

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 212—ASSEMBLYMEN PRICE, CHOWNING, HETTRICK,
DE BRAGA, PARKS, CEGAVSKE, GIUNCHIGLIANI, ARBERRY,
GIBBONS, BERMAN, VON TOBEL, ANDERSON, WILLIAMS,
SEGERBLOM, BUCKLEY, BEERS, CARPENTER AND BACHE

FEBRUARY 11, 1999

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR JACOBSEN

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Excludes certain appearances by quorum of public body from definition of “meeting” for purposes of open meeting law. (BDR 19-90)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to meetings of public bodies; excluding certain appearances by a quorum of a public body from the definition of “meeting” for the purposes of the open meeting law; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 241.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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3 241.015 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
4 1. “Action” means:
5 (a) A decision made by a majority of the members present during a
6 meeting of a public body;
7 (b) A commitment or promise made by a majority of the members
8 present during a meeting of a public body; or
9 (c) A vote taken by a majority of the members present during a meeting
10 of a public body.
11 2. “Meeting” means the gathering of members of a public body at
12 which a quorum is present to deliberate toward a decision or to take action
13 on any matter over which the public body has supervision, control,
14 jurisdiction or advisory power. *The term does not include the appearance*

1 *of a quorum of one public body at the meeting of another public body if*
2 *the quorum of the public body that is appearing at the meeting does not*
3 *deliberate toward a decision or take action on any matter over which the*
4 *public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power at the*
5 *meeting of the other public body.*

6 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, “public body”
7 means any administrative, advisory, executive or legislative body of the
8 state or a local government which expends or disburses or is supported in
9 whole or in part by tax revenue or which advises or makes
10 recommendations to any entity which expends or disburses or is supported
11 in whole or in part by tax revenue, including, but not limited to, any board,
12 commission, committee, subcommittee or other subsidiary thereof and
13 includes an educational foundation as defined in subsection 3 of NRS
14 388.750 and a university foundation as defined in subsection 3 of NRS
15 396.405. “Public body” does not include the legislature of the State of
16 Nevada.

17 4. “Quorum” means a simple majority of the constituent membership
18 of a public body or another proportion established by law.

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