist-lawyer and pays fair market value for private legal services, such as representing the legislator in an administrative or judicial proceeding, the private legal services would not be included within the definition of the term “gift” because the legislator provided consideration of equal or greater value in the exchange for the private legal services.

By contrast, if the legislator hires the lobbyist-lawyer to represent the legislator in an administrative or judicial proceeding, but the lobbyist-lawyer provides the private

legal services to the legislator for free or “pro bono,” the free private legal services would be included within the definition of the term “gift,” unless another one of the exceptions applies. For example, the free private legal services would not be included within the definition of the term “gift” if the lobbyist-lawyer is a member of the legislator’s household or a relative of the legislator within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity.

It should be noted, however, that a lobbyist-lawyer who provides legal services as part of the legislative process on behalf of the lobbyist-lawyer’s client who is not a legislator, such as proposing, drafting, or reviewing bills or amendments on behalf of the lobbyist-lawyer’s client, is not providing legal services to a legislator. Instead, the lobbyist-lawyer is providing legal services to the lobbyist-lawyer’s private client, and those legal services would not be considered a gift to the legislator.

Thus, if adequate consideration is provided in exchange for the good or service, it is not a “gift” for purposes of the Lobbying Act.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION EXCEPTION

The Lobbying Act specifically excludes “a political contribution of money or services related to a political campaign” from the meaning of “gift.” (NRS 218H.060) Practically, this exception means that a legislator may accept a lobbyist’s political contribution without violating the gift prohibition provisions of the Lobbying Act. However, such political contributions are prohibited during certain statutorily prescribed black-out periods. (NRS 218H.930 and 294A.300)

COMMERCIALLY REASONABLE LOAN EXCEPTION

The definition of “gift” under the Lobbying Act also explicitly excludes “a commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business.” (NRS 218H.060) It is important to note that the loan must require repayment on commercially reasonable terms, including at an interest rate that is considered commercially reasonable, and the loan must be made in the ordinary course of business in the same manner as similar loans to any other person. Practically, this means that a lobbyist may make a commercially reasonable loan to a legislator or legislative staff, or their family, without violating the gift prohibition provisions of the Lobbying Act.

EDUCATIONAL OR INFORMATIONAL MEETING, EVENT, OR TRIP EXCEPTION

The Lobbying Act provides a specific exception to the meaning of “gift” for educational or informational meetings, events, or trips. (NRS 218H.060) The term “educational or informational meeting, event or trip” is defined as follows:

1. “Educational or informational meeting, event or trip” means any meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a Legislator if, in connection with the meeting, event or trip:

(a) The Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household receives anything of value from a lobbyist to undertake or attend the meeting, event or trip; and

(b) The Legislator provides or receives any education or information on matters relating to the legislative, administrative or political action of the Legislator.

2. The term includes, without limitation, any reception, gathering, conference, convention, discussion, forum, roundtable, seminar, symposium, speaking engagement or other similar meeting, event or trip with an educational or informational component.

3. The term does not include:

(a) A meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household for personal reasons or for reasons relating to any professional or occupational license held by the Legislator or the member of the Legislator’s household, unless the Legislator or the member of the Legislator’s household participates as one of the primary speakers, instructors or presenters at the meeting, event or trip.

(b) A meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household if the meeting, event or trip is undertaken or attended as part of his or her bona fide employment or service as an employee or independent contractor and anything of value received by the Legislator or the member of the Legislator’s household for the meeting, event or trip or otherwise paid for or reimbursed to the Legislator or the member of the Legislator’s household as part of his or her bona fide employment or service as an employee or independent contractor.

(c) A party, meal, function or other social event to which every Legislator is invited where educational or informational displays or materials are available but no formal speech, presentation or other similar action to educate or inform the Legislators occurs.

4. For the purposes of this section, “anything of value” includes, without limitation, any actual expenses for food, beverages, registration fees, travel or lodging provided or given to or paid for the benefit of the Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household or reimbursement for any such actual expenses paid by the Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household, if the expenses are incurred on a day during which the Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household undertakes or attends the meeting, event or trip or during which the Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household travels to or from the meeting, event or trip.

(NRS 218H.045)

It is important to note that the educational or informational meeting, event, or trip exception is specific to legislators and members of their households, and therefore, does not apply to legislative staff.

Practically, a legislator may accept an invitation from a lobbyist to attend an educational or informational meeting, event, or trip that is conducted, sponsored, hosted, or requested by an organization for educational or informational purposes, and the lobbyist may pay for or reimburse, in whole or in part, any expenses of the legislator or a member of the legislator's household to undertake or attend the meeting, event, or trip. (NRS 218H.045 and 218H.060) If the lobbyist makes the expenditures for the educational or informational meeting, event, or trip while the Legislature is in a regular or special session, the lobbyist must include those expenditures on the report of lobbying activities submitted by the lobbyist to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218H.050 and 218H.400)

However, it should be noted that the definition of an "educational or informational meeting, event or trip" does exclude various types of educational or informational meetings, events, or trips. (NRS 218H.045) Thus, the particular details of the educational or informational meeting, event, or trip should be analyzed to ensure that it falls within one of the exceptions.

PARTY, MEAL, FUNCTION, AND SOCIAL EVENT EXCEPTION

Another exception to the definition of "gift" is "the cost of a party, meal, function, or other social event to which every Legislator is invited, including, without limitation, the cost of food or beverages provided at the party, meal, function, or other social event." (NRS 218H.060) There is a presumption that every legislator is invited to the event if: (1) it is held at a governmental building, facility, or other property; or (2) the invitation or notice for the event indicates that it is a legislative event. (*Id.*)

It should be noted that this exception is not dependent on whether the member of the Legislative Branch actually attends the event. Thus, a lobbyist may pay for entertainment, food, and beverages provided to members of the Legislative Branch at a party, meal, function, or other social event, if every legislator is invited, without violating the gift prohibitions of the Lobbying Act.

If the party, meal, function, or other social event is hosted by the lobbyist while the Legislature is in a regular or special session, the lobbyist must include those expenditures on the report of lobbying activities submitted by the lobbyist to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218H.050 and 218H.400)

CEREMONIAL GIFT EXCEPTION

A ceremonial gift received for a birthday, wedding, anniversary, holiday, or other ceremonial occasion from a donor who is not a lobbyist is also an exception to the

definition of the term “gift.” (NRS 218H.060) This exception hinges on whether the person who gives the ceremonial gift is a lobbyist. If the donor is not a lobbyist, the ceremonial gift will be excluded from the prohibited gift provisions of the Lobbying Act. (*Id.*)

GIFTS FROM RELATIVES AND HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS EXCEPTION

The Lobbying Act excludes certain gifts given to a member of the Legislative Branch or their immediate family by: (1) a person who is related to the recipient, or to the spouse or domestic partner of the recipient, by blood, adoption, marriage, or domestic partnership within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity; and (2) a person who is a member of the recipient’s household. (NRS 218H.060) For example, if a lobbyist is the spouse of a legislator, the lobbyist-spouse would be able to give a gift to the legislator without violating the prohibited gift provisions of the Lobbying Act.

GIFTS TO EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR EXCEPTION

The final exception to what is considered a “gift” under the Lobbying Act is “anything of value received by a person as part of the person’s bona fide employment or service as an employee or independent contractor or otherwise paid for or reimbursed to the person as part of his or her bona fide employment or service as an employee or independent contractor.” (NRS 218H.060)

Accordingly, if a public or private employer provides an employee or independent contractor with any of the following, the employer is doing so in exchange for the services of the employee or independent contractor:

- Free meals, drinks, snacks, desserts, or other food or beverages.
- Advances, payments, or reimbursements for job-related travel expenses, including, without limitation, airfare, ground transportation, mileage costs, lodging, incidentals, meals, per diem, and other travel expenses.
- Job-related training, education, instruction, and information.

The following are some examples to illustrate these principles, but the examples are not intended to be exhaustive or exclusive:

- If a public or private employer provides coffee, snacks, food, or other beverages at the workplace for its employees and independent contractors, the employer is doing so in exchange for the services of its employees and independent contractors, so the food or beverages are not a gift.

- If a public or private employer pays for a holiday party or other celebratory event for its employees and independent contractors, the employer is doing so in exchange for the services of its employees and independent contractors, so any food, beverages, awards, or prizes provided at the party or event are not a gift.
- If the State reimburses a legislator for legislative-related travel expenses, the State is doing so in exchange for the service of the legislator, and the reimbursement is not a gift.
- If a legislator is an accountant and the legislator-accountant's private employer reimburses the legislator-accountant for travel expenses related to the legislator's private employment as an accountant, the private employer is doing so in exchange for the services of the legislator as an accountant, and the reimbursement is not a gift.
- If a public or private employer pays or provides job-related training, education, instruction, or information, whether in-house or outsourced, the employer is doing so in exchange for the services of its employees and independent contractors, and the training, education, instruction, or information is not a gift.

Thus, certain services and goods provided to legislators and their immediate families in the context of their employment are not considered gifts for the purposes of the prohibited gift provisions of the Lobbying Act.

Conduct Related to Money and Employment

The Lobbying Act also prohibits certain compensation, reimbursement, and employment schemes. For example, a client of a lobbyist is prohibited from making the lobbyist's compensation or reimbursement contingent on the outcome of any legislative action. (NRS 218H.930) Additionally, a member of the Legislative or Executive Department of State Government and an elected officer or employee of a political subdivision is prohibited from receiving compensation or reimbursement other than from the State or political subdivision for personally engaging in lobbying. However, an elected officer or employee of a political subdivision may receive compensation or reimbursement from an organization whose membership consists of elected or appointed public officers. (*Id.*)

In this vein, a lobbyist may not instigate the introduction of legislation for the purpose of obtaining employment to lobby in opposition of the legislation. (*Id.*) Additionally, with certain exceptions, a former legislator is prohibited from receiving compensation or other consideration to act as a lobbyist from the time the legislator leaves office to the date on which the next regular session adjourns sine die. (NRS 218H.950)

Finally, a lobbyist is prohibited from making, committing to make, or offering to make a monetary contribution to a legislator and certain other public officials and public officials-elect during certain time periods. (NRS 218H.930)

CHAPTER VII
ETHICS AND PROHIBITED ACTS

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contemplates ethical standards that are applicable to legislators and legislative staff and details the enforcement mechanisms for violations of those standards. This chapter also discusses criminal conduct related to the Legislative Department.

ETHICAL STANDARDS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST INVOLVING CORE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

The Nevada Constitution vests the Senate and Assembly, respectively, with plenary and exclusive constitutional powers to govern, control, and regulate their membership and their internal organization, affairs, and management. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; *Commission on Ethics v. Hardy*, 125 Nev. 285 (2009); *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 2-3 and 560-564 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) Moreover, the Nevada Constitution affords the Senate and Assembly, respectively, with plenary and exclusive constitutional power to govern, control, and regulate non-legislators who disrespect the house and to prohibit and sanction offensive behavior committed against the house by a non-legislator. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 7; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 805-806 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020); Luther S. Cushing, *Elements of the Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies*, Secs. 690-695 (Boston, Mass., Little, Brown and Co., 1856)) The Senate and Assembly, respectively, also possess certain inherent powers of self-protection and self-preservation to govern, control, and regulate its membership and internal organization, affairs, and management. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 2 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020); *Cushing's Legislative Assemblies*, Sec. 533)) The Legislature has exercised these constitutional and inherent powers to establish ethical standards which bind legislators and other participants in the legislative process.

LEGISLATIVE CODE OF ETHICAL STANDARDS

In exercising their constitutional and inherent powers, the Senate and Assembly have adopted a Legislative Code of Ethical Standards (Ethics Code). (Joint Standing Rule 37, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Ethics Code applies to legislators, members of legislative staff, and lobbyists, and it creates ethical standards that regulate persons who participate in the legislative process and prohibits and sanctions certain ethical violations. (Joint Standing Rule 40, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Substantively, the Ethics Code requires legislators, members of legislative staff, and lobbyists to behave properly, appropriately, and honorably with each other and with members of the public that engage in the legislative process. (Joint Standing Rule 37, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) Additionally, the Ethics Code requires legislators, members of legislative staff, and lobbyists to encourage, promote, and secure an atmosphere in which ethical behavior is the highest priority and is practiced unceasingly and without fail. (*Id.*)

The Ethics Code also prohibits legislators, members of legislative staff, and lobbyists from engaging in conduct that creates the appearance of impropriety. Additionally, legislators, members of legislative staff, and lobbyists are prohibited from engaging in improper, inappropriate, or dishonorable conduct that is unbecoming to the legislative process or is inconsistent with or undermines the people's faith, trust, and confidence in the integrity of the legislative process. The Ethics Code specifically outlines the following conduct as prohibited:

- Conduct intended to threaten, harass, intimidate, or improperly influence another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- Conduct that creates a hostile work environment for another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- Conduct that causes harm or serious emotional distress, or the reasonable apprehension thereof, to another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- Conduct that involves impolite, disrespectful, or disorderly behavior that results in unreasonable or harmful interference with another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- Conduct that involves false or misleading accusations or allegations against another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- Conduct that involves dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.
- Conduct that is intended to assist or induce another person to violate or attempt to violate the Ethics Code.

(*Id.*)

The terms “member of legislative staff” and “lobbyist” are specifically defined for the purpose of the Ethics Code. (Joint Rules 35 and 36, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

For purposes of the Ethics Code, the term “member of legislative staff” is defined as “any member of a legislator’s staff or any officer, employee, assistant, or other person employed with reference to the legislative duties of a legislator or the Legislative Branch, regardless of whether they are paid or otherwise compensated to serve in their positions.” (Joint Standing Rule 36, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The term is extremely broad and applies to full and part time positions as well as compensated and unpaid positions. For example, the term would cover employees, attaches, interns, and other staff of the Senate, Assembly, a legislative committee or caucus, the Legislative Counsel Bureau, or any other body of the Legislative Department of State Government. (*Id.*)

The term “lobbyist” is defined for purposes of the Ethics Code as a person who: (1) is required to register under the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act; or (2) represents the interests of any lobbying client to a legislator or member of legislative staff. The term “lobbyist” under the Ethics Code similarly excludes persons who are excluded from the term “lobbyist” for purposes of the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act. (Ch. 218H of NRS; Joint Standing Rule 35, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Anyone who believes that a legislator, a member of legislative staff, or a lobbyist has violated the Ethics Code may file a complaint alleging the violation in accordance with the Senate Standing Rules or Assembly Standing Rules, as applicable. (Joint Standing Rule 38, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) However, a person may not file a complaint alleging the same or similar conduct in both houses. (*Id.*)

Conflicts of Interest

Each legislator is required to determine whether the legislator has a conflict of interest regarding any matter that comes before the legislator. (Senate Standing Rule 23, and Assembly Standing Rule 23, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) A conflict of interest arises if the legislator would be materially affected by the legislator’s: (1) acceptance of a gift or loan; (2) private or economic interest; or (3) commitment to a member of the legislator’s household or immediate family. (*Id.*)

If a legislator knows that the legislator has a conflict of interest, the legislator is required to make a general disclosure of the conflict of interest on the record in a committee meeting or on the floor, and the disclosure must be recorded in the committee minutes or journal, as applicable. However, if the legislator has previously made such a general disclosure on one or more occasions during the current legislative session, the legislator is not required to make the general disclosure again concerning the same conflict of interest, and instead may reference the previous disclosure on the record. (*Id.*)

In determining whether to abstain from voting upon, advocating, or opposing a matter in which the legislator has a conflict of interest, a legislator is required to analyze: (1) whether the conflict of interest impedes the legislator's independent judgment; and (2) whether the legislator's interest is greater than the interests of an entire class of persons who are similarly situated to the legislator. If a legislator abstains from voting due to a conflict of interest, the necessary quorum to act upon and the number of votes necessary to act upon the matter is reduced by one. (*Id.*)

It should be noted that the conflict-of-interest rules do not prohibit a legislator with a conflict of interest from requesting or introducing a legislative measure concerning the underlying conflict. Additionally, even if the legislator has a conflict of interest, the legislator is not required to take any particular action before or while requesting or introducing the legislative measure. (*Id.*)

If a person believes that a legislator has a conflict of interest, the person may file a complaint alleging the conflict of interest in accordance with the Senate Standing Rules or Assembly Standing Rules, as applicable. (*Id.*)

Ethics Proceedings in the Senate

In the Senate, ethics and conflict of interest complaints are handled by the Senate's Committee on Ethics. (Senate Standing Rule 23, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Committee on Ethics is composed of six members: (1) two members from the majority party appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate; (2) one member from the minority party appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and (3) three qualified electors, two of whom are appointed by the Majority Leader and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader. In addition to the regular members, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader also appoint alternative members to the Committee on Ethics and the regular and alternative members serve on the Committee on Ethics until the next regular session. (*Id.*)

The Committee on Ethics is: (1) authorized to hear requests brought by Senators for advice on specific questions of potential breaches of ethics and conflicts of interests; and (2) required to hear complaints brought by Senators and members of the public on specific questions of breaches of ethics and conflicts of interests. If the proceedings of the Committee on Ethics relate to the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, the proceedings are confidential, unless the subject of the proceedings waives the confidentiality or otherwise discloses the content of the proceedings or materials. (*Id.*)

To file a complaint that alleges a breach of ethics or conflict of interest in the Senate, an individual must file the complaint in writing, signed under penalty of perjury with the Legislative Counsel. The Legislative Counsel will then review the complaint and other supporting material and confer with the Chair of the Committee

on Ethics, or the Vice Chair, if the Chair is the subject of the complaint, to determine whether the Committee on Ethics has jurisdiction over the matter and whether an investigation is warranted on the matter. (*Id.*)

If it is determined that the Committee on Ethics has jurisdiction over the matter and an investigation is warranted by the matter, the Legislative Counsel will send a written notice of that fact and a copy of the complaint to the person that is subject to the complaint. Alternatively, if it determined that the Committee on Ethics does not have jurisdiction over the matter or an investigation is not warranted on the matter, the Legislative Counsel will send a notice of that fact to the person that filed the complaint. (*Id.*)

Ethics Proceedings in the Assembly

Similar to the Senate, ethics and conflicts of interest complaints in the Assembly are handled by the Assembly Select Committee on Ethics. (Assembly Standing Rule 23, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023)) The Select Committee on Ethics is composed of six members: (1) two members from the majority party appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; (2) one member from the minority party appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly; and (3) three qualified electors, two of whom are appointed by the Speaker, and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader. The Speaker and Minority Leader also appoint alternate members to the Select Committee on Ethics, and the regular and alternate members serve on the Select Committee on Ethics until the next regular session. (*Id.*)

The Select Committee on Ethics is authorized to hear requests brought by Assemblymembers for advice on questions concerning breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest. Additionally, the Select Committee on Ethics hears complaints brought by Assemblymembers and members of the public alleging breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest. If a proceeding of the Select Committee on Ethics concerns the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, the proceedings are confidential, unless confidentiality is waived by the person subject to the proceedings or the person discloses the content of the proceeding or its materials to the public. (*Id.*)

To file a complaint alleging a breach of ethics or conflict of interest with the Select Committee on Ethics, a person must submit a written complaint, signed under penalty of perjury, to the Legislative Counsel. The Legislative Counsel is required to review the complaint and other supporting materials and consult with the Chair of the Select Committee on Ethics, or the Vice Chair, if the Chair is the subject of the complaint, to determine whether the Select Committee on Ethics has jurisdiction over the matter and an investigation is warranted on the matter. (*Id.*)

If it is determined that the Select Committee on Ethics has jurisdiction over the complaint and an investigation is warranted on the matter, the Legislative Counsel will send notice of that fact and a copy of the complaint to the person subject to the complaint. Alternatively, if it determined that the Select Committee on Ethics does not have jurisdiction over the complaint or an investigation is not warranted on the matter, the Legislative Counsel will send a notice of that fact to the person that filed the complaint. (*Id.*)

ETHICAL STANDARDS CONCERNING NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

For actions of legislators and legislative staff that do not implicate core legislative functions, various statutory ethical standards apply to those actions. Generally, these statutory ethical standards are codified in Chapter 281A of NRS, which includes the Code of Ethical Standards. These standards apply to public officers and public employees and are administered by the Commission on Ethics. (NRS 281A.060, 281A.150, 281A.160, and 281A.280)

As relates to the Legislative Department, the term “public officer” includes legislators and legislative staff who are appointed to their positions, such as the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the chiefs of the divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218F.100 and 281A.160) The term “public employee” includes legislative staff who report to public officers. (NRS 281A.150) Legislators and legislative staff who are appointed to their positions must file an acknowledgment of the statutory ethical standards with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau before taking the oath of office. (NRS 281A.500)

Code of Ethical Standards

In Nevada, public officers and public employees are subject to the Code of Ethical Standards. (NRS 281A.400 to 281A.430, inclusive) The Code of Ethical Standards regulates the conduct of public officers and public employees and prohibits such persons from taking certain actions. (*Id.*)

As relates to the Legislative Department, legislators and legislative staff, as public officers and public employees, are prohibited under the Code of Ethical Standards from: (1) seeking or accepting certain gifts, services, favors, employment, engagement, emolument, or economic opportunities; (2) using the public officer’s or public employee’s position in government to secure or grant certain unwarranted privileges, preferences, exemptions or advantages; (3) participating as an agent of government in the negotiation or execution of a certain contracts; (4) accepting certain salaries, retainers, augmentations, expense allowances, or other compensation from any private source; (5) using certain information to further a significant pecuniary interest of certain persons or entities; (6) suppressing certain governmental reports or other official documents; (7) attempting to benefit certain interests through the

influence of a subordinate; and (8) seeking certain other employment or contracts through the use of the public officer's or employee's official position. (NRS 281A.400)

Additionally, the Code of Ethical Standards prohibits legislators and legislative staff, as public officers and public employees, from using governmental time, property, equipment, and facilities for certain purposes. As relates to legislative staff, those employees are prohibited from using governmental time, property, equipment, or facilities to benefit a significant personal or pecuniary interest of the employee or any person to whom the employee has a commitment in a private capacity. Similarly, legislators are prohibited from using governmental time, property, equipment, or facilities for a nongovernmental purpose or for the private benefit of the legislator or another person. (*Id.*)

The Code of Ethical Standards also prohibits legislative staff, as public officers and public employees, from representing or counseling private persons for compensation before the Executive Department or Legislative Department under certain circumstances. (NRS 281A.410) However, a legislator may represent or counsel a private person before the Executive Department. (*Id.*)

The Code of Ethical Standards also generally prohibits legislators and legislative staff, as public officers and public employees, from bidding on or otherwise entering into contracts between the Legislative Department and a business entity for which the legislator or legislative staff has a significant pecuniary interest. (NRS 281A.430)

Other Ethical Duties

In Nevada, there are many ethical standards that apply to public officers and public employees beyond those enumerated in the Code of Ethical Standards. (NRS 281A.500 to 281A.550, inclusive) For example, legislators and legislative staff, as public officers and public employees, generally are prohibited from: (1) receiving an honorarium; (2) requesting or causing a governmental entity to incur certain expenses or otherwise make certain expenditures to support or oppose a ballot question or a candidate for office; and (3) soliciting or accepting employment from persons to whom certain contracts were awarded. (NRS 281A.510, 281A.520, and 281A.550)

Ethics Proceedings Before the Commission on Ethics

The Commission on Ethics administers the ethical standards prescribed by Chapter 281A of NRS. (NRS 281A.280) The Commission on Ethics is composed of eight members, four of whom are appointed by the Legislative Commission and four of whom are appointed by the Governor. (NRS 281A.200) One appointment by the Legislative Commission and the Governor, respectively, must be an attorney who is licensed to practice law in Nevada. Two appointments by the Legislative Commission and the Governor, respectively, must be former public officers or employees. Additionally, not more than four members may be from the same political party and

not more than four members may be residents of the same county. While serving on the Commission on Ethics, the members may not hold another public office or engage in certain political or advocacy acts. (*Id.*)

The Commission on Ethics under certain circumstances will write an advisory opinion for a legislator or legislative staff, as public officers and public employees. (NRS 281A.675) An advisory opinion may: (1) provide guidance to public officers and public officials on matters that involve interpretations of the statutory ethical standards; or (2) grant statutorily prescribed variances from certain statutory ethics standards. (*Id.*) If the Commission on Ethics renders an advisory opinion, it is binding on the requester. (NRS 281A.680)

Another core function of the Commission on Ethics is to investigate and adjudicate ethics complaints. (NRS 281A.700 to 281A.790, inclusive) Procedurally, certain ethics committees, members of the public who are not incarcerated, and the Commission on Ethics itself can file an ethics complaint. (NRS 281A.710) If the Commission on Ethics determines that it has jurisdiction over the ethics complaint, it will investigate the complaint and commence proceedings on the matter under certain circumstances. (NRS 281A.715 to 281A.760, inclusive) Depending on the circumstances, the Commission on Ethics may render an opinion on the ethics complaint, issue a letter of caution or instruction, or impose certain other remedies or penalties. (NRS 281A.765 to 281A.790, inclusive) If the Commission on Ethics finds that a legislator has willfully violated the statutory ethical duties, the Commission is required to submit its opinion to the Majority Leader of the Senate, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, or Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly, as applicable. (NRS 281A.790)

PROHIBITED ACTS INVOLVING THE LEGISLATURE

The Legislature has criminalized various acts that interfere with legislative power. These crimes relate to conduct dealing with legislative facilities and grounds, committee operations and other legislative proceedings, legislative measures, and influencing legislators.

Interference With the Legislative Process

It is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor to interfere with the legislative process in Nevada. (NRS 218A.905 and 218A.915) A person who willfully does any of the following without legal authority interferes with the legislative process:

- Prevents or attempts to prevent the Legislature from conducting meetings.
- Disturbs, disrupts, obstructs, tampers, or interferes with, or attempts to do so with, a meeting of the Legislature.

- Withholds, defaces, alters, or destroys an official document or record of the Legislature, if the conduct interferes with the functioning of the Legislature.
- Withholds, defaces, alters, or destroys any property that is owned or used by the Legislature.
- Remains in certain legislative facilities or other places where the Legislature is conducting its business, after receiving certain warnings and being asked to leave.
- Prevents or attempts to prevent a legislator, or legislative officer or employee, from performing that person's official duties.
- Coerces or attempts to coerce a legislator, or legislative officer or employee, to perform any act under color of office, by any unlawful means, threats of violence, fraud, or intimidation.
- Possesses a firearm, explosive, dangerous device, or deadly weapon in a legislative facility.
- Prevents or attempts to prevent the use of an authorized remote-technology system in a committee meeting.
- Disturbs, disrupts, obstructs, tampers, or interferes with, or attempts to do so with, the use of an authorized remote-technology system in a committee meeting.

(NRS 218A.825 and 218A.905)

If a person interferes with the legislative process as described above, the person may be taken into custody by the Sergeant at Arms until the person has been arrested by the police or a citation for contempt has been served on the person. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 7; NRS 218A.910) In this vein, each house may institute contempt proceedings related to any interference with the legislative process. (NRS 218A.925, 218A.930, and 218A.935) Additionally, the presiding officer of either house may seek injunctive relief if a person is interfering with the legislative process. (NRS 218A.920)

Testimony and Other Communications

The Legislature has also established various crimes for the purpose of ensuring the integrity of testimony given at legislative proceedings. For example, it is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor if a sworn witness before a committee or other legislative proceeding willfully misrepresents their testimony. (NRS 218E.080) Similarly, it is a misdemeanor for a person before a committee or other legislative proceeding or in their communications with a legislator to make a knowing

misrepresentation in the testimony or communication. (NRS 218E.085) Additionally, it is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor for a person to neglect or refuse to do any of the following: (1) comply with a legislative subpoena; (2) be sworn in before or testify in legislative proceedings; or (3) produce evidence in the possession or control of the person. (NRS 218E.095)

Legislative Measures

As relates to legislative measures, it is a felony to fraudulently alter a legislative measure with the intent to procure its enactment or adoption using different language from that intended by the house. (NRS 218A.950) In this vein, it is a felony to fraudulently alter the enrolled copy of a legislative measure with the intent to procure it to be approved by the Governor, certified by the Secretary of State, or otherwise printed or published in different form for that which it was passed or adopted in the Legislature. (NRS 218A.955)

Bribery and Corruption

The Legislature has also established various felonies related to conduct that compromises the integrity of the legislative process. For example, a person cannot offer or promise a legislator any compensation, gratuity, or reward by corrupt means to influence the legislator to vote a certain way or abstain from voting. (NRS 218A.960) Additionally, a legislator may not ask for or receive any compensation, gratuity, or reward, or a promise therefore, under an agreement or understanding that the legislator will vote a certain way or otherwise act in a particular manner regarding a matter before the Legislature. (NRS 218A.965)

Misuse of Office

Nevada law prohibits legislators from taking certain actions that would use their official power to gain some unwarranted benefit. The Legislature has specifically criminalized certain conduct of legislators related to contracts and taking certain actions after leaving office.

As relates to contracts, a legislator, with certain exceptions, is prohibited from becoming a named contractor or subcontractor under or take certain interests in any contract that is paid for in whole or in part from money that was appropriated by the Legislature for which the legislator is a member. (NRS 218A.970) If a legislator violates this prohibition, the contract may be declared void, and the legislator must forfeit their office and be punished for a gross misdemeanor. (*Id.*)

After a legislator leaves office and the legislator's successor has been elected or appointed to the seat, it is a crime punishable as a misdemeanor for the former or retired legislator to: (1) use official stationery or business cards, unless the stationery or business card specifically identifies that fact; (2) deliberately have themselves

identified as a current legislator in a directory published after the date that they leave office; or (3) use a legislative license plate on their personal vehicle after the date that they leave office. (NRS 218A.975)

CHAPTER VIII
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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contemplates various state privileges and immunities afforded to the legislators and legislative staff. This chapter discusses such privileges and immunities relating to actions taken in the legislative arena and other conduct not involving a legislative action.

LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITY GENERALLY

The doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity has been an established part of English and American common law and constitutional law for centuries. (Luther S. Cushing, *Elements of the Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies*, Sec. 601-603 (Boston, Mass., Little, Brown and Co., 1856) (Cushing’s Legislative Assemblies)) The doctrine has its origins in the Parliamentary struggles of the 16th and 17th centuries when the English monarchs used civil and criminal proceedings to harass, intimidate, and suppress members of Parliament who were critical of the Crown. (*Tenney v. Brandhove*, 341 U.S. 367, 372 (1951)) The doctrine was first codified in the English Bill of Rights of 1689, which provided: “That the Freedom of Speech, and Debates or Proceedings in Parliament, ought not to be impeached or questioned in any Court or Place out of Parliament.” Like many other practices and customs of Parliament, legislative privilege and immunity was adopted by the American colonial legislatures where “[f]reedom of speech and action in the legislature was taken as a matter of course by those who severed the Colonies from the Crown and founded our Nation.” (*Id.*)

The doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity is codified in the Speech or Debate Clause of the United States Constitution, which provides that “for any Speech or Debate in either House, [Senators and Representatives] shall not be questioned in any other Place.” (U.S. Const. Art. I, Sec. 6) Even though the Nevada Constitution does not contain a provision that is similar to the federal Speech or Debate Clause, Nevada’s legislators are protected by legislative privilege and immunity as a state constitutional right under separation of powers provision in the Nevada Constitution. (Nev. Const. Art. 3, Sec. 1; *Guinn v. Legislature*, 119 Nev. 460, 472, 76 P.3d 22, 30 (2003); *Cushing’s Legislative Assemblies*, Sec. 602; 1 Joseph Story, *Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States*, Sec. 866 (Boston, Mass., Little, Brown, and Co., 5th ed., 1905); 2 Thomas M. Cooley, *A Treatise on Constitutional Limitations*, at 929-31 (Boston, Mass., Little, Brown, and Co., 8th ed., 1927)) As observed by the Nevada Supreme Court, “[u]nder the separation of powers doctrine, individual legislators cannot, nor should they, be subject to fines or other penalties for voting in a particular way.” (*Guinn v. Legislature*, 119 Nev. 460, 472, 76 P.3d 22, 30 (citing

Supreme Ct. of Va. v. Consumers Union, 446 U.S. 719, 731 (1980)), and *Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 616-18 (1972))

To further implement the constitutional doctrines of separation of powers and legislative privilege and immunity in Nevada, the Legislature enacted NRS 41.071, which provides that “[f]or any speech or debate in either House, a State Legislator shall not be questioned in any other place.” (NRS 41.071; *Legislature v. Settemeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238-39, 486 P.3d 1276, 1282-83 (2021)) When the Legislature enacted NRS 41.071, it provided that in interpreting and applying legislative privilege and immunity in Nevada, “the interpretation and application given to the constitutional doctrines of separation of powers and legislative privilege and immunity under the Speech or Debate Clause of Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States must be considered to be persuasive authority.” Therefore, the protection afforded to Nevada’s legislators by legislative privilege and immunity under state law is equivalent to the protection afforded to members of Congress by legislative privilege and immunity under the federal Speech or Debate Clause. (*Id.*)

Under both federal and state law, the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity protects legislators “from having to defend themselves, from being held liable and from being questioned or sanctioned in administrative or judicial proceedings for speech, debate, deliberation and other actions performed within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity.” (NRS 41.071; *Legislature v. Settemeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238, 486 P.3d 1276, 1282 (2021); *Supreme Ct. of Va. v. Consumers Union*, 446 U.S. 719, 731-34 (1980); *Tenney v. Brandhove*, 341 U.S. 367, 376-79 (1951)) As part of the constitutional system of checks and balances, the doctrine facilitates the autonomy of the Legislative Department by curtailing intrusions by the Executive or Judicial Department into the sphere of protected legislative activities. (*United States v. Helstoski*, 442 U.S. 477, 491 (1979)) In this way, the doctrine serves an important governmental function by “reinforcing the separation of powers so deliberately established by the Founders.” (*United States v. Johnson*, 383 U.S. 169, 178 (1966))

At the same time, the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity is also an important individual right which is designed to “protect the integrity of the legislative process by insuring the independence of individual legislators.” (*United States v. Brewster*, 408 U.S. 501, 507 (1972)) The doctrine fosters individual independence by shielding each legislator from any “executive and judicial oversight that realistically threatens to control his conduct as a legislator.” (*Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 618 (1972)) In this way, the doctrine serves an important function for individual legislators by ensuring that they “are free to represent the interests of their constituents without fear that they will be later called to task in the courts for that representation.” (*Powell v. McCormack*, 395 U.S. 486, 503 (1969))

The protection afforded by the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity “will be read broadly to effectuate its purposes.” (*United States v. Johnson*, 383 U.S. 169, 180 (1966)) The protection extends to all actions that are “integral steps in the

legislative process.” (*Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 55 (1998)) This includes all actions that are “an integral part of the deliberative and communicative processes by which Members participate in committee and House proceedings with respect to the consideration and passage or rejection of proposed legislation or with respect to other matters which the Constitution places within the jurisdiction of either House.” (*Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 625 (1972); *Legislature v. Settlemeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238, 486 P.3d 1276, 1283 (2021))

For example, legislators are protected by the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity when “performing basic legislative functions—proposing, amending, voting on, and passing legislation—such that their actions [fall] within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity.” (*Id.*; *Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 55 (1998)) However, the doctrine is not limited in scope to activities associated with the processing of legislation, but it extends to other types of legislative activities, such as chairing or serving on a committee; preparing committee reports or other documents; issuing subpoenas; undertaking investigations, studies, inquiries, or information-gathering; requesting, seeking, or obtaining any form of aid, assistance, counsel, or services from legislative staff; conducting disciplinary or impeachment proceedings; or taking any other actions regarding matters within the jurisdiction of either house. (NRS 41.071; *Tenney v. Brandhove*, 341 U.S. 367, 376-79 (1951); *Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 616 (1972); *Doe v. McMillan*, 412 U.S. 306, 312-13 (1973); *Eastland v. U.S. Servicemen’s Fund*, 421 U.S. 491, 507-11 (1975); *Larsen v. Senate of Pa.*, 152 F.3d 240, 248-52 (3d Cir. 1998))

The doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity also provides testimonial and evidentiary privileges which prevent compelled disclosure of legislative materials when it would intrude on, interfere with, or pry into the legislative process. (*Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 616-17 (1972); *United States v. Rayburn House Office Bldg.*, 497 F.3d 654, 660 (D.C. Cir. 2007); *In re Hubbard*, 803 F.3d 1298, 1307-15 (11th Cir. 2015); *Lee v. City of Los Angeles*, 908 F.3d 1175, 1186-88 (9th Cir. 2018); *Am. Trucking Ass’ns v. Alviti*, 14 F.4th 76, 86-90 (1st Cir. 2021)) The doctrine prevents such disclosure because “the legislative process is disrupted by the disclosure of legislative material, regardless of the use to which the disclosed materials are put.” (*United States v. Rayburn House Office Bldg.*, 497 F.3d 654, 660 (D.C. Cir. 2007); *Miller v. Transamerican Press, Inc.*, 709 F.2d 524, 528-31 (9th Cir. 1983); *MINPECO, S.A. v. Conticommodity Servs., Inc.*, 844 F.2d 856, 859-61 (D.C. Cir. 1988); *Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. v. Williams*, 62 F.3d 408, 415-21 (D.C. Cir. 1995))

For example, the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity “protects against inquiry into acts that occur in the regular course of the legislative process and into the motivation for those acts.” (*United States v. Brewster*, 408 U.S. 501, 525 (1972)) The doctrine protects against those inquiries because it is “not consonant with our scheme of government for a court to inquire into the motives of legislators.” (*Tenney v. Brandhove*, 341 U.S. 367, 377 (1951); *Eastland U.S. Servicemen’s Fund*, 421 U.S. 491, 508-09 (1975); *Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 54-56 (1998); *Legislature v.*

Settmeyer, 137 Nev. 231, 239 n.5, 486 P.3d at 1283 n.5 (2021)) Consequently, the application of legislative privilege and immunity to particular acts does not turn on the subjective motivations or intent behind those acts because “[w]hether an act is legislative turns on the nature of the act, rather than on the motive or intent of the official performing it.” (*Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 45 (1998); *Legislature v. Settmeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238-39, 486 P.3d 1276, 1283 (2021))

Therefore, in determining whether a particular act is protected, courts ask whether, “stripped of all considerations of intent and motive,” the act is taken or performed within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity. (*Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 45 (1998)) If the act meets this standard, the protection of legislative privilege and immunity is absolute, thereby protecting legislators from having to defend themselves, from being held liable, and from being questioned or sanctioned in administrative or judicial proceedings regarding their protected legislative activity. (NRS 41.071; *Legislature v. Settmeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238-40, 486 P.3d 1276, 1282-84 (2021); *Supreme Ct. of Va. v. Consumers Union*, 446 U.S. 719, 731-34 (1980)) This protection includes absolute immunity from damages, declaratory and injunctive relief, and attorney’s fees and costs. (*Id.*)

Although the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity protects legislators from improper intrusions by the other departments of state government into the legislative sphere, it does not protect legislators from accountability before their own house of the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; NRS 41.071; *United States v. Helstoski*, 442 U.S. 477, 489 n.7 (1979); *Whitener v. McWatters*, 112 F.3d 740, 742-45 (4th Cir. 1997); *State v. Neufeld*, 926 P.2d 1325, 1339 (Kan. 1996); James Wilson, *Lectures on Law* (1791), reprinted in 2 *The Founders’ Constitution*, at 331 (Philip B. Kurland & Ralph Lerner eds., 1987)) Therefore, even when legislators are protected from having their legislative conduct scrutinized by the other departments of state government, legislators remain subject to scrutiny and punishment by their own house of the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 6; *Comm’n on Ethics v. Hardy*, 125 Nev. 285, 293-97, 212 P.3d 1098, 1104-07 (2009))

In addition to protecting legislators, the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity also protects members of legislative staff who take or perform actions within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity that would be protected if taken or performed by legislators. (NRS 41.071; *Legislature v. Settmeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238-40, 486 P.3d 1276, 1282-84 (2021); *Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 616-18 (1972); *Eastland v. U.S. Servicemen’s Fund*, 421 U.S. 491, 507-10 (1975); *Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 45 (1998)) As observed by the United States Supreme Court:

[I]t is literally impossible, in view of the complexities of the modern legislative process, with Congress almost constantly in session and matters of legislative concern constantly proliferating, for Members of Congress to perform their legislative tasks without the help of aides and assistants; that

the day-to-day work of such aides is so critical to the Members' performance that they must be treated as the latter's alter egos; and that if they are not so recognized, the central role of the Speech or Debate Clause—to prevent intimidation of legislators by the Executive and accountability before a possibly hostile judiciary—will inevitably be diminished and frustrated.

(*Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 616-17 (1972) (internal citations omitted))

The doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity is not limited to legislators and legislative staff because “officials outside the legislative branch are entitled to legislative immunity when they perform legislative functions.” (*Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 45 (1998); *Supreme Ct. of Va. v. Consumers Union*, 446 U.S. 719, 731-34 (1980)) For example, the Nevada Constitution expressly gives the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor, as the President of the Senate, specific constitutional powers to exercise certain limited legislative functions appertaining to the legislative process. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Secs. 6, 18, and 35; Art. 5, Secs. 10 and 17; Art. 19, Sec. 2) Because the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are exercising legislative functions under such circumstances, they are protected by legislative privilege and immunity in the same manner as legislators who take or perform actions within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity, even though the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are members of the Executive Department. (NRS 41.071; *Legislature v. Settelmeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238-40, 486 P.3d 1276, 1282-84 (2021))

If legislators are prosecuted in state court for violating state criminal statutes prohibiting bribery, corruption, or other misuse of office, the doctrine of legislative privilege and immunity generally does not prohibit the prosecution by the state, provided that the prosecution does not rely on evidence of legislative acts or the motivation for legislative acts to prove its case. (*State v. Chvala*, 678 N.W.2d 880, 891-94 (Wis. Ct. App. 2004), *aff'd*, 693 N.W.2d 747 (Wis. 2005); *State v. Neufeld*, 926 P.2d 1325, 1332-41 (Kan. 1996); *State v. Dankworth*, 672 P.2d 148, 149-52 (Alaska Ct. App. 1983); *Blondes v. State*, 294 A.2d 661, 662-68 (Md. Ct. Spec. App. 1972), *overruled on other grounds*, 330 A.2d 169 (Md. 1975)) For example, because the crime of bribery occurs when a legislator makes the corrupt promise to perform acts in exchange for payment, regardless of whether the acts are actually performed, the prosecution can prove its case without introducing evidence of legislative acts or the motivation for legislative acts because the prosecution “need not show any act of [the legislator] subsequent to the corrupt promise for payment, for it is taking the bribe, not performance of the illicit compact, that is a criminal act.” (*United States v. Brewster*, 408 U.S. 501, 526 (1972); *United States v. Helstoski*, 442 U.S. 477, 488-90 (1979))

If state legislators are prosecuted in federal court for violating federal criminal statutes prohibiting bribery, corruption, or other misuse of office, the protections that state legislators ordinarily receive in federal civil actions under the doctrine of

legislative privilege and immunity are not extended to federal criminal prosecutions. (*United States v. Gillock*, 445 U.S. 360, 368-74 (1980)) Consequently, when the federal government prosecutes state legislators in federal court for violating federal criminal statutes prohibiting bribery, corruption, or other misuse of office, the prosecution may rely on evidence of legislative acts or the motivation for legislative acts to prove its case. (*Id.*)

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE AND IMMUNITY FROM ARREST ON CIVIL PROCESS DURING SPECIFIED SESSION PERIODS

Under the Nevada Constitution, legislators are privileged from arrest on civil process for 15 days before the commencement of a legislative session and during the session. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 11) In interpreting a similar provision in the Federal Constitution, the United States Supreme Court has determined that this legislative privilege is limited to exemption from arrest in civil actions, explaining that “[w]hen the Constitution was adopted, arrests in civil suits were still common in America.” (*Long v. Ansell*, 293 U.S. 76, 83 (1934)) However, the United States Supreme Court has determined that this legislative privilege was not intended to provide legislators with immunity from being served with a summons or other civil process requiring them to file an answer or raise defenses in civil actions. (*Id.* at 80-83) Nevertheless, even when legislators are properly served with a summons or other process in civil actions, legislators would be entitled to raise legislative privilege and immunity in the civil actions, and they would be exempt “from having to defend themselves, from being held liable and from being questioned or sanctioned in administrative or judicial proceedings for speech, debate, deliberation and other actions performed within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity.” (NRS 41.071; *Legislature v. Settlemeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238, 486 P.3d 1276, 1282 (2021); *Supreme Ct. of Va. v. Consumers Union*, 446 U.S. 719, 731-34 (1980); *Tenney v. Brandhove*, 341 U.S. 367, 376-79 (1951))

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE AND IMMUNITY FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS DURING SPECIFIED SESSION PERIODS

If authorized by a statute, an administrative body may issue subpoenas to compel a person, as a witness, to attend and give testimony or to produce materials in any administrative proceedings, so long as the evidence sought is pertinent and relevant to the administrative proceedings. (*Nev. Comm’n on Equal Rights of Citizens v. Smith*, 80 Nev. 469, 473-75, 396 P.2d 677, 679-80 (1964); *Andrews v. Nev. State Bd. of Cosmetology*, 86 Nev. 207, 208-10, 467 P.2d 96, 96-98 (1970)) However, an administrative body cannot issue a subpoena to a legislator, or the Lieutenant Governor as President of the Senate, if the subpoena compels the legislator or Lieutenant Governor, during a legislative session, to attend and give testimony or to produce materials in any administrative proceedings. (NRS 218A.440) Additionally, even when an administrative body properly issues a subpoena to any legislators or the

Lieutenant Governor, they would be entitled to raise legislative privilege and immunity in any administrative proceedings, and they would be exempt “from having to defend themselves, from being held liable and from being questioned or sanctioned in administrative or judicial proceedings for speech, debate, deliberation and other actions performed within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity.” (NRS 41.071; *Legislature v. Settelmeyer*, 137 Nev. 231, 238, 486 P.3d 1276, 1282 (2021); *Supreme Ct. of Va. v. Consumers Union*, 446 U.S. 719, 731-34 (1980); *Tenney v. Brandhove*, 341 U.S. 367, 376-79 (1951))

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE AND IMMUNITY REQUIRING CONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS DURING SPECIFIED SESSION PERIODS

If, during a legislative session, a legislator, or the Lieutenant Governor as President of the Senate, is a party to an action or proceeding in a court or before an administrative body, or is an attorney for a party to an action or proceeding in a court or before an administrative body and was employed as the party’s attorney before the commencement of the session, such a party or attorney may file with the court or administrative body a motion or request for a continuance of the action or proceeding. (NRS 1.310) With certain limited exceptions, the court or administrative body must grant the continuance of the action or proceeding, including, without limitation, any discovery or other pretrial or posttrial matter involved in the action or proceeding. The continuance must be effective for the duration of the session and an additional 7 calendar days following the session, or for a shorter period if requested by the person who filed the motion or request for the continuance, and it must be granted without the imposition of any bond, costs, or other terms. If a party objects to the continuance, the court or administrative body cannot deny the continuance, in whole or in part, unless the objecting party satisfies the burden to prove that, as a direct result of emergency or extraordinary circumstances, the objecting party: (1) has a substantial existing right or interest that will be defeated or abridged if the continuance is granted; and (2) will suffer substantial and immediate irreparable harm if the continuance is granted. (*Id.*)

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE AND IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN MATTERS ENTRUSTED TO OR WORK PRODUCED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

With certain limited exceptions, the Legislative Counsel Bureau’s staff members are prohibited from disclosing to any person outside the LCB the nature or content of any matter entrusted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and the matter is confidential and privileged and is not subject to discovery or subpoena, unless the person entrusting the matter to the Legislative Counsel Bureau requests or consents to the disclosure. (NRS 218F.150) Additionally, the nature and content of any work produced by the staff members of the Legal Division and Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and any matter entrusted to those staff members to produce such

work, are confidential and privileged and are not subject to discovery or subpoena. However, the nature or content of any work produced by the staff members of the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau may be disclosed if or to the extent that the disclosure does not reveal the identity of the person who requested it or include any matter submitted by the requester which has not been published or publicly disclosed. (*Id.*)

Unless one of the limited exceptions is applicable, this state legislative privilege and immunity applies to any matter or work in any form, including, without limitation, in any oral, written, audio, visual, digital, or electronic form, and the matter or work includes, without limitation, any communications, information, answers, advice, opinions, recommendations, drafts, documents, records, questions, inquiries, or requests in any such form. (*Id.*)

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE AND IMMUNITY RELATING TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

If a private employer employs a person who is a legislator, the private employer cannot enforce any terms of an employment contract that provide for a loss of job seniority of the employee by reason of the employee's absence from the employee's regular duties or place of employment while: (1) attending a legislative session in the employee's official capacity as a legislator; or (2) attending, during the legislative interim, certain committee meetings in the employee's official capacity as a legislator if the private employer is required by law to grant leave to the employee for those committee meetings. (NRS 218A.300) If a private employer has more than 50 employees and employs a person who is a legislator, or if any public employer employs a person who is a legislator, the employer must grant leave to the employee, with or without pay at the discretion of the employer, for the employee's attendance, during the legislative interim, at certain committee meetings in the employee's official capacity as a legislator. (*Id.*)

OTHER STATE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY

A public officer cannot be examined as a witness for communications made to the public officer in official confidence when the public interests would suffer by the disclosure. (NRS 49.285) Under the privilege, communications made to a public officer may be protected from disclosure on grounds of public policy when the communications were made in official confidence and their disclosure would prejudice the public interests. (*Madsen v. United Television, Inc.*, 801 P.2d 912, 915 (Utah 1990)) Application of the privilege requires balancing the competing interests in confidentiality and transparency and weighing the relative merits of the interests at stake. (*Hawk Eye v. Jackson*, 521 N.W.2d 750, 753 (Iowa 1994); *Mitchell v. City of Cedar Rapids*, 926 N.W.2d 222, 225 (Iowa 2019))

The deliberative process privilege “protects materials or records that reflect a government official’s deliberative or decision-making process.” (*DR Partners v. Bd. of County Comm’rs*, 116 Nev. 616, 623, 6 P.3d 465, 469 (2000)) Those materials or records include documents “reflecting advisory opinions, recommendations and deliberations comprising part of a process by which governmental decisions and policies are formulated.” (*Nat’l Labor Relations Bd. v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 150 (1975) (internal citations omitted)) The deliberative process privilege has been adopted because “public disclosure of certain communications would deter the open exchange of opinions and recommendations between government officials, and it is intended to protect the government’s decision-making process, its consultative functions, and the quality of its decisions.” (*City of Colorado Springs vs. White*, 967 P.2d 1042, 1047 (Colo. 1998); *Dep’t of Interior v. Klamath Water Users Prot. Ass’n*, 532 U.S. 1, 8-9 (2001)) To warrant protection under the deliberative process privilege, the materials or records must be “part of a predecisional and deliberative process that led to a specific decision or policy.” (*Clark County Sch. Dist. v. Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 134 Nev. 700, 705, 429 P.3d 313, 318 (2018); *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Serv. v. Sierra Club, Inc.*, 141 S. Ct. 777, 785 (2021))

Public officers and employees acting in their official capacities are immune from liability for money damages based on any acts or omissions in their execution and administration of statutory provisions which have not been declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction. (NRS 41.032; *Hagblom v. State Dir. of Mtr. Vehs.*, 93 Nev. 599, 603, 571 P.2d 1172, 1175 (1977)) Additionally, public officers and employees acting in their official capacities are immune from liability for money damages based on the performance of official duties which involve an element of official discretion or judgment and are grounded in the creation or execution of social, economic, or political policy. (NRS 41.032; *Martinez v. Maruszczak*, 123 Nev. 433, 445-47, 168 P.3d 720, 728-29 (2007)) The reason for providing this “discretionary-act immunity” under these circumstances is to protect the policy-making functions of the Legislative and Executive Departments from “judicial ‘second guessing’ of legislative and administrative decisions grounded in social, economic, and political policy through the medium of an action in tort.” (*Martinez v. Maruszczak*, 123 Nev. 433, 446, 168 P.3d 720, 729 (2007) (quoting *United States v. Varig Airlines*, 467 U.S. 797, 814 (1984))

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INTRODUCTION

During every legislative session, legislators find themselves deluged with official reports, documents, and communications. This chapter aims to highlight some key resource materials and services that are relevant to the legislative process.

RESOURCE MATERIALS

The Nevada Constitution

The Nevada Constitution enshrines fundamental rights for Nevadans and serves as the paramount authority in the state. The Nevada Constitution not only creates the Legislature, but it also contains various provisions that impact the legislative process. (See, e.g., Nev. Const. Art. 4) The Nevada Constitution is printed in the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Statutes of Nevada and is available electronically on the Legislature's Internet website and through the Online Nevada Law Library. (NRS 220.110 and 218D.960)

The Nevada Revised Statutes

The Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) is an annotated codification of Nevada's laws, the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, certain court rules, various special and local acts, and certain other materials deemed appropriate by the Legislative Counsel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 220.110) The NRS also contains organizational information such as comparative tables and a comprehensive index. (*Id.*) The NRS is available in loose-leaf volumes or electronically as part of the Official Nevada Law Library. (NRS 220.120)

The majority of the NRS is composed of Nevada's laws, which are organized according to subject matter. The laws are first organized by title, with each title embracing a single topic. Each title is then divided into chapters that house specific subjects under the title's general umbrella topic. Each chapter is then divided into specific sections of law. (*Id.*)

Each section of law is immediately followed by its legislative history. (NRS 220.110) The legislative history is denoted by numbers in brackets and parentheses that correspond to the page and year in the Statutes of Nevada where the section was originally derived or amended, as applicable.

Additionally, included throughout the NRS are various annotations that aim to assist the reader in interpreting the meaning of a particular provision. (NRS 220.100,

220.110, and 220.120) The annotations, if any, appear after the provision in red ink. Examples of annotations include: (1) Reviser's Notes, which relay information that further explains the substantive provision of NRS; (2) cross-references to other sections of law, administrative provisions, or constitutional provisions; and (3) summaries of relevant court decisions, Attorney General's opinions, or opinions of the Nevada Commission on Ethics.

The Statutes of Nevada

The Statutes of Nevada are bound volumes composed of indexed material specific to the immediately preceding legislative session. (NRS 218D.960) Sometimes called the session laws, the Statutes of Nevada have been published every legislative session for over 100 years and they are normally available within a few months after the close of the legislative session.

The Statutes of Nevada are primarily composed of the laws, resolutions, and memorials passed in the immediately preceding legislative session. (*Id.*) In reading the laws and resolutions contained in the Statutes of Nevada, the new material is printed in bolded italics, while material enclosed in brackets with strikethrough is to be deleted text. (NRS 218D.965) This format displays the changes made to the law. (*Id.*) Organizationally, the laws are arranged by chapter number, which is assigned by the Secretary of State in the order received from the Governor. The resolutions and memorials are similarly assigned a file number and are organized in the Statutes of Nevada by that file number.

Aside from the complete text of all bills, resolutions, and memorials passed during the legislative session, the Statutes of Nevada also contains copies of the United States Constitution, Nevada Constitution, various tables, and a comprehensive index. (NRS 218D.960)

The Statutes of Nevada are available in paper copy, on the Legislature's Internet website, and through the Online Nevada Law Library.

The Advance Sheets

Between the end of a legislative session and the publication of the Statutes of Nevada, a temporary compilation of the session laws, known as the Advance Sheets, are published by the Legislative Counsel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 218D.955) This softbound publication contains every bill, resolution, and memorial passed at the immediately preceding session in the same order of appearance as in the Statutes of Nevada and includes an index and locator tables. (*Id.*)

The Nevada Administrative Code

A state agency will adopt regulations to aid it in carrying out its duties prescribed by law. (NRS 233B.040) These regulations are typically adopted according to the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act. (Ch. 233B of NRS) Once a state agency adopts a permanent regulation under the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, it is included in the Nevada Administrative Code, which is published by the Legislative Counsel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (NRS 233B.062) The Nevada Administrative Code is available in paper copy or electronically on the Legislature's Internet website or the Online Nevada Law Library. (NRS 233B.065)

The Register of Administrative Regulations

Like the Nevada Administrative Code, the Register of Administrative Regulations is published by the Legislative Counsel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and contains information related to most regulations. (NRS 233B.0653) Specifically, the Registry includes all the following information related to each permanent regulation: (1) the text of the proposed and adopted regulation, and any revised version of the regulation; (2) the notice of intent to act on the regulation; (3) the notice of adoption of the regulation; (4) the informational statement; and (5) the effective date of the regulation. (*Id.*) The Register is available in physical form and online at the Legislature's Internet website. (NRS 233B.0653 and 233B.0656)

Journals and Histories

Each day the Senate and Assembly, respectively, publish journals which reflect the proceedings of the house for the previous day. (NRS 218D.930) These daily journals are the only official record of floor activity. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 695, 696 and 697 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020)) 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. (*Id.*)

Additionally, the Senate and Assembly, respectively, publish a complete history of all the bills and resolutions originating in or acted upon by the house. (NRS 218D.940) The daily history must show any action taken upon the bill or resolution. The final copy of the histories lists each bill and resolution introduced in the respective chamber in numerical sequence by bill number or resolution number, followed by the bill's legislative history. (*Id.*)

Tables and Index of Bills and Resolutions

The Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau produces various tables and a subject index related to bills and resolutions that are introduced during each legislative session. The tables and index can be obtained in print form or viewed electronically on the Legislature's Internet website. 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.

The tables relate to the legislative session's bills and reflect the following: (1) the sections of NRS proposed to be amended or repealed; (2) the chapters of NRS proposed to be amended by the addition of new sections; (3) the titles of NRS proposed to be amended by the addition of new chapters; and (4) the sections of NRS proposed to be amended by initiative petitions. The index specifies which bills and resolutions contain references to certain subjects.

In both the tables and the index, there are special characters that follow each bill or resolution number in the index or tables, which indicate action taken by the Governor on measures that have been passed by both houses and certain actions taken by the Senate or Assembly.

The Executive Budget

The Executive Budget is produced by the Governor and is available electronically on the Internet website of the Governor's Office of Finance. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, Sec. 2) The Executive Budget 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 with program statements that preface the detailed fiscal information for the various departments, boards, commissions, and other agencies of the State. The Executive Budget segregates each account into base and current services level budgets, and all program enhancements are separately identified. In addition, the Executive Budget contains measurement indicators of each program's performance. The Executive Budget is organized functionally, by agency, with summaries relating to personnel, operating expenses, travel, and requests for equipment. The Executive Budget also includes: (1) a general summary of the long-term performance goals for core governmental functions; (2) an explanation of the means that ratable progress towards achieving the long-term goals will be met; and (3) an outline of other important features of the financial plan of the Executive Department for the next two fiscal years.

Economic Forum Forecasts

The Economic Forum consists of five members from the private sector who are appointed by the Governor. (NRS 353.226) Every even-numbered year, the Economic Forum prepares a report of its economic projections and estimates of state revenue.

(NRS 353.228) The Economic Forum prepares a supplemental report in odd-numbered years that confirms or revises the projections and estimates contained in the previous report. (*Id.*) The reports prepared by the Economic Forum can be obtained electronically on the Legislature's Internet website.

Nevada Report to Taxpayers

The *Nevada Report to Taxpayers* provides information related to the status of state and local finances. (NRS 353.333) It is produced annually by the Governor and is accessible through the website of the Governor's Office of Finance. (*Id.*) The *Nevada Report to Taxpayers* website provides access to financial information submitted by various governmental officials and entities, such as the Governor, the State Controller, the Department of Taxation, school districts, counties, cities, towns, and other public agencies. (*Id.*)

Audit Reports

The Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau periodically issues audit and certain other reports. (Chapter 218G of NRS) Additionally, every legislator receives a copy of the Biennial Report of the Legislative Auditor, which summarizes audit reports on state agencies. (NRS 218G.160) This report includes specific recommendations to the Legislature for laws to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state government. (*Id.*) The audit reports and certain other documents prepared by the Legislative Auditor are available on the Audit Division's Internet website.

The Political History of Nevada

The *Political History of Nevada* (Carson City, Nev., Sec'y of State, 12th ed., 2016) is one of the most comprehensive historical reference works on Nevada's state government and politics. It 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.

The *Political History of Nevada* is published by the Secretary of State and Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The 2018 version of the *Political History of Nevada* is available electronically on both the Secretary of State's and Research Division's Internet website.

Legislative Treatises

The Legislature is guided by several treatises that discuss fundamental principles of parliamentary law, including *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020) and Luther S. Cushing, *Elements of the Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies* (Boston, Mass., Little, Brown and Co., 1856) (*Cushing's Legislative Assemblies*). The term "parliamentary law" refers to the legal rules and procedures governing legislative and parliamentary bodies. These legal rules and procedures originated with the British Parliament and have been developed and applied by American legislatures and courts since colonial times. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 30-44 (Denver, Colo., Nat'l Conf. of State Legs., 2020); *Cushing's Legislative Assemblies*, Sec. 11)

When considering issues of parliamentary law, courts have acknowledged that *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* is "a widely recognized authority on state legislative and parliamentary procedures." (*Gray v. Gienapp*, 727 N.W.2d 808, 811 (S.D. 2007)) Additionally, when issues of parliamentary law have arisen under the Nevada Constitution, the Nevada Supreme Court has consulted *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* and *Cushing's Legislative Assemblies* for guidance. (*State ex rel. Chase v. Rogers*, 10 Nev. 250, 256-60 (1875))

On this point, the Senate rules stipulate that *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* governs in all cases that are not inconsistent with the Senate Standing Rules and orders and the Joint Standing Rules of the two houses. (Senate Standing Rule 90 and Assembly Standing Rule 100, *Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly*, Nev. Leg., 82nd Sess. (2023))

Other Legislative Counsel Bureau Publications

The Legislative Counsel Bureau prepares other reports and publications that are useful to legislators, including all of the following:

1. *The Nevada Legislative Appropriations Report*. This Report is published by the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and is available on the Legislature's Internet website. The Report details the various fiscal and tax actions taken by the Legislature in a legislative session. The Report also compares the Executive Budget recommendations to the actions taken by the Legislature during the legislative session.
2. *The Summary of Legislation*. This summary is produced biennially by the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and is available on the Legislature's Internet website. As its name suggests, the Summary details all legislation enacted during the most recent session.

3. Legislative Counsel Bureau Bulletins. The final recommendations of legislative bodies that conduct business during the legislative interim are published in bulletins by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Each publication is given a bulletin number. A complete list of bulletins issued to date is included as Appendix E of this 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 in the 2023 Session is 23-1. The bulletins are available electronically on the Legislature's Internet website and in print form through the Research Library.
4. *The Guide to the Nevada Legislature*. The Guide is produced by the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and is available on the Legislature's Internet website and in print form. It contains maps of legislative districts and buildings, photographs and contact information of legislators, an overview of information concerning the legislative process, a list of standing committees, and other relevant information.
5. Policy Papers. These reports are produced by the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and are available electronically on the Legislature's Internet website. The reports discuss subjects that may be of major interest during legislative sessions. The Research Division welcomes legislators' suggestions for topics to be covered in these reports.
6. District Demographic Profiles. These profiles are available on the Legislature's Internet website. They use information from the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey to report various data categories for each legislative district and compare that information to Nevada and the United States.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Legislative Counsel Bureau's Research Library

The Research Library is part of the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Research Division and provides professional library services for legislators, legislative staff, state and local government agencies, and the public. (NRS 218F.810) These library services include: (1) answering questions about legislative materials, the legislative process, and Nevada government; (2) conducting research related to the history of Nevada legislation and the Legislature; (3) locating background and historical information; (4) providing training regarding the use of the Legislature's Internet website and other tools; and (5) maintaining the Research Library's collections and creating compilations of legislative information.

The Research Library is the custodian of various printed resources and maintains other electronic materials in its online catalogue. In terms of physical materials, the Research Library houses standing and interim committee minutes and exhibits from legislative proceedings, current and historic sets of Nevada compiled laws and the Nevada Revised Statutes, legislation introduced since 1911, Territorial Laws and Statutes of Nevada from 1861 to present, Journals of the Senate and Assembly from 1864 to present, publications of the various Legislative Counsel Bureau divisions, studies and reports from federal, state, and professional organizations, and other resources prepared by the Research Division.

The Research Library is located on the first floor of the Legislative Building in Carson City. The Research Library's online catalogue can be found through the Legislature's Internet website.

The Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records

The State Library, Archives, and Public Records is overseen by the Department of Administration. (NRS 232.213) The State Library, Archives, and Public Records provides library services to state agencies, other academic and public libraries throughout the state, and the public. (NRS 378.080) It is the depository for various publications produced by state governmental entities and contains newspapers and other historical governmental publications dating back to 1851.

The Nevada Supreme Court Law Library

The Nevada Supreme Court Law Library occupies the first floor of the Supreme Court Building in Carson City. The Law Library has a document scanner, Internet access, and online database services such as Hein Online, Lexis, and Westlaw. The Law Library's collection contains state and federal case law and statutes, treatises, and law reviews. The Law Library also has a collection of early Nevada codes, superseded Nevada Administrative Codes, and Nevada county codes and municipal codes.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The Legislature's Internet Website

The Legislature's Internet website (<https://www.leg.state.nv.us>) contains an abundance of information relating to the operation of the Legislature. The public can access information related to legislative sessions dating back to the 63rd Session in 1985 and information related to the legislative interim as far back as the 1997-98 interim. There is also a link to the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) available from the Legislature's Internet website.

As relates to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, information regarding each division can be found on the Legislature's Internet website. The Legislative Counsel Bureau

also posts its job opportunities on this website. See Chapter V of this Manual for more information concerning the divisions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Through the “Who’s My Legislator? What’s My District” page of the Legislature’s website, individuals can determine their state legislators, congressional representatives, and Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents representatives. Additionally, the public can find information specific to the Senate and Assembly, such as legislators’ biographies and their contact information, on the Legislature’s Internet website.

The text of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), the Register of Administrative Regulations, the Statutes of Nevada, certain court rules, city charters, and special and local acts can be browsed or searched through the Legislature’s Internet website. The reports of interim legislative committees, and various other governmental entities that are required to report to the Legislature, can also be viewed through the Legislature’s Internet website. Additional online content is available through the online catalogue of the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, which can be found on the Legislature’s Internet website.

The Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS)

The Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) is the go-to online resource for information during legislative sessions. NELIS supplies the forms that officials and entities use to submit bill draft requests (BDRs) and houses the list of all bill draft requests submitted for the legislative session. Through NELIS, individuals can also look up every bill or resolution, and find pertinent information for the legislative measure, such as amendments, voting records, fiscal notes, legislative history, and exhibits. NELIS also allows individuals to track legislative measures throughout the legislative process. Additionally, NELIS houses information related to budgets, committees, floor sessions, and other information related to the legislative session, such as house rules and legislative deadlines.

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APPENDIX A
120-DAY CALENDAR AND DATES
OF INTEREST

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120-DAY CALENDAR AND DATES OF INTEREST

Note: **Shaded days are Mondays.** *Italicized items are budget related deadlines.*

DATE (DAY OF SESSION)

Feb. 3 (1)	Feb. 20 (18)	Mar. 11 (37)
Feb. 4 (2)	Feb. 21 (19)	Mar. 12 (38)
Feb. 5 (3)	Feb. 22 (20)	Mar. 13 (39)
Feb. 6 (4)	Feb. 23 (21)	Mar. 14 (40)
<i>Subcommittees start meeting jointly</i>	Feb. 24 (22)	Mar. 15 (41)
Feb. 7 (5)	Joint Standing Rule 14: BDR details	Mar. 16 (42)
Feb. 8 (6)		Mar. 17 (43)
Feb. 9 (7)	Feb. 25 (23)	Legislators' bill introductions
Feb. 10 (8)	Feb. 26 (24)	Mar. 18 (44)
Legislators' BDR requests	Feb. 27 (25)	Mar. 19 (45)
Feb. 11 (9)	Feb. 28 (26)	Mar. 20 (46)
Feb. 12 (10)	Mar. 1 (27)	Mar. 21 (47)
Feb. 13 (11)	Mar. 2 (28)	Mar. 22 (48)
Feb. 14 (12)	Mar. 3 (29)	Mar. 23 (49)
Feb. 15 (13)	Mar. 4 (30)	Mar. 24 (50)
Feb. 16 (14)	Mar. 5 (31)	Joint Standing Rule 14 and other remaining bill introductions
Feb. 17 (15)	Mar. 6 (32)	
Joint Standing Rule 14: BDR requests	Mar. 7 (33)	Mar. 25 (51)
Feb. 18 (16)	Mar. 8 (34)	Mar. 26 (52)
Feb. 19 (17)	Mar. 9 (35)	Mar. 27 (53)
	Mar. 10 (36)	Mar. 28 (54)

Mar. 29 (55)	Apr. 22 (79) First House passage	May 15 (102)
Mar. 30 (56)	Apr. 23 (80)	May 16 (103) Committee passage (second House)
Mar. 31 (57)	Apr. 24 (81)	May 17 (104) <i>Finish budget differences</i>
Apr. 1 (58) <i>Start closing budgets</i>	Apr. 25 (82)	May 18 (105)
Apr. 2 (59)	Apr. 26 (83)	
Apr. 3 (60)	Apr. 27 (84)	May 19 (106)
Apr. 4 (61)	Apr. 28 (85)	May 20 (107)
Apr. 5 (62)	Apr. 29 (86)	May 21 (108)
Apr. 6 (63)	Apr. 30 (87)	May 22 (109)
Apr. 7 (64)	May 1 (88) <i>Economic Forum report due</i>	May 23 (110) Second House passage
Apr. 8 (65)	May 2 (89)	May 24 (111)
Apr. 9 (66)	May 3 (90)	May 25 (112)
Apr. 10 (67)	May 4 (91)	
Apr. 11 (68) Committee passage (first House)	May 5 (92) <i>Start resolving budget differences</i>	May 26 (113)
Apr. 12 (69)	May 6 (93)	May 27 (114)
Apr. 13 (70)	May 7 (94)	May 28 (115) <i>Budget bills introduced; Exempt bills from committee</i>
Apr. 14 (71)	May 8 (95)	May 29 (116)
Apr. 15 (72)	May 9 (96)	May 30 (117)
Apr. 16 (73)	May 10 (97)	May 31 (118)
Apr. 17 (74)	May 11 (98)	June 1 (119)
Apr. 18 (75)	May 12 (99)	
Apr. 19 (76)	May 13 (100)	June 2 (120)
Apr. 20 (77)	May 14 (101)	
Apr. 21 (78)		

APPENDIX B
LIMITATIONS AND DEADLINES FOR
BILL DRAFT REQUESTS

**BILL DRAFT REQUESTS (BDRS) ALLOWED BY ENTITY:
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

***Legislators, Legislative Committees,
and Other Legislative Entities***

AUTHORIZED ENTITY	# BDRs	TIME FRAME
Assembly Member: Incumbent (NRS 218D.150)	4	On or before August 1, 2024
	5	August 2, 2024, through December 10, 2024
	1	February 3, 2025, through February 10, 2025
Assembly Member: Newly elected (NRS 218D.150)	5	On or before December 10, 2024
	1	February 3, 2025, through February 10, 2025
Senator: Incumbent (NRS 218D.150)	8	On or before August 1, 2024
	10	August 2, 2024, through December 10, 2024
	2	February 3, 2025, through February 10, 2025
Senator: Newly elected (NRS 218D.150)	10	On or before December 10, 2024
	2	February 3, 2025, through February 10, 2025
Chairs of standing session committees, or a person designated in place of the Chair (NRS 218D.150)	1 per 18 measure s referred to the committee during the 2023 Session	Before the November 5, 2024, General Election ¹
Legislators/Standing session committees (Joint Rule 14)	60 per House ²	February 3, 2025, through 5 p.m. on February 17, 2025
Speaker of the Assembly and Majority Leader of the Senate (NRS 218D.155 and Joint Rule 14.4)	15	Before the November 5, 2024, General Election ³
	10	Emergency requests during session

**Legislators, Legislative Committees,
and Other Legislative Entities (cont'd)**

AUTHORIZED ENTITY	# BDRs	TIME FRAME
Minority Leaders of the Assembly and the Senate <i>(NRS 218D.155 and Joint Rule 14.4)</i>	10	Before the November 5, 2024, General Election ³
	3	Emergency requests during session
Legislative Commission <i>(NRS 218D.160)</i>	10	Before February 3, 2025
Interim Finance Committee <i>(NRS 218D.160)</i>	10	
Statutory legislative committees, other than an interim legislative committee or the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs ⁴ <i>(NRS 218D.160)</i>	10	On or before September 1, 2024
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs ⁴ <i>(NRS 218D.160)</i>	6	
Joint Interim Standing Committees: ⁴ <i>(NRS 218D.160)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commerce and Labor Education Government Affairs Growth and Infrastructure Health and Human Services Judiciary Legislative Operations and Elections Natural Resources Revenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 10 10 10 15⁵ 15⁶ 10 14⁷ 10 	
Interim study committees created by the Legislature, or committees or subcommittees created by the Legislative Commission ^{4,8} <i>(NRS 218D.160)</i>	5	

**Legislators, Legislative Committees,
and Other Legislative Entities (cont'd)**

AUTHORIZED ENTITY	# BDRs	TIME FRAME
Chief Clerk of the Assembly and Secretary of the Senate (NRS 218D.155)	Unlimited, must pertain to duties	Before or during session
Legislative Counsel and General Counsel (NRS 218D.155)	Unlimited, must pertain to duties	

**Executive Branch, Constitutional Officers,
and Supreme Court**

AUTHORIZED ENTITY	# BDRs	TIME FRAME
Governor/Executive Branch	110	On or before August 1, 2024 ⁹
Governor for legislative agenda	5	On or before February 21, 2025 ⁹
Governor for collective bargaining purposes (NRS 218D.175)	Unlimited	Before or during session ⁹
Office of Finance (NRS 218D.175)	Unlimited, to implement budget	On or before February 21, 2025 ⁹
Lieutenant Governor (NRS 218D.175)	3	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Secretary of State (NRS 218D.175)	6	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
	2	On or before December 31, 2024 ⁹
State Treasurer (NRS 218D.175)	5	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
State Controller (NRS 218D.175)	5	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Attorney General (NRS 218D.175)	20	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Supreme Court (NRS 218D.190)	10	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹

Other Entities

AUTHORIZED ENTITY	# BDRs	TIME FRAME
County of: 700,000 or more 100,000 to 699,999 Under 100,000 (NRS 218D.205)	4 2 1	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
School district in a county of: 700,000 or more Under 700,000 (NRS 218D.205)	2 1	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
City of: 500,000 or more 150,000 to 499,999 Under 150,000 (NRS 218D.205)	3 2 1	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Association of counties or cities (NRS 218D.210)	5	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Regional transportation commission in a county of 100,000 or more (NRS 218D.211)	1	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Behavioral Health Regions: Clark, Northern, Rural, Southern, and Washoe (NRS 218D.212)	1 each	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Patient Protection Commission (NRS 218D.213)	3	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs (NRS 218D.217)	2	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Advisory Committee on Housing (NRS 218D.218)	1	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NRS 218D.220)	1	On or before September 1, 2024 ⁹
Nevada Youth Legislature (NRS 219A.220)	1	On or before December 1, 2024 ¹⁰

Other Entities (cont'd)

AUTHORIZED ENTITY	# BDRs	TIME FRAME
Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group (AB 164 [2023])	1	On or before December 31, 2024

Notes

- ¹ Per NRS 218D.150, a Legislator who is designated after the November 2024 General Election as the Chair of a standing committee for the 2025 Regular Session, or a person designated in place of the Chair, may request the remaining number of allowed measures that were not requested by the previous Chair. The deadline to request such measures is December 10, 2024.
- ² Requests are allocated by the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly.
- ³ Per NRS 218D.155, a Legislator who is designated after the November 2024 General Election as Speaker of the Assembly, Majority Leader of the Senate, or Minority Leader of the Assembly or Senate may request the remaining number of allowed measures that were not requested by his or her predecessor. The deadline for the new officer to request such measures is before February 3, 2025.
- ⁴ Per NRS 218D.160, the listed limits and deadlines for these entities apply unless otherwise provided by a specific statute or a joint rule or concurrent resolution. The Legislative Commission may authorize submittal of requests from the entities after the date listed.
- ⁵ At least five BDRs allocated to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services must relate to child welfare.
- ⁶ At least five BDRs allocated to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Judiciary must relate to juvenile justice.
- ⁷ At least four BDRs allocated to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources must relate to public lands.
- ⁸ Per NRS 218D.160, the Legislative Commission may authorize a committee or subcommittee created by order of the Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 to request the drafting of additional legislative measures.
- ⁹ 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 nonlegislative requester to submit a request for the drafting of a legislative measure in exceptional circumstances.
- ¹⁰ Per NRS 219A.220, the Legislative Commission may authorize submittal of a request from the Nevada Youth Legislature after the listed date.

APPENDIX C
NEVADA'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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1

INITIAL STEPS

IDEA AND 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, constitutional officers, the Nevada Supreme Court, state agencies, local governments and certain other entities named in statute or legislation. A staff attorney for the Legislature prepares a formal draft of a bill.

2

ACTION IN THE HOUSE OF ORIGIN

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

A bill is submitted for introduction by an individual Legislator or committee chair. It is then numbered, read for the first time in the legislative House of origin, referred to committee, printed and delivered to the committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION AND 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 amendments. If a committee decides that a bill requires further committee consideration, it may recommend that the legislative House rerefer the bill to another committee with or without amendments. Alternately, a committee may vote to indefinitely postpone consideration of a bill, or may take no action at all, effectively killing it. After committee reports are read on the floor of the legislative House, bills are placed on second reading for the next legislative day unless the committee 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

A bill given a "Do Pass" recommendation is read a second time and placed on General File for debate and a final vote. A bill given an "Amend and Do Pass" recommendation is read a second time, and the proposed amendment is presented to the body. If the amendment is adopted, the bill is reprinted before being placed on General File for action.

FLOOR DEBATE AND VOTE

The bill is 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. After the vote, a Legislator may make a motion to reconsider the action, pursuant to rules adopted by each House. All bills that are passed by the first legislative House are forwarded to the second legislative House, where the process begins again.

Note: This information primarily describes legislative steps for a bill or joint resolution. The process for a one-House or concurrent resolution varies slightly.

3

ACTION IN THE SECOND HOUSE

FIRST READING

The bill is read for the first time on the floor of the second House and referred to committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION AND SECOND READING

Procedures and possible actions are nearly identical to those in the first legislative House.

FLOOR DEBATE AND VOTE

The procedure is the same as 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.

4

RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES (IF NECESSARY)

CONCURRENCE

The House of origin decides whether to accept the second legislative House's amendment. If it concurs with the amendment, the bill is enrolled and delivered to the Governor. If the amendment is rejected by the House of origin, the bill is returned to the second legislative House for a decision on 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 AND REPORT

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. If both legislative Houses adopt the report, the bill is enrolled and delivered to the Governor. The bill fails if the members of the conference committee do not reach agreement or if a conference report is not adopted by both Houses.

5

ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR ACTION

The Governor must act on a bill within five days after it is received (Sundays excepted) if the Legislature is still in session. However, if there are fewer than five days remaining in session, or if the bill is delivered after adjournment sine die, the Governor has ten days after adjournment (Sundays excepted) 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.

APPENDIX D
EXAMPLES OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS,
AND A FISCAL NOTE

EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL

REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE (§ 6)

S.B. 342

SENATE BILL NO. 342—SENATOR FARLEY

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Revenue and
Economic Development

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the collection of certain taxes on passenger carriers. (BDR 32-1116)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to taxation; revising provisions relating to the collection of the excise tax imposed upon the use of certain methods of connecting a passenger to a person who provides transportation services; imposing an excise tax on the connection between a contract motor carrier and a person or operator willing to transport a passenger; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law imposes an excise tax upon each connection by a transportation
2 network company, common motor carrier of passengers or certificate holder of a
3 passenger to a driver, person or operator or taxicab, respectively, to provide
4 transportation to the passenger. (NRS 372B.140-372B.160) This bill requires each
5 transportation network company, common motor carrier of passengers and
6 certificate holder to collect the excise tax from a passenger or group of passengers
7 at the time the passenger or passengers pay a fare. This bill also imposes a similar
8 tax on contract motor carriers.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 360.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 360.001 As used in this title, except as otherwise provided in
3 chapters 360A, 365, 366, 371 and 373 of NRS and unless the
4 context requires otherwise:

5 1. “Department” means the Department of Taxation.



EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL (continued)

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1 2. "Excise tax" means an indirect tax that a producer or
2 seller:

- 3 (a) Pays to the State; and
4 (b) May recover from or shift to a consumer or buyer.

5 3. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the
6 Department of Taxation.

7 Sec. 2. Chapter 372B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
8 thereto a new section to read as follows:

9 "Contract motor carrier" has the meaning ascribed to it in
10 NRS 706.051.

11 Sec. 3. NRS 372B.010 is hereby amended to read as
12 follows:

13 372B.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
14 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 372B.020 to
15 372B.090, inclusive, and section 2 of this act have the meanings
16 ascribed to them in those sections.

17 Sec. 4. NRS 372B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 372B.070 "Taxpayer" means a:

- 19 1. Common motor carrier of passengers;
20 2. Contract motor carrier;
21 3. Taxicab; or

22 ~~3.~~ 4. Transportation network company.

23 Sec. 5. NRS 372B.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 372B.140 1. In addition to any other fee or assessment
25 imposed pursuant to this chapter, an excise tax is hereby imposed on
26 a transportation network company for the use of a digital network
27 or software application service of ~~the~~ the transportation network
28 company to connect a passenger to a driver for the purpose of
29 providing transportation services at the rate of 3 percent of the total
30 fare charged for transportation services, which must include,
31 without limitation, all fees, surcharges, technology fees,
32 convenience charges for the use of a credit or debit card and any
33 other amount that is part of the fare. ~~The Department shall charge~~
34 ~~and collect from each transportation network company~~ Each
35 transportation network company shall collect the excise tax from
36 each passenger at the time the passenger pays a fare and remit the
37 excise tax imposed by this subsection ~~to the Department~~.

38 2. The excise tax collected by the Department pursuant to
39 subsection 1 must be deposited with the State Treasurer in
40 accordance with the provisions of NRS 372B.170.

41 Sec. 6. NRS 372B.150 is hereby amended to read as
42 follows:

43 372B.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2
44 and in addition to any other fee or assessment imposed pursuant to
45 this chapter, an excise tax is hereby imposed on a common motor



EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL (continued)

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1 *carrier of passengers or contract motor carrier for* the connection,
 2 whether by dispatch or other means, made ~~by a~~ *between the*
 3 common motor carrier of a passenger ~~to~~ *or passengers or contract*
 4 *motor carrier and* a person or operator willing to transport ~~the~~ *a*
 5 passenger *or group of passengers* at the rate of 3 percent of the total
 6 fare charged for the transportation, which must include, without
 7 limitation, all fees, surcharges, technology fees, convenience
 8 charges for the use of a credit or debit card and any other amount
 9 that is part of the fare. ~~The Department shall charge and collect~~
 10 ~~from each common motor carrier of passengers~~ *Each common*
 11 *motor carrier of passengers or contract motor carrier shall collect*
 12 *the excise tax from each passenger at the time the passenger pays*
 13 *a fare and remit* the excise tax imposed by this subsection ~~to the~~
 14 *Department.*

15 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to an airport
 16 transfer service ~~to~~ *, charter service by bus or special service*
 17 *provided by a common motor carrier of passengers or contract*
 18 *motor carrier.*

19 3. The excise tax collected by the Department pursuant to
 20 subsection 1 must be deposited with the State Treasurer in
 21 accordance with the provisions of NRS 372B.170.

22 4. As used in this section, "airport transfer service" means the
 23 transportation of passengers and their baggage in the same vehicle,
 24 except by taxicab, for a per capita charge between airports or
 25 between an airport and points and places in this State. The term does
 26 not include charter services by bus, charter services by limousine,
 27 scenic tours or special services.

28 **Sec. 7.** NRS 372B.160 is hereby amended to read as
 29 follows:

30 372B.160 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2
 31 and in addition to any other fee or assessment imposed pursuant to
 32 this chapter, an excise tax is hereby imposed on *a certificate holder*
 33 *for* the connection, whether by dispatch or other means, made ~~by a~~
 34 *between the* certificate holder ~~of a passenger to~~ *and* a taxicab
 35 willing to transport ~~the~~ *a* passenger *or group of passengers* at the
 36 rate of 3 percent of the total fare charged for the transportation,
 37 which must include, without limitation, all fees, surcharges,
 38 technology fees, convenience charges for the use of a credit or debit
 39 card and any other amount that is part of the fare. ~~The Department~~
 40 ~~shall charge and collect from each certificate holder~~ *Each*
 41 *certificate holder shall collect the excise tax from each passenger*
 42 *at the time the passenger pays a fare and remit* the excise tax
 43 imposed by this subsection ~~to the~~ *Department.*



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EXAMPLE OF A SENATE BILL *(continued)*

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- 1 2. The excise tax collected by the Department pursuant to
2 subsection 1 must be deposited with the State Treasurer in
3 accordance with the provisions of NRS 372B.170.
4 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY BILL

(Reprinted with amendments adopted on April 4, 2017)
FIRST REPRINT EXEMPT
A.B. 10

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE STATE CONTROLLER)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to state purchasing.
(BDR 27-430)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to state purchasing; providing for the disposition of rebates for purchases made with procurement cards; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill provides for the disposition of money received by the State in the form
2 of rebates for purchases made by using charge cards issued to state agencies or their
3 authorized representatives, commonly known as “procurement cards,” where the
4 disposition is not otherwise prohibited by law or any other restriction on the use or
5 disposition of the money used for such a purchase. Under the provisions of this bill,
6 after deducting administrative costs: (1) 50 percent of any such rebate is deposited
7 into the Account to Stabilize the Operation of the State Government, also known as
8 the Rainy Day Fund; and (2) the other 50 percent is given to the state agency that
9 made the purchase. Such money deposited into the Rainy Day Fund must not be
10 used to replace or supplant funding from other sources. Also, such money received
11 by a state agency: (1) must not be used to replace or supplant funding available
12 from other sources; and (2) may be used at the discretion of the head of the agency.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 333 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise prohibited by law or any other*
4 *applicable restriction on the use or disposition of the money used*



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EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY BILL *(continued)*

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1 *for the purchase, any money provided to the State in the form of a*
2 *rebate for a purchase made with a procurement card must, after*
3 *deducting administrative costs, be distributed as follows:*

4 *(a) Fifty percent must be deposited into the Account to*
5 *Stabilize the Operation of the State Government created pursuant*
6 *to NRS 353.288; and*

7 *(b) Fifty percent must be given to the using agency that made*
8 *the purchase.*

9 **2. The money:**

10 *(a) Deposited into the Account to Stabilize the Operation of the*
11 *State Government pursuant to subsection 1 must not be used to*
12 *replace or supplant funding available from other sources.*

13 *(b) Received by a using agency pursuant to subsection 1:*

14 *(1) Must not be used to replace or supplant funding*
15 *available from other sources; and*

16 *(2) May be used at the discretion of the head of the using*
17 *agency.*

18 **3. As used in this section, "procurement card" means a**
19 **charge card issued to a using agency or its authorized**
20 **representative for the purchase of goods and services pursuant to**
21 **the provisions of this chapter.**

22 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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EXAMPLE OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1—Senators
Parks, Segerblom and Manendo

Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Ohrenschall

FILE NUMBER.....

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to expressly provide for the State Board of Pardons Commissioners and revise the duties of the State Board of Pardons Commissioners.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Under the Nevada Constitution and existing law, the State Board of Pardons Commissioners consists of the Governor, the justices of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, § 14; NRS 213.010) The Nevada Constitution does not expressly provide for a State Board of Pardons Commissioners, but rather establishes the authority, powers and duties of the Board. Further, the Nevada Constitution requires the Governor to vote in the majority for any action. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, § 14)

This joint resolution proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to: (1) expressly provide for the State Board of Pardons Commissioners; (2) eliminate the requirement that the Governor vote in the majority for any action; (3) require the State Board of Pardons Commissioners to meet at least quarterly; (4) authorize any member of the State Board of Pardons Commissioners to submit matters for consideration by the Board; and (5) provide that a majority of the members of the State Board of Pardons Commissioners is sufficient for any action taken by the Board. (Nev. Const. Art. 5, § 14)

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 14 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14. 1. The governor, justices of the supreme court, and attorney general ~~1, or a major part of them, of whom the governor~~ shall ~~be one, There is hereby created a Clemency~~ *constitute the State Board* ~~1~~ *of Pardons Commissioners.*

2. The State Board of Pardons Commissioners may, upon such conditions and with such limitations and restrictions as they may think proper, remit fines and forfeitures, commute punishments, except as provided in subsection ~~2~~ *3*, and grant pardons, after convictions, in all cases, except treason and impeachments, subject to such regulations as may be provided by law relative to the manner of applying for pardons.



EXAMPLE OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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~~12-1~~ 3. Except as may be provided by law, a sentence of death or a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole may not be commuted to a sentence which would allow parole.

~~13-1~~ 4. *The State Board of Pardons Commissioners shall meet at least quarterly.*

5. *Any member of the State Board of Pardons Commissioners may submit matters for consideration by the State Board of Pardons Commissioners.*

6. *A majority of the members of the State Board of Pardons Commissioners is sufficient for any action taken by the State Board of Pardons Commissioners.*

7. The Legislature is authorized to pass laws conferring upon the district courts authority to suspend the execution of sentences, fix the conditions for, and to grant probation, and within the minimum and maximum periods authorized by law, fix the sentence to be served by the person convicted of crime in said courts.

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EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 11—Assemblymen
Hansen, Ellison; and McArthur

Joint Sponsor: Senator Gustavson

FILE NUMBER.....

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to ensure that the Intermountain West Corridor does not bypass Mineral County.

WHEREAS, On December 4, 2015, the 114th Congress passed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which designated the Intermountain West Corridor as a high-priority corridor on the National Highway System; and

WHEREAS, The FAST Act established that the Intermountain West Corridor, from the vicinity of Las Vegas north to Reno, should follow U.S. Route 95 and terminate at Interstate 80; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Nevada Department of Transportation voted unanimously to designate U.S. Route 95 as the primary route of the Intermountain West Corridor from the Las Vegas vicinity extending north, terminating at Interstate 80; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Route 95 runs through the heart of Mineral County, home of the Hawthorne Weapons and Ammunition Depot (HWAD) which encompasses 147,000 acres and where Army, Navy and Marine special forces are trained year-round in the unique aspects of mountainous terrain and a high desert environment similar to that found in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Through the U.S. Army’s Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Program, the 16,800-acre Hawthorne Technology and Industry Park at HWAD is the only facility of its kind west of Missouri certified as an ARMS site, which is a site designed to encourage commercial use of the facility through various incentives, encourage businesses to locate there, create jobs and new industries, yet retain the Depot’s ability to carry out its primary mission; and

WHEREAS, Hawthorne and Mineral County possess both the natural and man-made resources to support the original mission of the Interstate Highway System and the goals of the Intermountain West Corridor project, including existing rail service, a dedicated railroad bed extending to Tonopah, existing geothermal and solar installations with the capacity to greatly expand renewable energy opportunities with the addition of transmission lines within the U.S. Route 95 and the Intermountain West Corridor, an airport capable of



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landing a C-130 cargo plane, an on-site fire and emergency rapid response department and 24-hour security; and

WHEREAS, Hawthorne is centrally located 265 miles from Sacramento, 385 miles from Los Angeles, 513 miles from Salt Lake City, 612 miles from Phoenix, 133 miles from Reno and 314 miles from Las Vegas, and is strategically located to provide excellent highway access to surrounding states and the entire west coast region; and

WHEREAS, Regionally, it is estimated that the Intermountain West Corridor will result in a \$24 billion economic benefit, create 240,000 jobs and provide up to \$39 billion in travel benefits; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to continue to pursue the original intent of the FAST Act and establish that the Intermountain West Corridor, from the vicinity of Las Vegas north to Reno, will follow U.S. Route 95 and terminate at Interstate 80 and not bypass Mineral County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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EXAMPLE OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Senators Segerblom; Atkinson, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Denis, Farley, Ford, Gansert, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Manendo, Parks, Ratti, Roberson, Settlemeyer, Spearman and Woodhouse

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Ohrenschall; Elliot Anderson, Paul Anderson, Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Cohen, Daly, Diaz, Edwards, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Fumo, Hambrick, Hansen, Jauregui, Joiner, Kramer, Krasner, Marchant, McArthur, McCurdy II, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Neal, Oscarson, Pickard, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Swank, Thompson, Titus, Tolles, Watkins, Wheeler, Woodbury and Yeager

FILE NUMBER.....

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing William Patterson (Pat) Cashill.

WHEREAS, The members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature note with profound sorrow the passing, on August 27, 2016, of Pat Cashill, a proud native Nevadan who was a tireless advocate on behalf of those injured by others and whose efforts helped protect Nevada’s entire legal system; and

WHEREAS, William Patterson Cashill was born in Reno, Nevada, on August 22, 1944, beginning a life that was filled with adventure, travel and family; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Colorado Law School, Pat Cashill returned to Nevada, where he worked as an Assistant United States Attorney, was the first Nevadan appointed to serve as a special attorney in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the United States Department of Justice and also served as a Special Attorney for Water Rights on behalf of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Pat Cashill was admitted to practice law in Nevada, California and Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Pat Cashill was active in numerous legal organizations, serving on the Board of the Nevada Justice Association for 20 years, as its president from 1986 to 1987, on its Political Action Committee, Citizens for Justice, for 30 years, and serving as a volunteer lobbyist on behalf of the Nevada Justice Association protecting the rights of all Nevadans for 40 years as well as serving on the American Association for Justice; and



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WHEREAS, In addition to his successful career and steadfast work on behalf of the legal community, Pat Cashill became a certified Fraud Examiner at the age of 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Pat Cashill loved his family, being a devoted husband to his wife Johnna and father to their children John and Kate, all of whom enjoyed exploring the world together, climbing, diving, snorkeling and trekking; and

WHEREAS, Their adventures took Pat Cashill and his family to such places as Egypt, Spain, Russia, Switzerland, Tanzania, Australia, Indonesia, Micronesia, Ecuador, Belize and Brazil, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Pat Cashill was also an avid fisherman, fly fishing in rivers and lakes in Nevada as well as in other states and even other countries; and

WHEREAS, Pat Cashill was an avid skier, swimmer, former marathon runner, former rugby player, hunter and lifetime member of the Northern Nevada Handball Association; and

WHEREAS, Pat Cashill lived life to the fullest, never allowing anything to get in the way of pursuing his dreams and goals; and

WHEREAS, Pat Cashill leaves behind his loving wife Johnna, sister Terry Juhola, daughter Kate and her husband Ryan Blewett, son John and his wife Charlotte, and grandchildren Mackenzie and Aiden; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby extend their deepest condolences to the beloved family and countless friends of Pat Cashill; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Johnna Cashill, the loving wife of Pat Cashill.

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EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
ASSEMBLYMEN ELLISON AND OSCARSON

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning increases in salary and benefits of state employees. (BDR R-44)

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 concerning increases in the salary and benefits of state employees.

1 WHEREAS, The delivery of essential governmental services to
2 the people of this State is dependent on the men and women
3 employed by the State; and

4 WHEREAS, During the Great Recession, state employees were
5 required to take furloughs, reductions in pay, loss of merit and
6 longevity pay and other reductions in benefits; and

7 WHEREAS, State employees who first entered state service
8 during and after the Great Recession receive certain benefits on less
9 favorable terms than state employees who were hired during earlier,
10 more favorable times for this State; and

11 WHEREAS, This State makes a significant investment in the
12 recruitment and training of state employees; and

13 WHEREAS, The departure from state service of experienced and
14 trained state employees not only interrupts the delivery of essential
15 governmental services to the people of this State, but also imposes
16 costs to recruit and train their successors; and

17 WHEREAS, The payment of adequate salaries and benefits is
18 necessary to attract, recruit and retain an effective workforce; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby
22 directed to appoint a committee composed of three members of the



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1 Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be
2 appointed by the Legislative Commission as Chair of the committee,
3 to conduct an interim study of the desirability and feasibility of
4 increasing the salary and benefits of state employees; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That in performing the study, the committee shall,
7 without limitation:

8 1. Compare the current salaries and benefits of persons with
9 similar qualifications who are employed by the State of Nevada with
10 other public employers and in the private sector;

11 2. Determine the minimum salary and benefits required to
12 attract and retain experienced and competent persons; and

13 3. Consider the elimination or reduction of the disparity
14 between certain benefits received by state employees who first
15 entered state service during and after the Great Recession and the
16 benefits received by state employees who entered state service
17 earlier; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
19 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
20 Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to
21 the committee; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of
23 the results of the study and any recommended legislation to the
24 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the
25 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
27 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Administrator
28 of the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department
29 of Administration, the Chair of the Public Employees' Retirement
30 Board and the Chair of the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits
31 Program.

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EXAMPLE OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

Senate Resolution No. 6—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 2017-2019 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 Kelvin Atkinson, Moises Denis, Aaron Ford, Patricia Farley, Ben Kieckhefer and Scott Hammond are designated as the regular Senate members of the Legislative Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Senators Joyce Woodhouse and David Parks are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Kelvin Atkinson; Senators Pat Spearman and Tick Segerblom are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Moises Denis; Senators Nicole Cannizzaro and Julia Ratti are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Aaron Ford; Senators Heidi Gansert and Joe Hardy are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Patricia Farley; Senators James Settlemeyer and Pete Goicoechea are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Ben Kieckhefer; and Senators Becky Harris and Michael Roberson are designated as the first and second alternate members, respectively, for Senator Scott Hammond; 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 designation on the appropriate list to replace the regular member at



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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 on the appropriate list to those alternate members who have higher numerical designations on 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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EXAMPLE OF AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

Assembly Resolution No. 5—Assemblymen Frierson,
Benitez-Thompson and Paul Anderson

FILE NUMBER.....

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding former Assemblyman John
E. (Jack) Jeffrey to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Wall of Distinction for those past members of the Assembly, selected by leadership, who served with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, John E. (Jack) Jeffrey was born in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1938, and then moved to Henderson, Nevada, with his family in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Jeffrey worked as an electrician for many years and served as Secretary for the Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council, experiences that gave him a deep understanding of the concerns and interests of the working men and women in this State; and

WHEREAS, Jack Jeffrey became involved in politics at an early age, before he was even old enough to vote, and went on to serve as a member of the Henderson City Council and as Mayor pro tem; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Jack Jeffrey was elected to the Nevada Assembly where he represented the Henderson area for the next 16 years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Legislature, Assemblyman Jeffrey filled many leadership roles, serving as Assembly Majority Floor Leader during the 1983, 1987 and 1989 Regular Sessions and the 1984 and 1989 Special Sessions, as Majority Whip in 1977 and as Assistant Minority Floor Leader in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Jack Jeffrey served on the Assembly Committee on Commerce for 12 years and served as Chair of that Committee in 1979, 1983, 1987 and 1989, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Economic Development and Natural Resources in 1981, and Chair of the Legislative Commission in 1989 and 1990, as well as serving as a member of many other standing and interim committees; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Jeffrey successfully sponsored many significant pieces of legislation on subjects including fire safety, workers' compensation, preference for Nevada contractors on public works projects, occupational diseases, workplace health and safety and local government; and

WHEREAS, After his service in the Legislature, Jack Jeffrey returned to the Legislature as a lobbyist for an additional 20 years,



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working tirelessly to protect the rights of the working men and women in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Jack Jeffrey will long be remembered as an astute and powerful political leader, a vigorous advocate of the rights of the common citizen and a soft-spoken, kind and compassionate colleague and friend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for his 16 years of dedicated service to the Assembly, John E. (Jack) Jeffrey is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of former Assemblyman John E. (Jack) Jeffrey.

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EXAMPLE OF A FISCAL NOTE

BDR 18-385
SB 25

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 10, 2017

Agency Submitting: Office of the Secretary of State

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)		\$75,885	\$78,766	\$157,532
Travel (Expense)		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Registration/Training (Expense)		\$3,750	\$1,950	\$4,900
Operating (Expense)		\$22,960	\$20,960	\$41,920
Hardware/Software (Expense)		\$6,655		
Total	0	\$112,250	\$104,676	\$210,352

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The amounts entered for this fiscal note represent the costs for the Office of the Secretary of State to resume oversight of the CAP Program from the Office of the Attorney General. Please see Exhibit 1 for detailed cost information.

Name PAMELA DOVER
Title ASO 3

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date Friday, January 27, 2017

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name Laura E. Freed
Title Executive Branch Budget Office

EXAMPLE OF A FISCAL NOTE *(continued)*

Description of Fiscal Effect
BDR 18-385
Office of the Secretary of State
01/25/17

	Yr1	Yr2	Total
Ongoing Costs - Annual			
Personnel Services (Program Officer I 31-7) per NEBS	\$75,494	\$78,326	\$153,820
Employee Bond Ins/Tort Claim Assessment (per NEBS)	\$101	\$99	\$200
EITS Assessments (per NEBS)-	\$290	\$341	\$631
Personal Vehicle (in state) - 50 miles per month to deliver participant mail to secure me	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$2,400
Commercial Air (out of state) - annual certification training	\$800	\$800	\$1,600
Per Diem (meals, lodging, incidentals) for annual certification training	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Registration for annual certification training	\$450	\$450	\$900
Administer training to cooperating partner agencies	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$2,600
Secure PO Box rental (\$249/month)	\$2,880	\$2,880	\$5,760
Outside postage to forward participant mail	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,000
Operating supplies	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$4,800
State Printing costs for program materials, letterhead, etc.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Advertising and public relations	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
National Association of Confidential Address Programs Dues	\$200	\$200	\$400
Staff email, phone line and voice mail (per NEBS)	\$540	\$540	\$1,080
Program email, phone line, fax and voice mail (per NEBS)	\$540	\$540	\$1,080
800 toll free charges	\$300	\$300	\$600
Long distance charges	\$300	\$300	\$600
Start Up Costs - One Time Start Up			
Office Furniture Workstation (per NEBS)	\$4,386		\$4,386
Telephone Handset	\$200		\$200
Office Computer w/two monitors (per NEBS)	\$1,527		\$1,527
MS Office Suite Pro (per NEBS)	\$330		\$330
Color Printer - high resolution (per NEBS)	\$212		\$212
State Printing costs for initial setup and printing of program materials, letterhead, etc.	\$2,000		\$2,000
Initial Program Officer I certification/training costs	\$1,800		\$1,800
	\$112,250	\$104,676	
		Grand Total	\$216,926

APPENDIX E
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).

Bulletin Number	Title
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).
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).

Bulletin Number	Title
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 (Mittler, 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).
68A	Summary of the Study of General Fund Revenues of the State of Nevada (1966).
69	State Financial Support for Public Schools (1967).
70	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (1966-1967).
71	Annual Report and Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (Vols. I and II, 1967-1968).
72	Economic Regulation of Business and Unfair Competition (1968).
73	Fish and Game Laws (1968).
73A	Fish and Game Laws (Supplemental Report, 1969).
74	Nevada's Court Structure (1968).
75	Legislative Techniques (1969).

Bulletin Number	Title
76	Need and Feasibility of Establishing an Estate Tax in Nevada (1969).
77	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada (1969).
78	Public Printing in Nevada (1969).
79	The Marlette Lake Water System: A Report on the Feasibility and Desirability of Its Retention (1969).
80	Illegal Narcotic and Drug Use in Nevada (1969).
81	Nevada State Hospital Procedures (1969).
82	Motor Vehicle Laws and Highway Safety Standards (1969).
83	Nevada's Laws Regulating Savings and Loan Associations (1969).
84	The Activities and Services of the Welfare Division of the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation (1969).
85	Revision of Nevada's Mining Laws (1969).
86	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (1968-1969).
87	Annual Report and Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (1969-1970).
88	County Courts for Nevada (1970).
89	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada (1971).
90	A Proposed Evidence Code for the State of Nevada (1970).
91	Consumer Protection (1970).
92	Nevada Municipal Governments (1970).
93	Gaming Supervision and Control in Nevada (1970).
94	Museums for Southern Nevada (1970).
95	Highway Safety Standards and Motor Vehicle Carriers: A Continuation Study (1970).
96	Nevada's Community Property Laws (1970).
97	State-Supported Radio Communications Systems (1970).
98	Report on the Continuation Study of the Marlette Lake Water System (1971).
99	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada Issued by the Fiscal Analyst (1970-1971).
100	Twenty-Ninth Annual Report: Office of Fiscal Analyst (1972).
101	Facilities for Juvenile Offenders (1972).
102	Legislative Printing: Requirements and Costs (1972).

Bulletin Number	Title
103	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada (1973).
104	Nevada Industrial Commission Study (1972).
105	Continuation Study of Nevada Municipal Government (1972).
106	Subdivision Planning and Zoning (1972).
107	Conflicts of Interest (1972).
108	State Welfare Laws (1972).
109	Continuation Study of Highway Safety Standards and Motor Vehicle Laws (1972).
110	Senior Citizens Tax Relief Study (1972).
111	Nevada Election Laws (1972).
112	Legislative Rules Study (1972).
113	Nevada Probate Statutes (1974).
114	Counsel Bureau Organization and Legislative Procedures (1974).
115	Consolidation of State and Local Welfare Programs (1974).
116	Development of the Practice of Chinese Medicine (1974).
117	Mental Health Care Facilities and Programs: Interim Report (1974).
118	Unincorporated Town Governments (1974).
119	Mobile Home Taxation (1974).
120	Temporary Disability Insurance Program (1974).
121	Financial Condition of Public Housing Authorities (1974).
122	Tax Exemptions for Charitable Societies (1974).
123	Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff Study on the Role of the Lieutenant Governor (1974).
124	Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff Study on State Insurance Policies and Procedures (1974).
125	Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff Study of the Feasibility of a Forestry Nursery Facility in Southern Nevada (1974).
126	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada (1975).
†77-1	The Problems of Medical Malpractice Insurance.
77-2	Study of Electric and Gas Utilities and the Public Service Commission of Nevada.
77-3	Training, Qualifications, Workloads and Leave Policies of the Judiciary and District Attorneys.
77-4	Funding Nevada's Courts.

Bulletin Number	Title
77-5	Budget Formulas and Formats for the University of Nevada System.
77-6	Means of Deriving Additional State Benefits from Public Lands.
77-7	Skilled Nursing Facilities and Problems of the Aged and Aging.
77-8	Publications Policies of State Agencies.
77-9	Employer Payment of Employee Contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System.
77-10	The Roles of the State Health Division and Local Government in Approving Construction Projects.
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15-13	Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (NRS 232B.210).
15-14	Health Care (NRS 439B.200).
15-15	Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085).
15-16	Commission on Special License Plates (NRS 482.367004).
17-1	Nevada Legislative Manual (2017).
17-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 79 th Session of the Nevada Legislature.
17-3	Subcommittee to Conduct a Study of Postacute Care (AB 242).
•17-4	Advisory Committee to Develop a Plan to Reorganize the Clark County School District (AB 394, Sec. 25).
17-5	Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (NRS 176.0123).
17-6	Regionalizing the Mental Health System in Nevada: Considerations and Policy Options (NRS 218E.200)
17-7	Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200).
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19-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 80 th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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19-4	Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education (AB 202, 2017).
19-5	Committee to Study Issues Regarding Affordable Housing (SCR 1, 2017).
19-6	Committee to Study the Salaries of Certain Positions in the Unclassified and Nonclassified Service of the State (SCR 6, 2017).
19-7	Nevada Task Force on Financial Security (SB 118, 2017).
19-8	Committee to Study the Needs Related to the Behavioral and Cognitive Care of Older Persons (SB 121, 2017).
19-9	Nevada Sentencing Commission (SB 451, 2017).
19-10	Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (NRS 176.0123).
19-11	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510).
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19-17	Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (NRS 232B.210).
19-18	Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NRS 427A.320).
19-19	Legislative Committee on Health Care (NRS 439B.200).
19-20	Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085).
19-21	Commission on Special License Plates (NRS 482.367004).
•21-1	Legislative Manual (2021).
21-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 81 st Session of the Nevada Legislature.
21-3	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Wildfires (ACR 4, 2019).
21-4	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of Issues Relating to Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana (ACR 7, 2019).
•21-5	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of the Working Conditions at Licensed Brothels (ACR 6, 2019).

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21-6	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of the Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting in the State of Nevada (SCR 9, 2019).
•21-7	Study of the Feasibility, Viability, and Design of a Public Healthcare Insurance Plan for Nevadans (SCR 10, 2019).
21-8	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study of Issues Relating to Pretrial Release of Defendants in Criminal Cases (SCR 11, 2019).
21-9	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Costs of Prescription Drugs (SB 276, 2019).
21-10	Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (NRS 176.0123).
21-11	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510).
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•21-20	Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste (NRS 459.0085).
21-21	Commission on Special License Plates (NRS 432.367004).
•23-1	Nevada Legislative Manual (2023).
23-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 82 nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.
23-3	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (NRS 218E.320).
23-4	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (NRS 218E.320).
23-5	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs (NRS 218E.320).
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23-7	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (NRS 218E.320).

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23-16	Joint Special Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning Innovation Zones (SCR 11, 2021).
23-17	Committee to Conduct an Investigation into Matters Relating to Reapportionment and Redistricting in Nevada (SCR 13, 2021).
23-18	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Use of the Name, Image, and Likeness of a Student Athlete (AB 254, 2021).
25-1	Nevada Legislative Manual (2025).
25-2	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 83 rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.
25-3	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (NRS 218E.320).
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APPENDIX F
LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY

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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 (modification 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 Senate or Assembly.....	The dividing line between the floor of the 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, a legislative committee, an executive agency, a member of the judiciary, a local government, or other selected entities, that provides the Legal Division with the policy information necessary to draft a bill. These are assigned a two-part number: the first part, the title number of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS); the second part, a unique sequence number for a session.
- Budget.....A plan outlining anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures needed to carry out programs for a fiscal period.
- Calendar dayEach 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 interest group, 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.
- Committee of the Whole.....A committee comprised of the entire membership of the house, usually convened to informally consider proposed legislation; these are formed occasionally during regular sessions, but more frequently during special sessions when time is shorter.
- Concur.....One house agrees to an amendment on a bill or resolution adopted by the other house.
- Conference committeeA joint meeting of selected members from each of the two houses whose function is to resolve differences and 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 in 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.
- Digest..... A short summary of a bill written in common parlance that describes the current state of the law and the changes proposed in the bill.
- 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.
- Executive Budget* 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 *Executive Budget* is proposed by the Governor and the Chief of the Budget Division of the Governor's Office of Finance.
- 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 *Executive Budget*.
- 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 chamber 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 workday that takes place when the full Senate or Assembly meets in its chamber to conduct business.
- General file The third reading file of bills and joint resolutions due for consideration in the houses.
- 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 committee..... A committee, subcommittee, or special committee that generally holds its meetings during the legislative interim, but may be authorized to meet during sessions, as well. The Legislature's interim committees study specific subjects, provide oversight regarding particular issues, or are part of national organizations that bring together legislators from various states. Some interim committees are established as statutory committees that are assigned ongoing legislative functions and responsibilities.
- 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 preceding session that administers a contingency fund, reviews state agency requests to accept certain gifts and grants, modifies legislatively approved budgets, approves changes to the scope of the design or construction of certain capital improvement projects, 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) whose majority and minority membership is established by the Joint Standing Rules. The Commission exercises general policymaking and supervisory authority over the operations of the LCB and assists the Legislature in maintaining its independent and coordinate status with the Executive and Judicial Departments.
- Legislative Counsel
Bureau (LCB) The nonpartisan, centralized agency that serves both houses and all legislators year-round during legislative sessions and during interim periods between sessions.
- Legislative day Each day that the houses actually convene. These do not necessarily coincide in number with calendar days.
- Lobbyist..... Generally, a person who communicates directly with a member of the Legislative Branch on behalf of someone other than himself or herself to influence legislative action, whether or not any compensation is received for the communication.
- 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.
- Motion A statement by a legislator proposing action to be taken by the body.
- Nevada Administrative Code (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.
- Nevada Revised Statutes (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..... The 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.
- Recede Withdraw from an amendment in which the other house refused to concur.
- Recess An interruption in a meeting when the meeting will continue later in the same day. The time to reconvene may be at the “call of the chair” or a specific time.
- Redistricting..... The division of existing legislative districts into new districts with different boundaries.

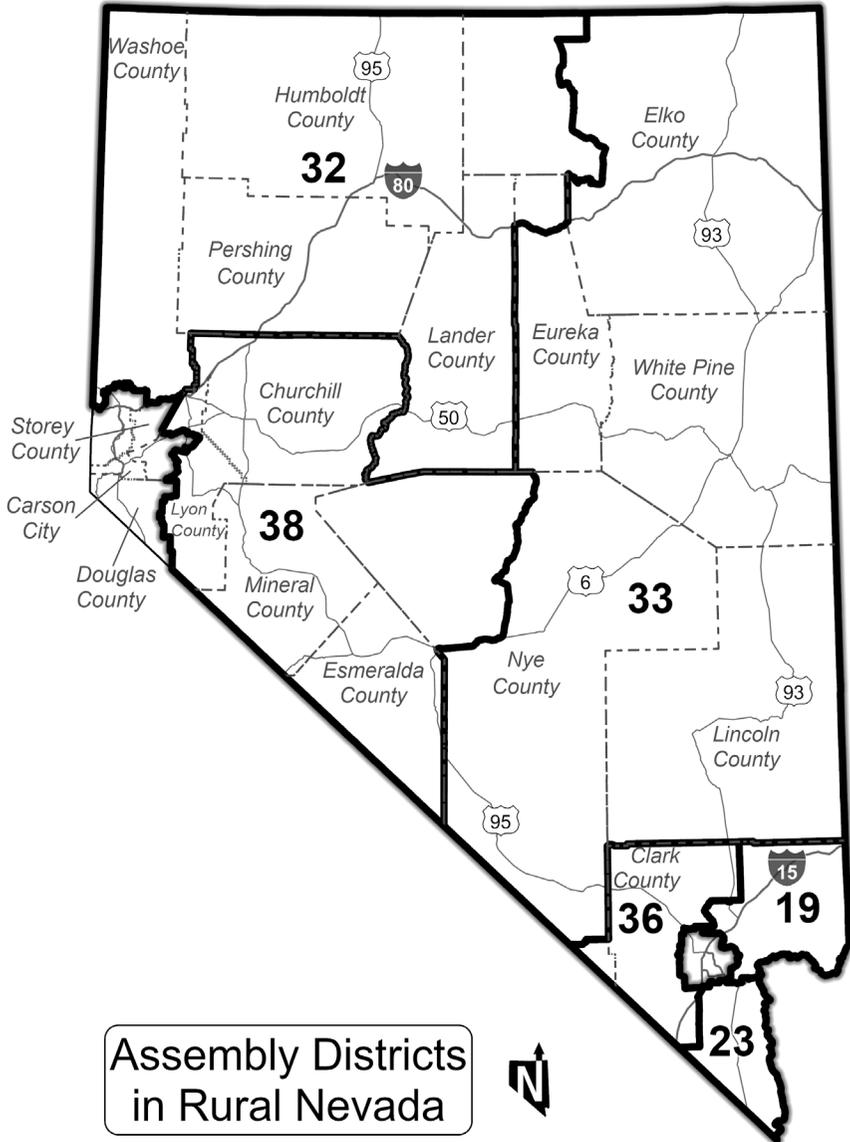
- Referendum..... The principle or practice of submitting a law to popular vote after the filing of a petition expressing the wish of the people to vote on such law.
- Referral Sending a measure to a committee for study and consideration.
- Regular session The 120-day period during which the Nevada Legislature 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 urges federal officials to engage in an action, proposes amendments to the *Nevada Constitution*, or ratifies amendments to the *U.S. Constitution*.
- 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 Assembly Select Committee on End-of-Life Care in the 2025 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.

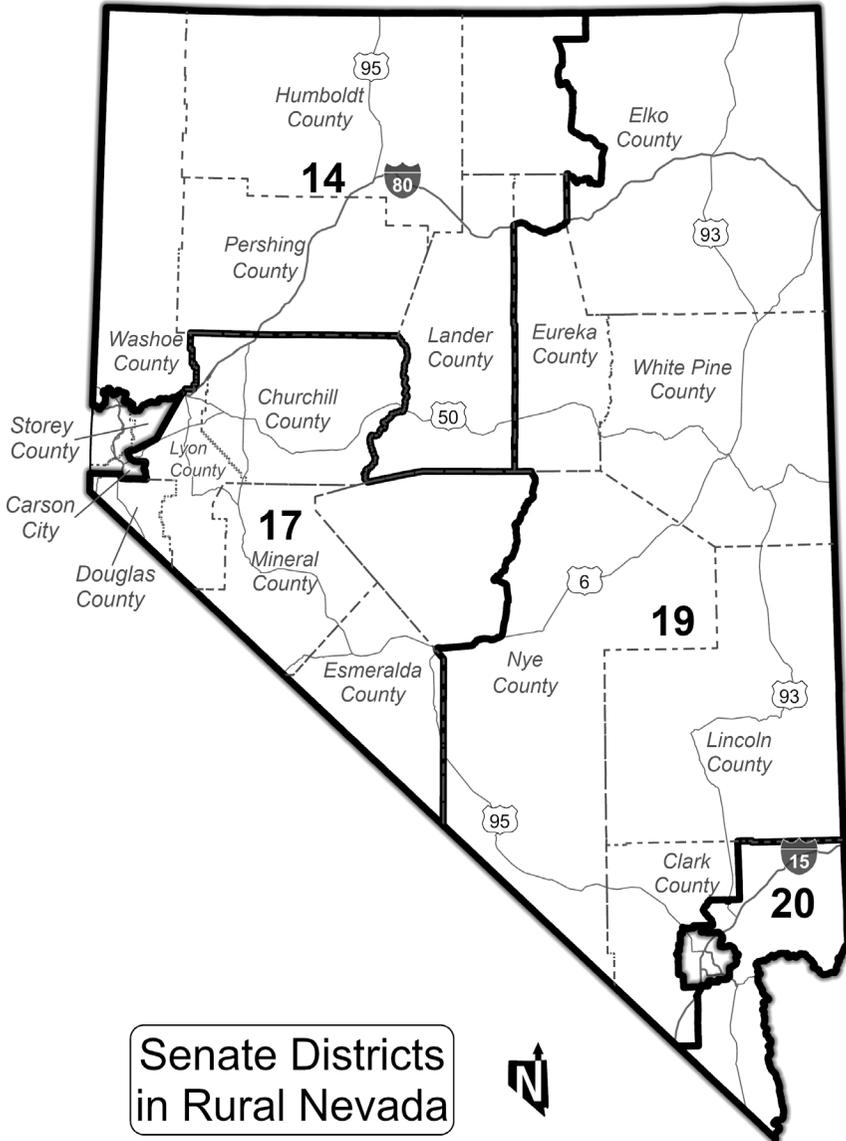
- Standing committee A committee of either the Senate or Assembly that is created by legislative rule and is responsible for considering legislation in a certain subject area.
- Statute Bill passed by both houses and approved by the Governor, or, if vetoed by the Governor, the veto overridden by a two-thirds vote of each house.
- Statutes of Nevada* The bound compilation of all general and special laws and resolutions enacted in a specific year.
- Summary A single sentence included with a bill that gives the reader a general overview of its subject.
- Third reading..... When a 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; if passed in identical form by both houses it is sent to the Governor.
- Title A compilation of clauses that describe the substantive provisions of bill or resolution, typically in the order in which they appear.
- 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.
- 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

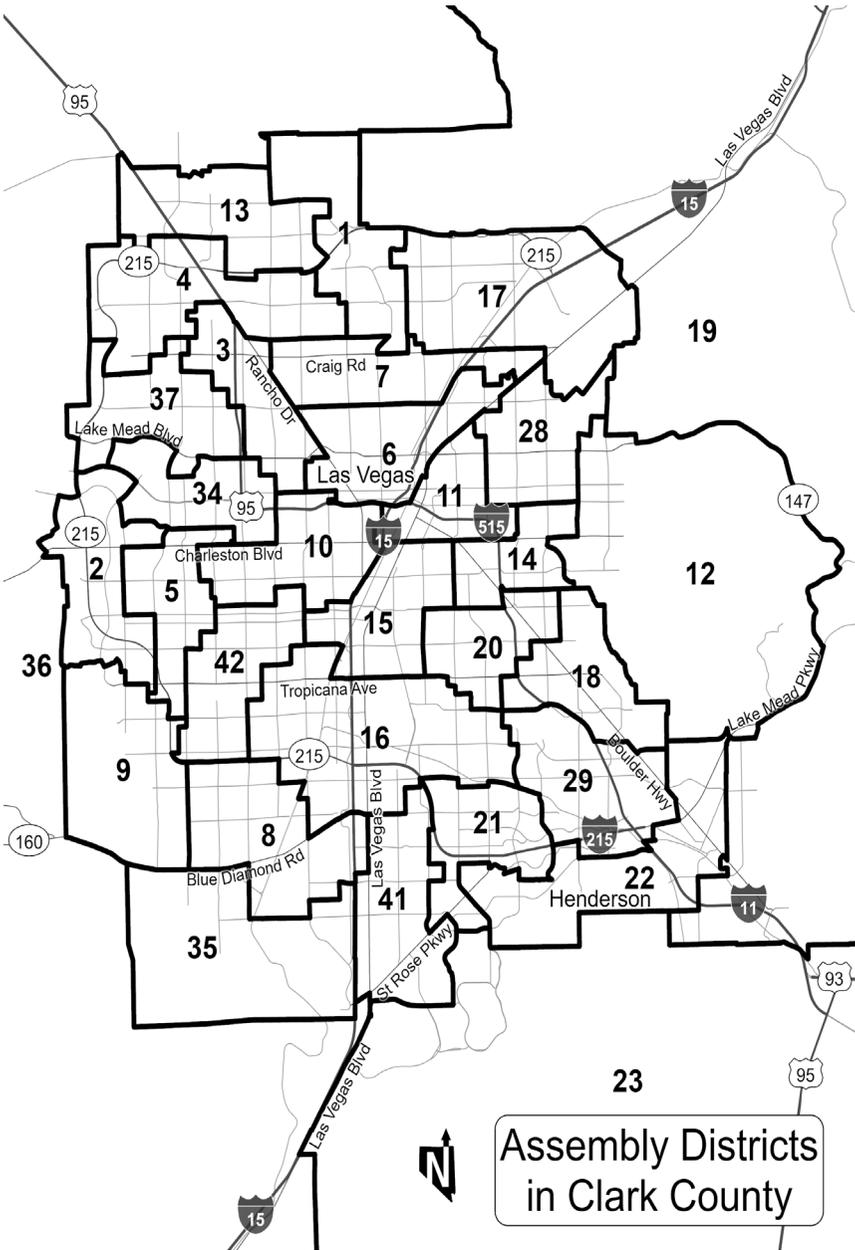
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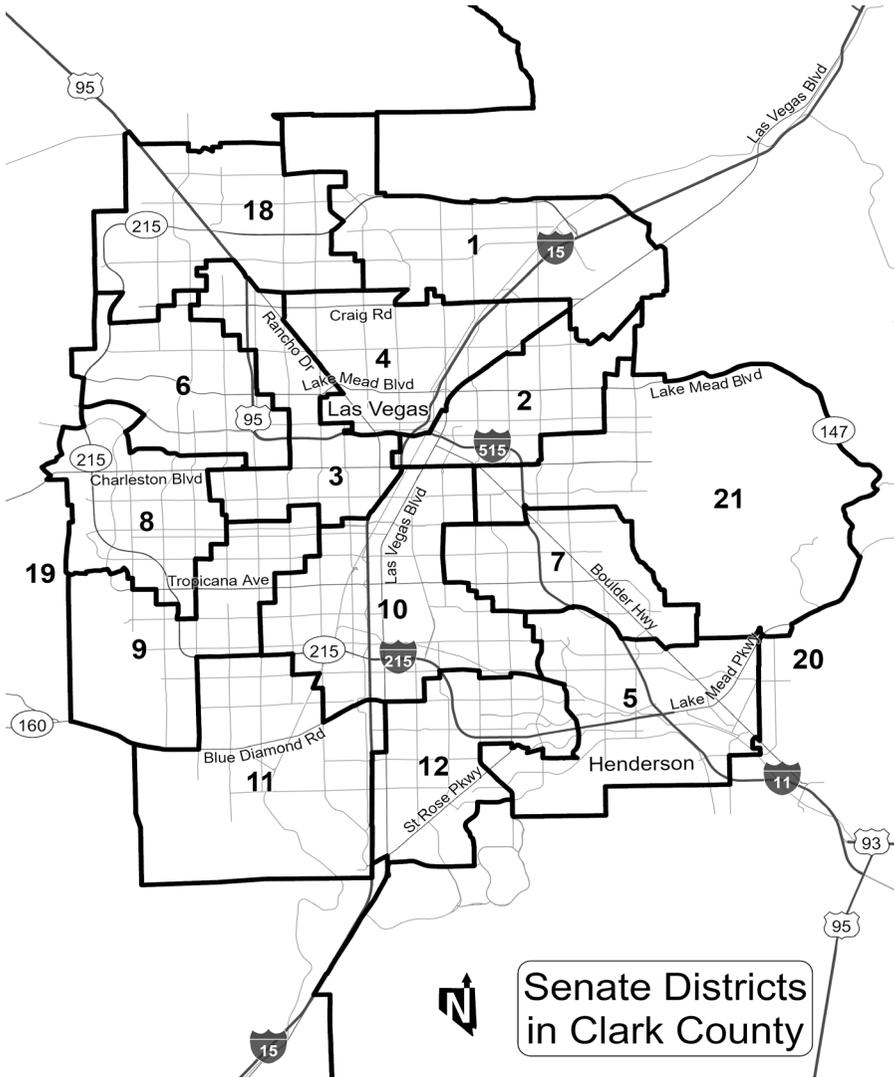
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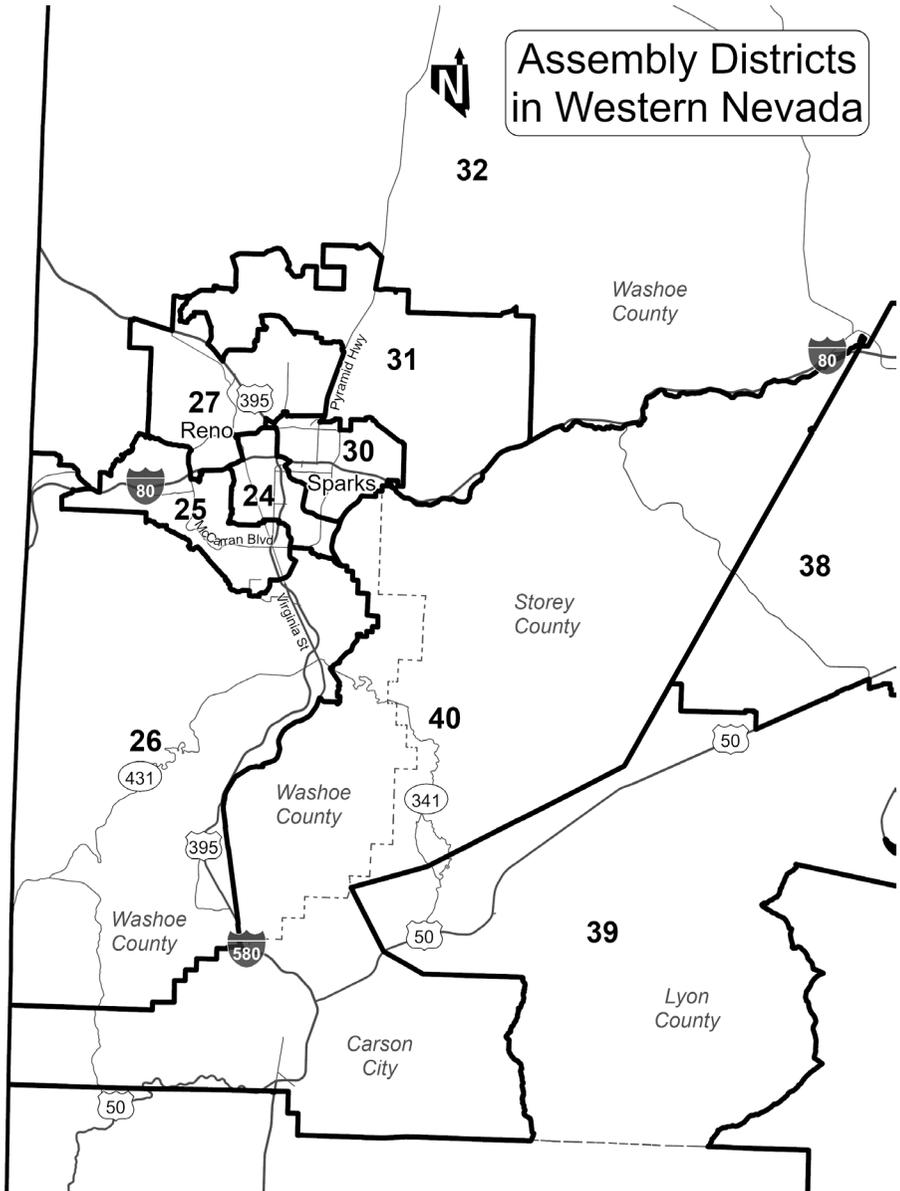
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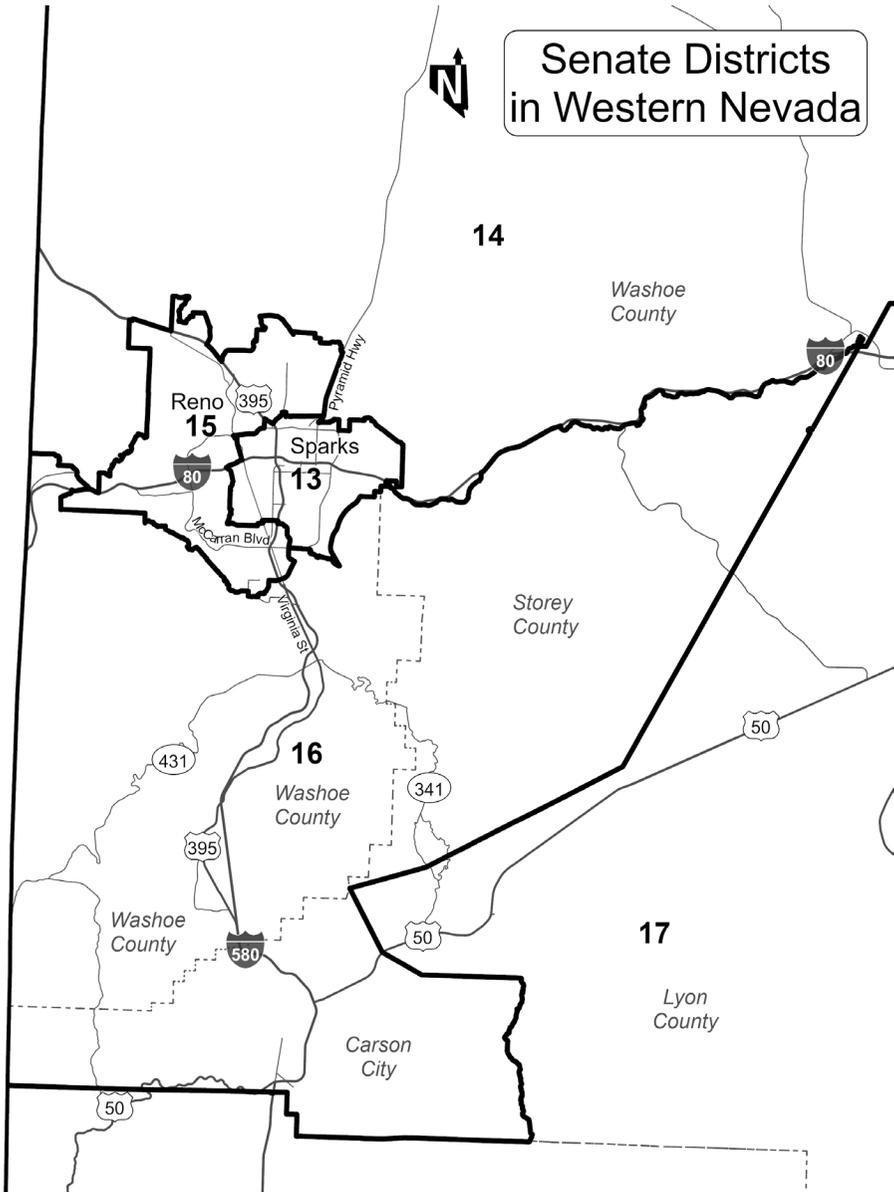
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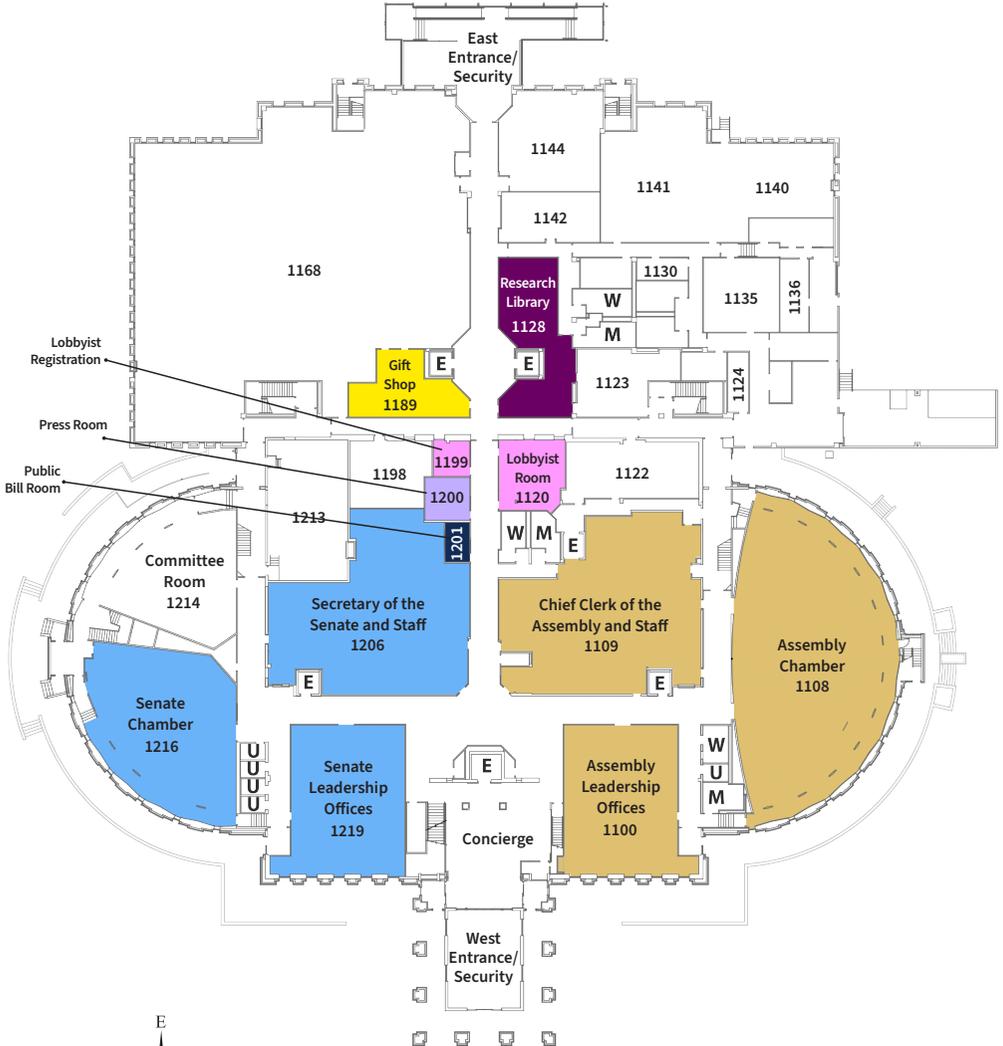


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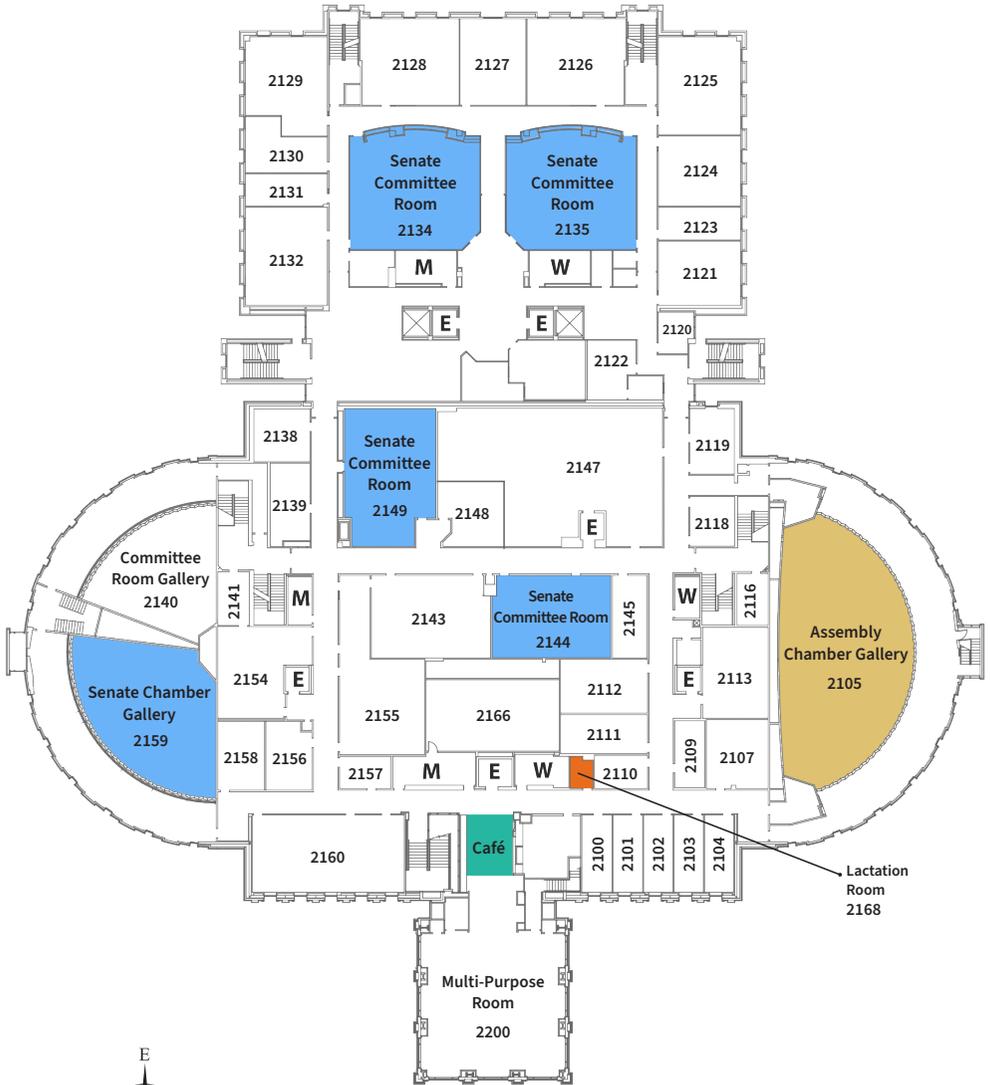
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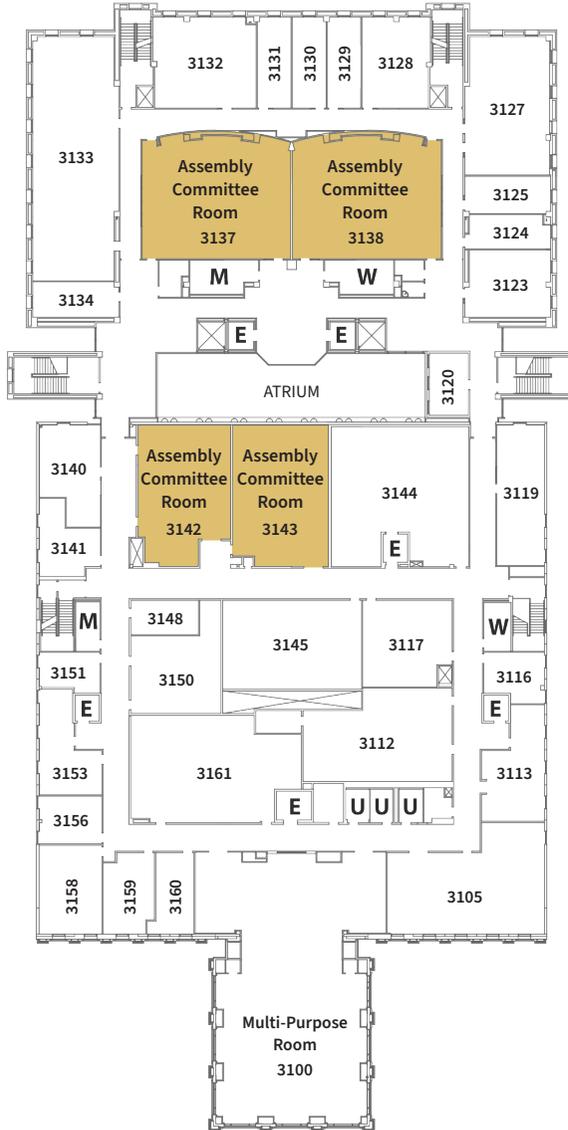
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U - Unisex restroom
W - Women's restroom

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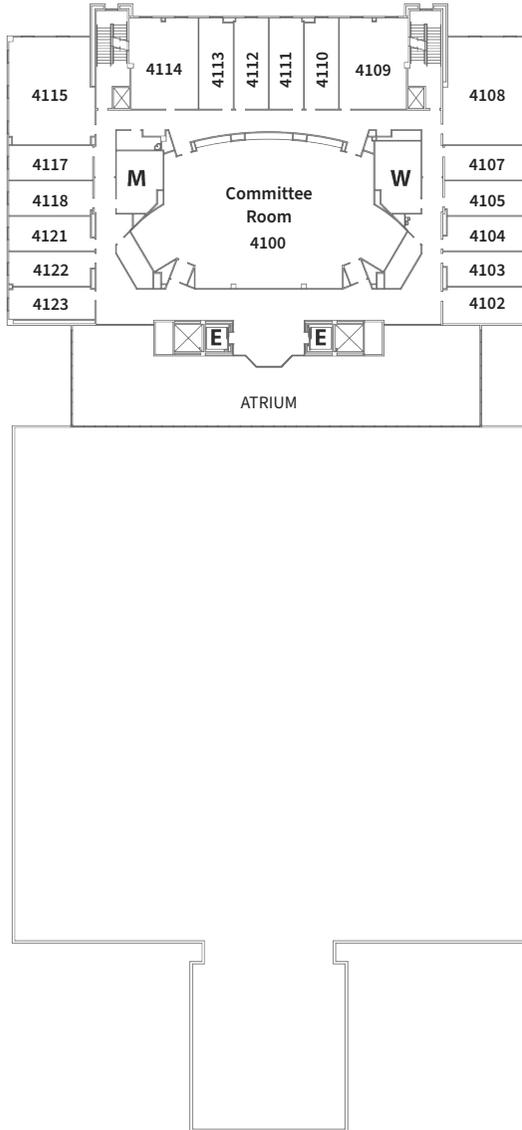
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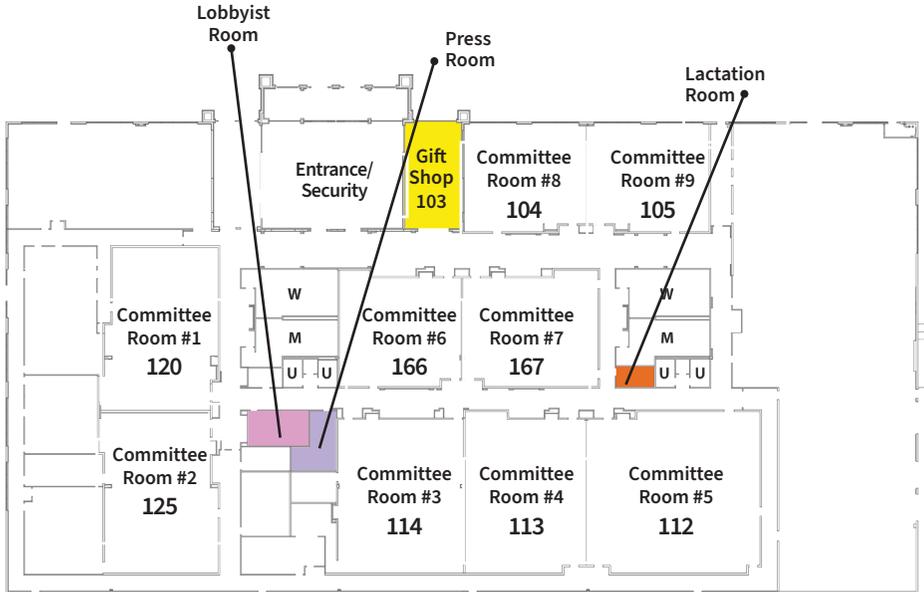
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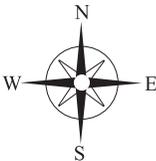
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M - Men's restroom
U - Unisex restroom
W - Women's restroom

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING ROOMS
(LAS VEGAS)**



M - Men's restroom
U - Unisex restroom
W - Women's restroom

NEVADA LEGISLATURE OFFICE BUILDING
(LAS VEGAS)
FIRST FLOOR



M - Men's restroom
U - Unisex restroom
W - Women's restroom

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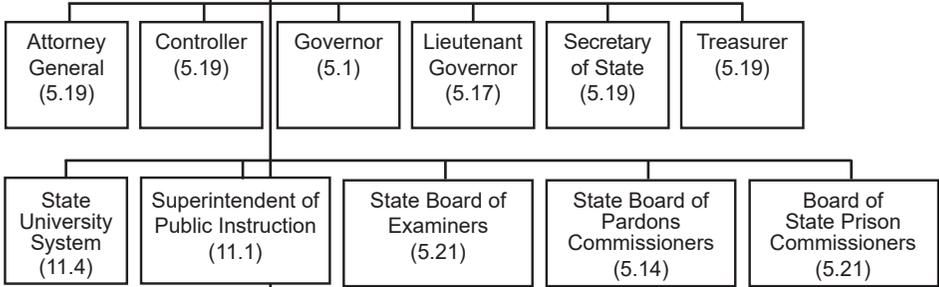
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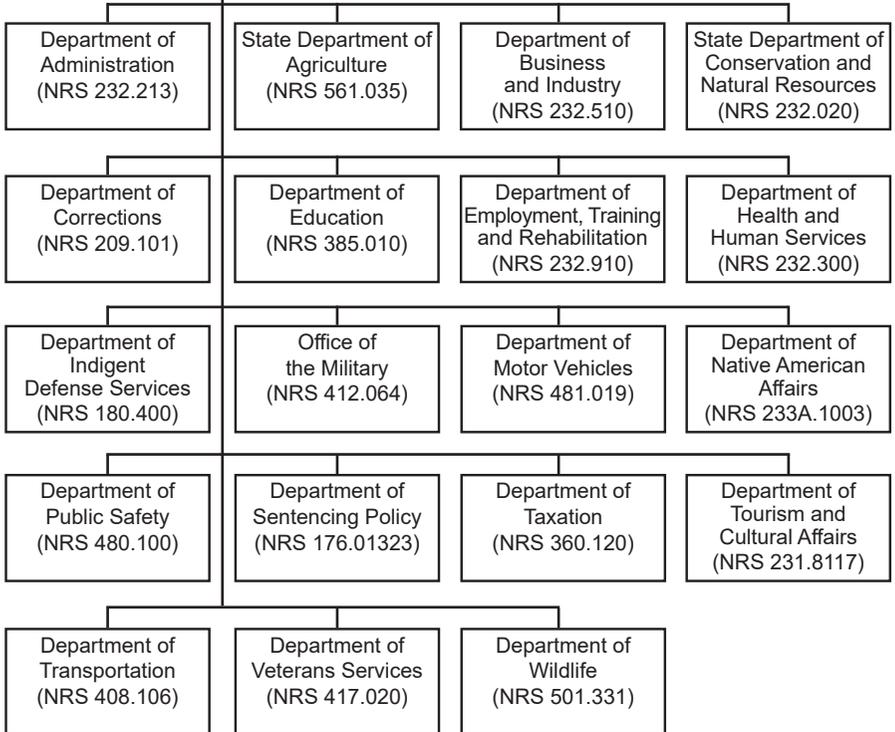
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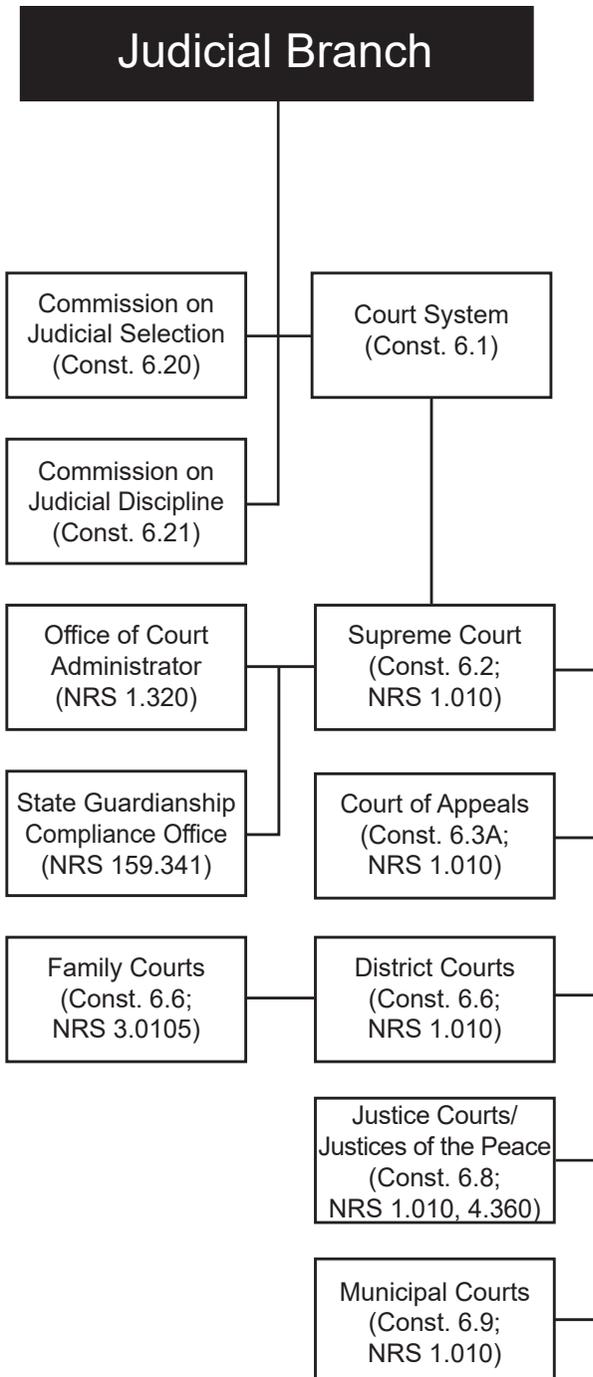
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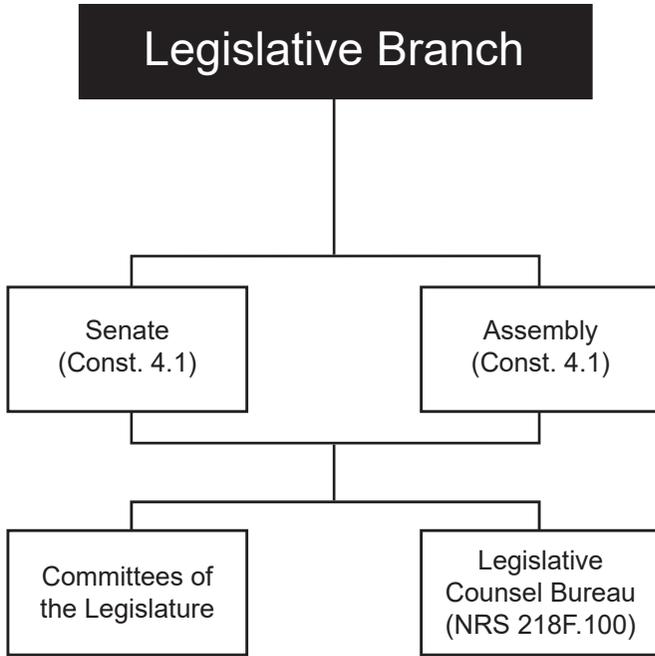
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