

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 268—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

FEBRUARY 16, 1999

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to legislative process. (BDR 17-1373)

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 the legislature; requiring the disclosure of legislators and registered lobbyists who request legislative measures; requiring cosponsorship or withdrawal of certain duplicative legislative measures; revising the date by which the report of the economic forum must be presented to the legislature; 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 218.2475 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218.2475 1. On July 1 preceding each regular session of the
3 legislature, and each week thereafter until the adjournment of the
4 legislature sine die, the legislative counsel shall prepare a list of all
5 requests received by him, for the preparation of measures to be submitted
6 to the legislature. The requests must be listed numerically by a unique
7 serial number which must be assigned to the measures by the legislative
8 counsel for the purposes of identification in the order that he received the
9 requests. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the list must only
10 contain the name of each requester, the date and a brief summary of the
11 request.
12 2. The legislative counsel bureau shall make copies of the list available
13 to the public for a reasonable sum fixed by the legislative commission
14 upon the recommendation of the director of the legislative counsel bureau.
15 3. In preparing the list, the legislative counsel shall:
16 (a) ~~Not include the name of the legislator who has requested the~~
17 ~~preparation~~ of a ~~measure~~ until:

1 —(1) The particular measure is introduced in the legislature; or
2 —(2) The legislator requests that his name be disclosed as the requester
3 of the measure,
4 whichever occurs first.

5 —(b) If a standing or special committee of the legislature requests a
6 measure on behalf of a legislator or organization, include the name of the
7 standing or special committee and the name of the legislator or
8 organization on whose behalf the measure was originally requested.

9 ***(b) If a measure is requested on behalf of a lobbyist who is registered***
10 ***pursuant to NRS 218.918, include the name of the requester and the***
11 ***lobbyist or organization represented by the lobbyist on whose behalf the***
12 ***measure was requested.***

13 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218.2477 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 218.2477 1. If a standing or special committee of the legislature
15 requests the preparation of a measure on behalf of a legislator or an
16 organization, the measure must indicate the name of the standing or special
17 committee and the legislator or organization on whose behalf the measure
18 was originally requested.

19 ***2. If a measure is requested on behalf of a lobbyist who is registered***
20 ***pursuant to NRS 218.918, the measure must indicate the name of the***
21 ***requester and the lobbyist or organization represented by the lobbyist on***
22 ***whose behalf the measure was requested.***

23 **Sec. 3.** NRS 218.625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 218.625 1. The director, other officers and employees of the
25 legislative counsel bureau shall not:

26 (a) Oppose or urge legislation, except as the duties of the director, the
27 legislative auditor, the legislative counsel, the research director and the
28 fiscal analysts require them to make recommendations to the legislature.

29 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, NRS 218.2475,
30 218.2477 and 353.211, disclose to any person outside the legislative
31 counsel bureau the contents or nature of any matter, unless the person
32 entrusting the matter to the legislative counsel bureau so requests or
33 consents.

34 2. The nature or content of any work previously done by the personnel
35 of the research division of the legislative counsel bureau may be disclosed
36 if or to the extent that the disclosure does not reveal the identity of the
37 person who requested it or include any material submitted by the requester
38 which has not been published or publicly disclosed. The content of the
39 work product of the legal and fiscal analysis divisions is confidential and
40 not subject to subpoena only if at the time of creation a representation of
41 confidentiality is made.

1 3. When a statute has been enacted or a resolution adopted, the
2 legislative counsel shall upon request disclose to any person the state or
3 other jurisdiction from whose law it appears to have been adopted.

4 4. The records of the travel expenses of legislators and officers and
5 employees of the legislative counsel bureau are available for public
6 inspection at such reasonable hours and under such other conditions as the
7 legislative commission prescribes.

8 5. If a legislator asks whether a request for proposed legislation
9 relating to a specific topic has been submitted to the legislative counsel for
10 preparation, the legislative counsel shall disclose to that legislator whether
11 such a request has been submitted.

12 6. Upon receipt of a request for the preparation of a measure to be
13 submitted to the legislature which duplicates or closely resembles a request
14 previously submitted for the same legislative session, the legislative
15 counsel shall, to the extent practicable, notify the legislator or other
16 requester submitting the duplicative request of that fact. ~~and, except as~~
17 ~~otherwise provided in this subsection, ask the legislator or other requester~~
18 ~~to withdraw the request. If the request is not withdrawn, the legislative~~
19 ~~counsel shall inform the previous requester of the fact that a duplicative~~
20 ~~request has been made. If the request is submitted by a legislator on his~~
21 ~~own behalf, and the previous request was submitted by a legislator who is~~
22 ~~a member of the other house of the legislature, the legislative counsel shall~~
23 ~~inform the second requester of the fact that the request is duplicative.]~~ **On**
24 **December 15 of each even-numbered year the legislative counsel shall, to**
25 **the extent practicable, notify each legislator or other requester who has**
26 **submitted a request that duplicates or closely resembles another request**
27 **submitted for the same legislative session that his request is duplicative.**
28 **The legislative counsel shall withdraw the request of each such legislator**
29 **or other requester who did not submit his request before every other**
30 **request that is duplicative of his request unless, not later than 7 days**
31 **after the notice, the legislator or other requester:**

32 **(a) Provides such information to the legislative counsel that will allow**
33 **the legislative counsel to determine that the request is not duplicative; or**

34 **(b) Informs the legislative counsel that he has reached an agreement**
35 **with every legislator and other requester who has submitted a request**
36 **that duplicates or closely resembles his request to withdraw their request**
37 **and to co-sponsor the duplicative request. Upon such an agreement, each**
38 **duplicative request not co-sponsored must be withdrawn.**

39 **Sec. 4.** NRS 353.228 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 353.228 1. The economic forum impaneled pursuant to NRS

41 353.226

shall:

- 1 (a) Make such projections for economic indicators as it deems
- 2 necessary to ensure that an accurate estimate is produced pursuant to
- 3 paragraph (b);

- 1 (b) Provide an accurate estimate of the revenue that will be collected by
2 the state for general, unrestricted uses, and not for special purposes, during
3 the biennium that begins on the second July 1 following the date on which
4 the economic forum was empaneled;
- 5 (c) Request such technical assistance as the economic forum deems
6 necessary from the technical advisory committee created by NRS 353.229;
- 7 (d) On or before December 1 of the year in which the economic forum
8 was empaneled, prepare a written report of its projections of economic
9 indicators and estimate of future state revenue required by paragraphs (a)
10 and (b) and present the report to the governor and the legislature; and
- 11 (e) On or before ~~May 1~~ **April 10** of the year following the year in
12 which the economic forum was empaneled, prepare a written report
13 confirming or revising the projections of economic indicators and estimate
14 of future state revenue contained in the report prepared pursuant to
15 paragraph (d) and present the report to the governor and the legislature.
- 16 2. The economic forum may make preliminary projections of
17 economic indicators and estimates of future state revenue at any time. Any
18 such projections and estimates must be made available to the various
19 agencies of the state through the chief.
- 20 3. The economic forum may request information directly from any
21 state agency. A state agency that receives a reasonable request for
22 information from the economic forum shall comply with the request as
23 soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving the request.
- 24 4. To carry out its duties pursuant to this section, the economic forum
25 may consider any information received from the technical advisory
26 committee and any other information received from independent sources.
- 27 5. Copies of the projections and estimates made pursuant to this
28 section must be made available to the public by the director of the
29 legislative counsel bureau for the cost of reproducing the material.