

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 508—ASSEMBLYMEN GUSTAVSON, GIBBONS,
CARPENTER, TIFFANY, MORTENSON, WILLIAMS, BERMAN, MARVEL,
VON TOBEL, BEERS, NOLAN, BROWER, HUMKE AND ANGLE

MARCH 12, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises requirements for passing certain ordinances, resolutions or other instruments. (BDR 31-1143)

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 local government; requiring a two-thirds vote of the governing body or a majority vote of the registered voters within the jurisdiction of the local government to pass certain ordinances, resolutions or other instruments; 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.** Chapter 354 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an affirmative vote***
4 ***of not fewer than two-thirds of all the members of the governing body of***
5 ***a local government is necessary to pass an ordinance, resolution or any***
6 ***other instrument that creates, generates or increases public revenue in***
7 ***any form, including, without limitation, taxes, fees, assessments and***
8 ***rates, or changes in the computation bases for taxes, fees, assessments***
9 ***and rates.***
10 ***2. If two-thirds of the members of the governing body do not approve***
11 ***such an ordinance, resolution or other instrument, a majority of the***
12 ***members of the governing body may submit the question of whether the***
13 ***ordinance, resolution or other instrument should be adopted to the***
14 ***registered voters within the jurisdiction of the local government at the***
15 ***next general election or next general city election. If a majority of the***

1 *registered voters voting on the question approve the adoption of the*
2 *ordinance, resolution or other instrument, the ordinance, resolution or*
3 *other instrument becomes effective upon completion of the canvass of*
4 *votes or at a later date if such a date is specified in the ordinance,*
5 *resolution or other instrument.*

6 *3. As used in this section, "local government" means a political*
7 *subdivision of this state which is authorized to create, generate or*
8 *increase public revenue, including, without limitation, counties, cities,*
9 *towns, boards, authorities, school districts and other districts organized*
10 *pursuant to chapters 244, 244A, 309, 318, 379, 439, 450, 473, 474, 539,*
11 *541, 543 and 555 of NRS.*

12 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.