

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 261—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF LANDER COUNTY)

FEBRUARY 16, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Clarifies authority of board of county commissioners to act at meeting held outside county seat. (BDR 20-633)

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 ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to counties; clarifying the authority of a board of county commissioners to take final action at a meeting held outside the county seat; 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 244.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 244.085 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the meetings
3 of the boards of county commissioners must be held at the county seats of
4 their respective counties, or at a place not more than 10 miles from the
5 county seat within the boundaries of the county, at least once in each
6 calendar month, on a day or days to be fixed by ordinance.
7 2. If the day fixed by ordinance falls on a Saturday or on a nonjudicial
8 day, the meeting must be held on the next judicial day.
9 3. The first meeting of the board in odd-numbered years must be held
10 on the first Monday in January, but if the first Monday in January is a
11 nonjudicial day, the meeting must be held on the next judicial day.
12 4. The meeting day and place as fixed by ordinance must remain
13 unchanged, unless notice of a proposed change is published once a week
14 for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the
15 county.

1 5. Additional meetings of the board of county commissioners may be
2 held at any place within the boundaries of the county. If the board meets
3 outside the county seat, notice of the meeting must be given by publication
4 once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation
5 published in the county or by publication for 1 week in two or more
6 newspapers of general circulation published in the county.

7 6. At a meeting held outside the county seat, the board of county
8 commissioners ~~{shall not take any}~~ *may, in accordance with NRS 241.020,*
9 *take* final action on *any matter except* zoning or planning matters which
10 relate to a different geographical area than the geographical area in which
11 the meeting is held.

12 7. The board may meet with the governing body of another
13 governmental unit at any location, including *, without limitation,* a
14 location outside the county, but the meeting may not be held at a place
15 which is more than 10 miles from the county seat unless the board, in
16 addition to complying with all other requirements for notice of a meeting
17 of the board, provides notice by publication in a newspaper of general
18 circulation within the county, for at least 3 working days before the
19 meeting, of the date, time and place of the meeting. In no case may the
20 board take any official action at such a meeting.

21 8. Members of the board may attend conventions, conferences,
22 seminars, congressional hearings or other federal hearings to gather
23 specific information or conduct the official business of the association or
24 sponsoring organization at any location if no action is taken by the board
25 in the course of such activity.

26 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.