

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 631—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,  
PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION)

MARCH 19, 1999

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Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Makes various changes regarding administration of state legislature and legislative counsel bureau. (BDR 17-820)

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.

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AN ACT relating to the state legislature; establishing certain limitations on the drafting of requests for legislation; authorizing the appointment of committees to conduct certain activities before the commencement of a regular session; making various changes regarding expenditures from the legislative fund; repealing the provisions requiring the submission of joint resolutions to the governor for approval; clarifying references to certain standing committees; revising the duties of the legislative counsel regarding administrative regulations; making various changes regarding the dissemination of certain budgetary information; 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 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto  
2    the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.  
3    **Sec. 2. 1. *Except as otherwise provided by specific statute or***  
4    ***concurrent resolution of the legislature, the legislative counsel shall***  
5    ***honor:***  
6    ***(a) The number of requests for the drafting of a bill or resolution for a***  
7    ***regular session of the legislature only as provided in NRS 218.240 to***  
8    ***218.255, inclusive, and sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.***  
9    ***(b) A request for the drafting of a bill or resolution for a regular***  
10   ***session of the legislature only if the request is received by the legislative***

1 *counsel on or before December 15 preceding the commencement of that*  
2 *session.*

3 *(c) A request for the drafting of a bill or resolution for any session of*  
4 *the legislature which is submitted by a state agency, board or department,*  
5 *a local government, the judiciary or another authorized nonlegislative*  
6 *requester only if the request is in a subject related to the function of the*  
7 *requester.*

8 *2. The legislative counsel shall not:*

9 *(a) Assign a number to a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution*  
10 *for any session of the legislature to establish the priority of the request*  
11 *until sufficient detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the*  
12 *legislative measure.*

13 *(b) Honor a request to change the subject matter of a request for the*  
14 *drafting of a bill or resolution for any session of the legislature after it*  
15 *has been submitted for drafting.*

16 *(c) Honor a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution for any*  
17 *session of the legislature which has been combined in violation of section*  
18 *17 of article 4 of the Nevada constitution.*

19 **Sec. 3. 1. Each incumbent or newly elected:**

20 *(a) Assemblyman may request the drafting of not more than 10*  
21 *legislative measures before the commencement of a regular legislative*  
22 *session.*

23 *(b) Senator may request the drafting of not more than 20 legislative*  
24 *measures before the commencement of a regular legislative session.*

25 **2. In addition to the number authorized pursuant to subsection 1:**

26 *(a) The chairman of each standing committee of the immediately*  
27 *preceding regular legislative session, or a person designated in the place*  
28 *of the chairman by the speaker of the assembly or the majority leader of*  
29 *the senate, as the case may be, may request before the commencement of*  
30 *the next regular legislative session the drafting of not more than 1*  
31 *legislative measure for introduction by the committee in a subject within*  
32 *the jurisdiction of the committee for every 15 legislative measures that*  
33 *were referred to the respective standing committee during the*  
34 *immediately preceding regular legislative session.*

35 *(b) A person designated after a general election as a chairman of a*  
36 *standing committee for the next regular legislative session, or a person*  
37 *designated in the place of a chairman by the person designated as the*  
38 *speaker of the assembly or majority leader of the senate for the next*  
39 *regular legislative session, may request before the commencement of the*  
40 *next regular legislative session the drafting of the remaining number of*  
41 *the legislative measures allowed for the respective standing committee*  
42 *that were not requested by the previous chairman or designee.*

1   **Sec. 4. 1.** *In addition to the number authorized pursuant to section*  
2 *3 of this act:*

3    *(a) The speaker of the assembly and the majority leader of the senate*  
4 *may each request before or during a regular legislative session, without*  
5 *limitation, the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures for that*  
6 *session.*

7    *(b) The minority leader of the assembly and the minority leader of the*  
8 *senate may each request before or during a regular legislative session,*  
9 *without limitation, the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures*  
10 *for that session.*

11    *(c) A person designated after a general election as the speaker of the*  
12 *assembly, the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the*  
13 *assembly or the minority leader of the senate for the next regular*  
14 *legislative session may request the drafting of the remaining number of*  
15 *the legislative measures allowed for the respective officer that were not*  
16 *requested by the previous officer.*

17    *2. The secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the assembly*  
18 *may request before or during a regular legislative session, without*  
19 *limitation, the drafting of as many legislative measures as are necessary*  
20 *or convenient for the proper exercise of their duties.*

21   **Sec. 5. 1.** *The chairman of the legislative commission may request*  
22 *the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures before the*  
23 *commencement of a regular legislative session, with the approval of the*  
24 *commission, which relate to the affairs of the legislature or its employees,*  
25 *including measures requested by the legislative staff.*

26    *2. The chairman of the interim finance committee may request the*  
27 *drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the*  
28 *commencement of a regular legislative session, with the approval of the*  
29 *committee, which relate to matters within the scope of the committee.*

30    *3. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute or concurrent*  
31 *resolution of the legislature:*

32    *(a) Any other legislative committee created by statute may request the*  
33 *drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the*  
34 *commencement of a regular legislative session, which relate to matters*  
35 *within the scope of the committee.*

36    *(b) An interim committee which conducts a study or investigation*  
37 *pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 218.682 may request the drafting of not*  
38 *more than 10 legislative measures before the commencement of a regular*  
39 *legislative session, which relate to matters within the scope of the study or*  
40 *investigation, except that such a committee may request the drafting of*  
41 *additional legislative measures before the commencement of a regular*  
42 *legislative session if the legislative commission approves each additional*  
43 *request by a majority vote.*

1 (c) Any other committee established by the legislature which conducts  
2 an interim legislative study may request the drafting of not more than 10  
3 legislative measures before the commencement of a regular legislative  
4 session, which relate to matters within the scope of the study.

5 **Sec. 6. 1.** The governor or his designated representative may  
6 transmit to the legislative counsel before the commencement of a regular  
7 legislative session not more than 250 requests for the drafting of  
8 legislative measures approved on behalf of state agencies, boards and  
9 departments of the executive branch of state government pursuant to  
10 subsection 1 of NRS 218.245, except that the department of  
11 administration may request on or before the first day of the legislative  
12 session, without limitation, the drafting of as many legislative measures  
13 as are necessary to implement the budget proposed by the governor and  
14 to provide for the fiscal management of the state.

15 2. The constitutional officers may request the drafting of not more  
16 than the following numbers of legislative measures before the  
17 commencement of a regular legislative session:

18  
19 Lieutenant governor .....2  
20 Secretary of state..... 15  
21 State treasurer..... 5  
22 State controller..... 5  
23 Attorney general ..... 35  
24

25 3. The board of regents of the University of Nevada may request the  
26 drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures on behalf of the  
27 University and Community College System of Nevada before the  
28 commencement of a regular legislative session.

29 **Sec. 7.** If the governor elects to communicate the message required  
30 pursuant to section 10 of article 5 of the Nevada constitution before the  
31 commencement of a regular session of the legislature, the chairman of  
32 the legislative commission may, on behalf of the legislative commission  
33 pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 218.682, appoint a special committee to  
34 receive that message. A special committee appointed pursuant to this  
35 section:

36 1. Must consist of all persons elected or appointed to serve as a  
37 senator or assemblyman during the next ensuing regular session of the  
38 legislature.

39 2. Shall receive the governor's message and conclude its activities  
40 upon the completion of that message.

41 **Sec. 8.** The legislative commission may, pursuant to subsection 5 of  
42 NRS 218.682, appoint one or more special committees before the

1 *commencement of a regular session of the legislature. Each special*  
2 *committee appointed pursuant to this section:*

3 *1. Must consist of all persons designated by the:*

4 *(a) Speaker designate of the assembly to serve as members of an*  
5 *assembly standing committee, other than the assembly standing*  
6 *committee on ways and means, for the next ensuing regular session of*  
7 *the legislature; or*

8 *(b) Majority leader designate of the senate to serve as members of a*  
9 *senate standing committee, other than the senate standing committee on*  
10 *finance, for the next ensuing regular session of the legislature.*

11 *2. May meet to consider issues that may require consideration during*  
12 *the next ensuing session by the standing committee upon which the*  
13 *members of the special committee have been designated to serve.*

14 *3. Shall conclude its activities before the commencement of the next*  
15 *ensuing session.*

16 **Sec. 9.** NRS 218.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 218.085 1. The legislative fund is hereby created as a special  
18 revenue fund for the use of the legislature, and where specifically  
19 authorized by law, for the use of the legislative counsel bureau.

20 2. Support for the legislative fund must be provided by legislative  
21 appropriation from the state general fund.

22 3. Expenditures from the legislative fund may be made for:

23 (a) The payment of necessary ~~operating~~ expenses of the senate;

24 (b) The payment of necessary ~~operating~~ expenses of the assembly;

25 (c) The payment of ~~the~~ necessary improvements to the legislative  
26 building and its grounds;

27 (d) The payment of expenses for the interim operation of the legislature;  
28 and

29 (e) The payment of necessary ~~operating~~ expenses of, but not limited  
30 to:

31 (1) The legislative commission;

32 (2) The legal division;

33 (3) The research division;

34 (4) The audit division;

35 (5) The fiscal analysis division; and

36 (6) The administrative division,  
37 of the legislative counsel bureau.

38 4. Expenditures from the legislative fund for purposes other than those  
39 specified in subsection 3 or authorized specifically by another statute may  
40 be made only upon the authority of a concurrent resolution regularly  
41 adopted by the senate and assembly.

42 5. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218.644, all}~~ All money in  
43 the legislative fund must be paid out on claims approved by the director of

1 the legislative counsel bureau or his designee . ~~[as other claims against the~~  
2 ~~state are paid.]~~

3 **Sec. 10.** NRS 218.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 218.210 ~~[1.—Each senator elected before November 4, 1986, or~~  
5 ~~appointed to succeed a senator elected before November 4, 1986, is~~  
6 ~~entitled to receive as compensation \$104 per day for each day of service:~~

7 ~~—(a) During any regular session, for the number of days the legislature is~~  
8 ~~in session, or in adjournment for not more than 3 days, or the maximum~~  
9 ~~number of days for which compensation for a regular session is permitted~~  
10 ~~by the constitution, whichever is smaller; and~~

11 ~~—(b) During any special session, for the number of days the legislature is~~  
12 ~~in session or the maximum number of days for which compensation for a~~  
13 ~~special session is permitted by the constitution, whichever is smaller.~~

14 ~~—2.]~~ Each senator and assemblyman ~~[elected on or after November 4,~~  
15 ~~1986, or appointed to succeed a senator or assemblyman elected on or after~~  
16 ~~November 4, 1986,]~~ is entitled to receive as compensation \$130 per day for  
17 each day of service:

18 ~~[(a)]~~ 1. During any regular session, for the number of days the  
19 legislature is in session, or in adjournment for not more than 3 days, or the  
20 maximum number of days for which compensation for a regular session is  
21 permitted by the constitution, whichever is smaller; and

22 ~~[(b)]~~ 2. During any special session, for the number of days the  
23 legislature is in session or the maximum number of days for which  
24 compensation for a special session is permitted by the constitution,  
25 whichever is smaller.

26 **Sec. 11.** NRS 218.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 218.220 1. The per diem expense allowance and the travel and  
28 telephone expenses of senators and assemblymen elected or appointed and  
29 in attendance at any session or presession orientation conference of the  
30 legislature must be allowed in the manner set forth in this section.

31 2. For initial travel from his home to Carson City, Nevada, to attend a  
32 session or presession orientation conference of the legislature, and for  
33 return travel from Carson City, Nevada, to his home upon adjournment  
34 sine die of a session or termination of a presession orientation conference  
35 of the legislature, each senator and assemblyman is entitled to receive:

36 (a) A per diem expense allowance , not to exceed the ~~[greater of:~~

37 ~~—(1) The rate of \$44; or~~

38 ~~—(2) The]~~ maximum rate established by the Federal Government for  
39 the ~~[locality in which the travel is performed,]~~ **Carson City area**, for one  
40 day's travel to and one day's travel from the session or conference.

41 (b) Travel

expenses.

1 3. In addition to the per diem and travel expenses authorized by  
2 subsection 2, each senator and assemblyman is entitled to receive a  
3 supplemental allowance which must not exceed:

4 (a) A total of \$6,800 during each regular session of the legislature for:

5 (1) His actual expenses in moving to and from Carson City for the  
6 session;

7 (2) Travel to and from his home or temporary residence or for  
8 traveling to and from legislative committee and subcommittee meetings or  
9 hearings or for individual travel within the state which relates to legislative  
10 business; and

11 (3) If he rents furniture for his temporary residence rather than  
12 moving similar furniture from his home, the cost of renting that furniture  
13 not to exceed the amount that it would have cost to move the furniture to  
14 and from his home; and

15 (b) A total of \$1,000 during each special session of the legislature for  
16 travel to and from his home or temporary residence or for traveling to and  
17 from legislative committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings or for  
18 individual travel within the state which relates to legislative business.

19 4. Each senator and assemblyman is entitled to receive a per diem  
20 expense allowance , not to exceed the ~~greater of:~~

21 ~~—(a) The rate of \$44; or~~

22 ~~—(b) The~~ maximum rate established by the Federal Government for the  
23 ~~locality in which the travel is performed,]~~ **Carson City area**, for each day  
24 that the legislature is in session or in a pre-session orientation conference  
25 and for each day that he attends a meeting of a standing committee of  
26 which he is a member when the legislature has adjourned for more than 4  
27 days.

28 5. Each senator and assemblyman who maintains temporary quarters  
29 in or near Carson City for which he has entered into a lease or other  
30 agreement for continuous occupancy for the duration of a legislative  
31 session is entitled to receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of  
32 the expense allowance which the legislative commission designates by rule  
33 as being allocated to lodging, for not more than 14 days in each period in  
34 which:

35 (a) The legislature has adjourned until a time certain; and

36 (b) The senator or assemblyman is not entitled to a per diem expense  
37 allowance pursuant to subsection 4.

38 6. In addition to the per diem expense allowance authorized by  
39 subsection 4 and the lodging allowance authorized by subsection 5, each  
40 senator and assemblyman who maintains temporary quarters in or near  
41 Carson City for which he has entered into a lease or other agreement for  
42 continuous occupancy for the duration of a legislative session is entitled to  
43 receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance

1 which the legislative commission designates by rule as being allocated to  
2 lodging, for not more than 17 days in each period in which:

3 (a) The legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days; and

4 (b) The senator or assemblyman must obtain temporary lodging in a  
5 location that a standing committee of which he is a member is meeting.

6 7. Each senator and assemblyman is entitled to receive a lodging  
7 allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance which the  
8 legislative commission designates by rule as being allocated to lodging, for  
9 not more than 6 days in each period in which:

10 (a) The legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days; and

11 (b) The senator or assemblyman must obtain temporary lodging in a  
12 location that a standing committee of which he is a member is meeting,  
13 if the senator or assemblyman is not entitled to the per diem expense  
14 allowance authorized by subsection 4 or the lodging allowances authorized  
15 by subsections 5 and 6.

16 8. Each senator and assemblyman is entitled to receive a telephone  
17 allowance of not more than \$2,800 for the payment of tolls and charges  
18 incurred by him in the performance of official business during each regular  
19 session of the legislature and not more than \$300 during each special  
20 session of the legislature.

21 9. An employee of the legislature assigned to serve a standing  
22 committee is entitled to receive the travel expenses and per diem expense  
23 allowance provided by law for state employees generally if he is required  
24 to attend a hearing of the committee outside Carson City.

25 10. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218.644, claims}~~ **Claims** for  
26 expenses made under the provisions of this section must be ~~{made as other~~  
27 ~~claims are made against the state, and must be}~~ paid from the legislative  
28 fund. Claims for per diem expense allowances authorized by subsection 4  
29 and lodging allowances authorized by subsections 5, 6 and 7 must be paid  
30 once each week during a legislative session and upon completion of a  
31 presession orientation conference.

32 11. A claim for travel expenses authorized by subsection 2 or 3 must  
33 not be paid unless the senator or assemblyman submits a signed statement  
34 affirming:

35 (a) The date of the travel; and

36 (b) The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by private  
37 conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by private  
38 conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other evidence of the  
39 expenditure.

40 12. Travel expenses authorized by subsections 2 and 3 are limited to:

41 (a) If the travel is by private conveyance, a rate equal to the standard  
42 mileage reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the  
43 purposes of federal income tax. If two or more legislators travel in the

1 same private conveyance, the legislator who provided or arranged for  
2 providing the transportation is presumed entitled to reimbursement.

3 (b) If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual amount  
4 expended.

5 Transportation must be by the most economical means, considering total  
6 cost, time spent in transit and the availability of state-owned automobiles.

7 **Sec. 12.** NRS 218.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 218.225 1. At each regular session of the legislature, each legislator  
9 is entitled to receive at the expense of the legislative fund from the state  
10 printing division of the department of administration the following:

11 (a) Not to exceed 2,000 letterheads, ~~8 1/2 inches x 11 inches~~, ~~8 1/2~~  
12 and 2,000 half size, or 4,000 of either variety;

13 (b) Not to exceed 2,000 No. 10 envelopes and 2,000 No. 6 3/4  
14 envelopes, or 4,000 of either variety; and

15 (c) Not to exceed 2,000 business cards and 1,000 memorandum sheets,  
16 ~~500 each of the small and large type or 1,000 of either type~~. ~~500~~  
17 Selections must be made from samples submitted by the superintendent of  
18 the state printing division of the department of administration, and all  
19 printing must be done in the state printing division of the department of  
20 administration.

21 2. Each female member of the assembly is entitled to have the word  
22 "Assemblywoman" precede the inscription of her name on her official  
23 stationery and business cards.

24 3. All orders for the printing specified in subsection 1 must be placed  
25 by legislators with the director of the legislative counsel bureau, who shall  
26 approve those claims which comply with the provisions of this section and  
27 shall pay the claims from the legislative fund. ~~in the same manner as~~  
28 ~~other claims against the state are paid.~~

29 4. A legislator may purchase from the state printing division of the  
30 department of administration official stationery, cards and other material  
31 appropriate to his official duties in excess of that specified in subsection 1  
32 at his own expense.

33 **Sec. 13.** NRS 218.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 218.230 1. ~~There~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this section,*  
35 *there* must be paid to the ~~several~~ employees of the senate and assembly,  
36 for all services rendered by them under the provisions of this chapter, the  
37 following sums of money for each day's employment and no more:

38  
39 SENATE

40  
41 Assistant director of bill services .....\$74  
42 Assistant secretary ..... 109  
43 Assistant sergeant at arms .....82

|    |                                          |       |
|----|------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1  | Bill clerk .....                         | \$60  |
| 2  | Committee manager.....                   | 101   |
| 3  | Committee secretary .....                | 88    |
| 4  | Deputy sergeant at arms .....            | 88    |
| 5  | Director of bill services .....          | 80    |
| 6  | Director of clerical services .....      | 103   |
| 7  | Executive assistant.....                 | 101   |
| 8  | Finance secretary .....                  | 99    |
| 9  | Front desk assistant.....                | 101   |
| 10 | History clerk .....                      | 101   |
| 11 | Journal clerk .....                      | 101   |
| 12 | Media clerk.....                         | 101   |
| 13 | Recording clerk .....                    | 101   |
| 14 | Secretary .....                          | 80    |
| 15 | Senior committee secretary.....          | 96    |
| 16 | Senior page .....                        | 75    |
| 17 | Sergeant at arms .....                   | 103   |
| 18 | Typist .....                             | 68    |
| 19 |                                          |       |
| 20 | Assembly                                 |       |
| 21 |                                          |       |
| 22 | Assistant chief clerk .....              | \$109 |
| 23 | Assistant sergeant at arms .....         | 82    |
| 24 | Assistant supervisor of bill clerks..... | 74    |
| 25 | Bill clerk .....                         | 60    |
| 26 | Committee manager.....                   | 101   |
| 27 | Committee secretary .....                | 88    |
| 28 | Deputy sergeant at arms .....            | 88    |
| 29 | Document clerk .....                     | 101   |
| 30 | Executive assistant.....                 | 101   |
| 31 | History clerk .....                      | 101   |
| 32 | Journal clerk .....                      | 101   |
| 33 | Media clerk.....                         | 101   |
| 34 | Page .....                               | 60    |
| 35 | Recording clerk .....                    | 101   |
| 36 | Secretary .....                          | 80    |
| 37 | Senior committee secretary.....          | 96    |
| 38 | Senior page .....                        | 75    |
| 39 | Sergeant at arms .....                   | 103   |
| 40 | Supervisor of bill clerks.....           | 80    |
| 41 | Supervisor of secretarial staff.....     | 103   |
| 42 | Typist .....                             | 68    |
| 43 | Ways and means secretary .....           | 99    |

2. During periods of adjournment to a day certain, employees of the legislature whose service is required shall perform duties as assigned and are entitled to be paid the amount specified in ~~this section~~ *subsection 1* for each day of service.

*3. During periods before the commencement of a session and after the adjournment of a session sine die, employees of the legislature whose service is required shall perform duties as assigned and are entitled to be paid at an hourly rate commensurate with the daily rate specified in subsection 1.*

**Sec. 14.** NRS 218.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.240 1. The legislative counsel and the legal division of the legislative counsel bureau shall prepare and assist in the preparation and amendment of legislative measures when requested or upon suggestion as provided in NRS 218.240 to 218.255, inclusive ~~1~~, *and sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.* Except as otherwise provided in those provisions, the legislative counsel and the legal division of the legislative counsel bureau shall not prepare or assist in the preparation and amendment of legislative measures directly submitted or requested by a natural person, corporation, firm, association or other entity, including an organization that represents governmental agencies, unless the requester, or if the requester is a natural person the office or other position held by the person, is created by the constitution or laws of this state.

~~2. [An interim committee which conducts a study or investigation pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 218.682 may request the preparation of no more than 10 legislative measures, except that such a committee may request the preparation of additional legislative measures if the legislative commission approves each additional request by a majority vote.]~~

~~—3.~~ The legislative counsel shall give consideration to and service concerning any measure before the legislature which is requested by the governor, the senate or assembly, or any committee of the legislature having the measure before it for consideration.

~~[4.]~~ *3.* The legislative counsel may deliver to the superintendent of the state printing division of the department of administration and request that he print or preset the type for printing a legislative measure before its introduction upon the consent of the person or persons requesting the measure. If the measure has been requested by a legislator, the superintendent shall promptly comply with this request.

**Sec. 15.** NRS 218.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.241 1. Upon request made within the time allowed and ~~[within]~~ limits established ~~[by the legislature by concurrent resolution,]~~ *pursuant to NRS 218.240 to 218.255, inclusive, and sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act,* the legislative counsel shall advise any agency or officer of the executive branch of the state government, and ~~[shall—advise]~~ any county,

1 school district or city, as to the preparation of measures to be submitted to  
2 the legislature.

3 2. To ensure the greatest possible equity in the handling of requests,  
4 drafting must proceed as follows:

5 (a) Requests for legislative measures from each agency or officer of the  
6 executive branch of the state government or from a county, school district  
7 or city must, insofar as is possible, be acted upon in the order in which they  
8 are received, unless a different priority is designated by the requester.

9 (b) As soon as an agency or officer of the executive branch of the state  
10 government has requested 10 legislative measures for any session, the  
11 legislative counsel may request the agency or officer to designate the  
12 priority for each succeeding request.

13 (c) ~~[Within]~~ **Not later than** 2 weeks ~~[after]~~ **before** the commencement  
14 of a regular session of the legislature, any county, school district or city  
15 which has requested the preparation of more than one legislative measure  
16 for that session shall submit to the legislative counsel a list which  
17 designates the order of priority for each request.

18 The priority designated pursuant to this subsection must guide the  
19 legislative counsel in acting upon the requests of the respective agencies  
20 and officers of the executive branch of the state government and the  
21 counties, school districts and cities to ensure each agency and officer, and  
22 each county, school district and city, as nearly as is possible, an equal rank.

23 **Sec. 16.** NRS 218.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 218.242 Upon request, within **the** limits established **pursuant to NRS**  
25 **218.240 to 218.255, inclusive, and sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act or**  
26 by the legislature by concurrent resolution, the legislative counsel shall  
27 assist any legislator in the preparation of bills and resolutions, drafting  
28 them in proper form, and furnishing the legislator the fullest information  
29 upon all matters within the scope of his duties. The legislative counsel  
30 shall, insofar as is possible, act upon all legislators' requests for legislative  
31 measures in the order in which they are received. To assure the greatest  
32 possible equity in the handling of requests, drafting must proceed as  
33 follows:

34 1. If he so desires, a legislator may designate a different priority for his  
35 bills and resolutions which the legislative counsel shall observe, insofar as  
36 is possible.

37 2. The drafting of requests for legislative measures from chairmen or  
38 members of standing committees or special committees, on behalf of those  
39 committees, must not, except where urgency is recognized, take  
40 precedence over the priority established or designated for individual  
41 legislators' bills and resolutions.

1     **Sec. 17.** NRS 218.247 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     218.247 1. The legislative counsel and the legal division of the  
3 legislative counsel bureau shall prepare and assist in the preparation ~~{and~~  
4 ~~amendment}~~ of legislative measures at the ~~{written suggestion of any~~  
5 ~~justice}~~ **request** of the supreme court ~~{or judge of a district court, within~~  
6 ~~limits established by the legislature by concurrent resolution.}~~ **if the**  
7 **legislative measures are transmitted to the legislative counsel before**  
8 **September 1 preceding the commencement of the next regular session of**  
9 **the legislature. The supreme court may transmit to the legislative counsel**  
10 **pursuant to this section not more than 20 legislative measures on behalf**  
11 **of the supreme court and district courts of this state and not more than 5**  
12 **legislative measures on behalf of the municipal courts and justices'**  
13 **courts of this state.**

14     2. Every ~~{suggestion of a judge}~~ **requested legislative measure** must  
15 set forth the substance of the provisions desired or which may be needed  
16 with the reasons therefor.

17     3. The legislative counsel ~~{and the legal division of the legislative~~  
18 ~~counsel bureau shall prepare a measure in accordance with the suggestion~~  
19 ~~of a judge, and}~~ shall transmit ~~{it}~~ **any legislative measure prepared**  
20 **pursuant to this section** to the chairman of the committee on judiciary of  
21 each house at the next regular session of the legislature.

22     **Sec. 18.** NRS 218.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23     218.380 ~~{The}~~ **An** enrolled bill ~~{or resolution shall}~~ **must** be delivered  
24 by the legislative counsel, or such person as he ~~{shall}~~ **designates** in  
25 writing, ~~{designate,}~~ to the governor for his action, who may authorize a  
26 member of his staff to receive and receipt for the same in his name.

27     **Sec. 19.** NRS 218.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28     218.390 1. An enrolled joint resolution proposing an amendment to  
29 the constitution of the State of Nevada ~~{must not be presented to the~~  
30 ~~governor for approval and signature, but}~~ must be delivered with the  
31 official engrossed copy thereof to the secretary of state or such deputy or  
32 clerk as he designates in writing.

33     2. The secretary of state shall cause the enrolled resolution and the  
34 engrossed copy thereof to be filed in his office, and shall deliver them to  
35 the presiding officer of the house in which the proposed amendment  
36 originated at the next ensuing session of the legislature. The enrolled  
37 resolution accompanied by the engrossed copy thereof must thereupon be  
38 laid before the house for action, and if approved by a majority of the  
39 members elected thereto, must again be deposited with and filed by the  
40 secretary of state so that it may be placed upon the ballot at the next  
41 ensuing general election.

42     3. The history of the joint resolution containing a notation that it has  
43 been returned to the house of its origin by the secretary of state must be

1 noted on the engrossed copy of the resolution, and must likewise appear  
2 upon the enrolled copy thereof. The enrolled copy must bear the original  
3 signatures of the presiding officers and secretary and clerk of the  
4 respective houses for both sessions of the legislature at which the proposed  
5 amendment to the constitution was considered.

6 4. The secretary of state shall cause all proposed amendments to the  
7 constitution to be published in the printed volume of the statutes for each  
8 year when they have been considered by the legislature.

9 **Sec. 20.** NRS 218.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 218.400 1. As soon as an enrolled bill ~~{or joint resolution}~~ is  
11 delivered to the governor, any person duly authorized shall endorse by  
12 stamp, on the back of the enrolled copy of such bill , ~~{or joint resolution,}~~  
13 over his signature, from whom and which house *the bill was* received, the  
14 date and hour of receipt, *and* the number of pages comprising the ~~{same,}~~  
15 *bill*, and shall compute and note thereon the time limit for action by the  
16 governor, excluding the day of receipt and Sundays, which ~~{shall}~~ *must* not  
17 exceed the constitutional limit for such action.

18 2. Within such time limit the bill ~~{or joint resolution shall,}~~ *must*, if  
19 approved, be signed by the governor immediately after the signatures of  
20 the officials of both houses as follows:

21  
22 State of Nevada  
23 Executive Department  
24 Approved

25  
26 .....a.m.....p.m.  
27 .....(month).....(day).....(year)  
28 .....(Governor)  
29

30 3. Immediately following such approval, without alteration or  
31 correction, the bill ~~{or joint resolution shall}~~ *must* be deposited with the  
32 secretary of state, who shall endorse on the back thereof, following the  
33 endorsement of such duly authorized person:

34  
35 Received and filed.  
36 .....(hour)  
37 .....(month).....(day).....(year)  
38 .....(Secretary of State)

39 **Sec. 21.** NRS 218.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 218.410 The secretary of state, or such deputy or clerk as he ~~{shall}~~  
41 ~~designate}~~ *designates* in writing, shall receipt to the governor for all bills  
42 ~~{and joint resolutions}~~ received, noting the number of such bill , ~~{or}~~

1 ~~resolution,~~ the house wherein the ~~{same}~~ **bill** originated, the number of  
2 pages contained therein, and the hour and date received. Such receipt  
3 ~~{shall}~~ **must** be retained in the governor's office for at least 6 years.

4 **Sec. 22.** NRS 218.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 218.420 1. If the governor does not approve a bill ~~{or joint~~  
6 ~~resolution}~~ within 5 days, Sundays excepted, after it ~~{shall have}~~ **has** been  
7 presented to him, the bill ~~{shall become a law or the joint resolution shall~~  
8 ~~become effective}~~ **becomes a law** without his signature, unless he ~~{shall~~  
9 ~~have}~~ **has** returned it to the house in which it originated, with his  
10 objections thereto, ~~{and which shall}~~ **which must** be entered in its journal.

11 2. Such house shall thereupon proceed to reconsider the vetoed bill ~~{or~~  
12 ~~joint resolution,~~ and if thereafter it ~~{shall again pass}~~ **again passes** both  
13 houses by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house, the bill  
14 ~~{shall become a law or the joint resolution shall become effective}~~ **becomes**  
15 **a law** notwithstanding the objections of the governor, and ~~{shall}~~ **must** be  
16 delivered by the legislative counsel directly to the secretary of state for  
17 filing, who shall receipt to the legislative counsel therefor.

18 **Sec. 23.** NRS 218.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 218.430 1. If the legislature, ~~{shall,}~~ by its final adjournment,  
20 ~~{prevent}~~ **prevents** the return of a bill ~~{or joint resolution}~~ within 5 days  
21 after delivery to the governor, Sundays excepted, the bill ~~{shall become a~~  
22 ~~law or the joint resolution shall become effective}~~ **becomes a law** without  
23 his signature, unless within 10 days next after the adjournment, Sundays  
24 excepted, he ~~{shall file the bill or joint resolution}~~ **files the bill** with his  
25 objections thereto with the secretary of state.

26 2. The secretary of state shall lay the bill ~~{or joint resolution}~~ before  
27 the legislature at its next regular session in like manner as if it had been  
28 returned by the governor directly to the house in which it originated. If the  
29 bill ~~{or joint resolution shall receive}~~ **receives** the vote of two-thirds of the  
30 members elected to each house of the legislature, upon a vote taken by  
31 yeas and nays, to be entered upon the journals of each house, the bill ~~{shall~~  
32 ~~become a law or the joint resolution shall become effective, and shall}~~  
33 **becomes a law and must** be delivered by the legislative counsel directly to  
34 the secretary of state for filing, who shall receipt to the legislative counsel  
35 therefor.

36 **Sec. 24.** NRS 218.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 218.440 1. The secretary of state shall, after **the** final adjournment of  
38 each session of the legislature, cause all legislative bills ~~{and joint~~  
39 ~~resolutions}~~ deposited with him after approval by the governor, and all  
40 **joint resolutions**, concurrent resolutions and memorials to be bound in a  
41 substantial and suitable book or books, together with an index thereof.

42 2. The expenses incurred in such work must be paid by the state in the  
43 manner directed by the state board of examiners.

1     **Sec. 25.** NRS 218.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     218.500   1. The secretary of state shall furnish to the superintendent  
3 of the state printing division of the department of administration, within 3  
4 days ~~{from the time}~~ **after** he receives ~~{each one from the governor, after~~  
5 ~~approval,}~~ **them**, a copy of all acts, joint and concurrent resolutions, and  
6 memorials passed at each session.

7     2. The director of the legislative counsel bureau shall:

8     (a) Distribute one copy of each act as printed to each county clerk,  
9 district judge, district attorney and justice of the peace in the state.

10    (b) Immediately upon the adjournment of the session, collect and have  
11 printed and bound advance sheets of all acts, resolutions and memorials  
12 passed at the session.

13    (c) Distribute one copy of the advance sheets, without charge, to each  
14 justice of the supreme court, the attorney general, the state public defender,  
15 and to each county clerk, district judge, district attorney, county public  
16 defender, justice of the peace, city attorney and municipal judge in the  
17 state, deliver to the supreme court law library a number of copies  
18 appropriate to secure the exchange of similar publications from other  
19 states, and establish the price at which the advance sheets must be sold to  
20 other persons.

21    3. The legislative counsel shall, immediately upon the adjournment of  
22 the session, prepare statutory tables and an index of all acts, resolutions  
23 and memorials passed at the session.

24    4. The superintendent, upon receipt of the statutory tables and index,  
25 shall prepare bound volumes of the Statutes of Nevada as provided in NRS  
26 218.510.

27     **Sec. 26.** NRS 218.5375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28     218.5375   1. There is hereby created a legislative committee on  
29 workers' compensation. The committee consists of:

30     (a) Four members appointed by the majority leader of the senate, in  
31 consultation with the minority leader of the senate, from the membership  
32 of the senate standing committee ~~{on commerce and labor}~~ **which had**  
33 **jurisdiction of issues relating to workers' compensation** during the  
34 immediately preceding session of the legislature.

35     (b) Four members appointed by the speaker of the assembly from the  
36 membership of the assembly standing committee ~~{on labor and~~  
37 ~~management}~~ **which had jurisdiction of issues relating to workers'**  
38 **compensation** during the immediately preceding session of the legislature.

39     The members must represent each political party represented in the  
40 assembly in the approximate proportion that they are represented in that  
41 house, but at least one member must be chosen from each political party.

42     2. The members of the committee shall elect a chairman and vice  
43 chairman from among their members. The chairman must be elected from

1 one house of the legislature and the vice chairman from the other house.  
2 After the initial election of a chairman and vice chairman, each of those  
3 officers holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each  
4 odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or vice  
5 chairmanship, the members of the committee shall elect a replacement for  
6 the remainder of the unexpired term.

7 3. Any member of the committee who is not a candidate for reelection  
8 or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve until the convening of  
9 the next session of the legislature.

10 4. Vacancies on the committee must be filled in the same manner as  
11 original appointments.

12 **Sec. 27.** NRS 218.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 218.610 As used in NRS 218.610 to 218.735, inclusive, *and sections 7*  
14 *and 8 of this act*, "agency of the state" includes all offices, departments,  
15 boards, commissions or institutions of the state, and the state industrial  
16 insurance system.

17 **Sec. 28.** NRS 218.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 218.640 ~~{Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218.644, money}~~  
19 *Money* to carry out the functions of the legislative counsel bureau must be  
20 provided by legislative appropriation from the state general fund to the  
21 legislative fund . ~~{, and must be paid out on claims as other claims against~~  
22 ~~the state are paid.}~~ All claims must be approved by the director of the  
23 legislative counsel bureau or his designee before they are paid.

24 **Sec. 29.** NRS 218.644 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 218.644 1. The legislative counsel bureau shall maintain a checking  
26 account in any qualified bank for the purposes of providing advance  
27 money and reimbursement to legislators and employees for travel  
28 expenses, paying the salaries of persons on the payroll of the legislative  
29 branch of government, related payroll costs , *other expenses which may or*  
30 *must be paid from the legislative fund* and any other expenses directed by  
31 the legislative commission. The account must be secured by a depository  
32 bond to the extent the account is not insured by the Federal Deposit  
33 Insurance Corporation. All checks written on this account must be signed  
34 by the chairman of the legislative commission and the director of the  
35 legislative counsel bureau or his designee, except that during a regular  
36 session of the legislature, the majority leader of the senate and the speaker  
37 of the assembly shall sign the checks.

38 2. A request for advance money for travel constitutes a lien in favor of  
39 the legislative fund upon the accrued salary, subsistence allowance and  
40 travel expenses of the legislator or employee in an amount equal to the sum  
41 advanced.

42 3. The legislator or employee is entitled to receive upon request any  
43 authorized travel expenses in excess of the amount advanced. The

1 legislator or employee shall reimburse the legislative fund any amount  
2 advanced that is not used for reimbursable travel expenses.

3 **Sec. 30.** NRS 218.6824 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 218.6824 1. There is hereby created a budget subcommittee of the  
5 legislative commission.

6 2. The chairman of the legislative commission shall appoint to the  
7 subcommittee the persons designated by the speaker designate of the  
8 assembly to be members of the assembly standing committee on ways and  
9 means and the persons designated by the majority leader designate of the  
10 senate to be members of the senate standing committee on finance for the  
11 next ensuing session of the legislature.

12 3. The budget subcommittee shall conclude its activities before the  
13 next regular legislative session is convened.

14 4. The budget subcommittee shall ~~be~~:

15 ~~—(a) Review the synopsis of the state budget prepared by the fiscal~~  
16 ~~analysis division of the legislative counsel bureau pursuant to NRS~~  
17 ~~353.211; and~~

18 ~~—(b) Consider other~~ **consider** fiscal issues that may require consideration  
19 by the legislature at the next ensuing session.

20 **Sec. 31.** NRS 218.685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 218.685 Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218.150 and 218.180,  
22 between sessions of the legislature, the director of the legislative counsel  
23 bureau, with the approval of the legislative commission, may appoint such  
24 technical, clerical and operational staff as the functions and operations of  
25 the legislature may require. Salaries and ~~the costs of any contract services~~  
26 ~~shall~~ **related costs must** be paid from the legislative fund.

27 **Sec. 32.** NRS 218.697 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 218.697 1. Upon request, the legislative counsel shall represent any  
29 legislator in any matter before the commission on ethics.

30 2. When deemed necessary or advisable to protect the official interests  
31 of the legislature or one or more legislative committees, the legislative  
32 commission, or the chairman of the legislative commission in cases where  
33 action is required before a meeting of the legislative commission is  
34 scheduled to be held, may direct the legislative counsel and his staff to  
35 appear in, commence, prosecute, defend or intervene in any action, suit,  
36 matter, cause or proceeding in any court or agency of this state or of the  
37 United States.

38 3. ~~{Expenses}~~ **The legislative commission may authorize payment of**  
39 **the expenses** and costs incurred pursuant to this section ~~{may be paid by~~  
40 ~~the legislative commission}~~ from the legislative fund.

41 **Sec. 33.** NRS 233B.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 233B.050 1. In addition to other regulation-making requirements  
43 imposed by law, each agency shall:

1 (a) Adopt rules of practice, setting forth the nature and requirements of  
2 all formal and informal procedures available, including a description of all  
3 forms and instructions used by the agency.

4 (b) Make available for public inspection all rules of practice and  
5 regulations adopted or used by the agency in the discharge of its functions  
6 and that part of the Nevada Administrative Code which contains its  
7 regulations.

8 (c) Make available for public inspection all final orders, decisions and  
9 opinions except those expressly made confidential or privileged by statute.

10 (d) Review its rules of practice at least once every 3 years and file with  
11 the secretary of state a statement setting forth the date on which the most  
12 recent review of those rules was completed and describing any revisions  
13 made as a result of the review.

14 (e) Review its regulations at least once every 10 years to determine  
15 whether it should amend or repeal any of the regulations. Within 30 days  
16 after completion of the review, the agency shall submit a report to the  
17 ~~{director of the}~~ legislative counsel ~~{bureau}~~ for distribution to the next  
18 regular session of the legislature. The report must include the date on  
19 which the agency completed its review of the regulations and describe any  
20 regulation that must be amended or repealed as a result of the review. ~~{The~~  
21 ~~director of the legislative counsel bureau shall provide a copy of the report~~  
22 ~~to the legislative counsel for the purposes of subsection 2 of NRS~~  
23 ~~233B.065.}~~

24 2. A regulation, rule, final order or decision of an agency is not valid  
25 or effective against any person or party, nor may it be invoked by the  
26 agency for any purpose, until it has been made available for public  
27 inspection as required in this section, except that this provision does not  
28 apply in favor of any person or party who has actual knowledge thereof.

29 **Sec. 34.** NRS 233B.0665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 233B.0665 If a regulation submitted to the legislative counsel bureau  
31 pursuant to NRS 233B.067 is not accompanied by an informational  
32 statement which complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.066, the  
33 ~~{director of the}~~ legislative counsel ~~{bureau}~~ shall return the regulation to  
34 the agency with a note that the statement is missing. Unless the statement  
35 is supplied, the ~~{director}~~ *legislative counsel* shall not submit the  
36 regulation to the commission, and the regulation never becomes effective.  
37 If the statement is supplied, the time for action upon the regulation must be  
38 computed from the date of delivering the statement to the ~~{director.}~~  
39 *legislative counsel.*

40 **Sec. 35.** NRS 233B.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 233B.067 1. After adopting a permanent regulation, the agency shall  
42 submit the informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066  
43 and one copy of each regulation adopted to the ~~{director of the}~~ legislative

1 counsel ~~{bureau}~~ for review by the legislative commission, which may  
2 refer it to a joint interim committee, to determine whether the regulation  
3 conforms to the statutory authority pursuant to which it was adopted and  
4 whether the regulation carries out the intent of the legislature in granting  
5 that authority. The ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel shall endorse on the  
6 original and the copy of each adopted regulation the date of their receipt.  
7 The ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel shall maintain the copy of the regulation  
8 in a file and make the copy available for public inspection for 2 years.

9 2. If an agency submits an adopted regulation to the ~~{director-of-the}~~  
10 legislative counsel ~~{bureau}~~ pursuant to subsection 1 that:

11 (a) The agency is required to adopt pursuant to a federal statute or  
12 regulation; and

13 (b) Exceeds the specific statutory authority of the agency or sets forth  
14 requirements that are more stringent than a statute of this state,  
15 it shall include a statement that adoption of the regulation is required by a  
16 federal statute or regulation. The statement must include the specific  
17 citation of the federal statute or regulation requiring such adoption.

18 3. The legislative commission, or the joint interim committee if the  
19 commission has referred it to such a committee, shall review the regulation  
20 at its next regularly scheduled meeting if the regulation is received more  
21 than 10 working days before the meeting and a regular meeting is held  
22 within 35 days after receipt of the regulation. The commission may appoint  
23 a committee composed of three or more members of the commission or  
24 any joint interim committee to examine proposed regulations received  
25 more than 35 days before a regular meeting is scheduled to be held.

26 4. The legislative commission shall notify the ~~{director}~~ legislative  
27 counsel of the results of its review within 30 days after receipt of the  
28 regulation from the agency. If the commission does not object to the  
29 regulation, the ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel shall file it with the secretary  
30 of state within 35 days after receipt from the agency and notify the agency  
31 of the filing. If the commission objects to the regulation after determining  
32 that:

33 (a) If subsection 2 is applicable, the regulation is not required pursuant  
34 to a federal statute or regulation;

35 (b) The regulation does not conform to statutory authority; or

36 (c) The regulation does not carry out legislative intent,  
37 the ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel shall attach to the regulation a written  
38 notice of the objection of the commission, including a statement of the  
39 reasons for its objection, and shall promptly return the regulation to the  
40 agency.

41 **Sec. 36.** NRS 233B.0675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 233B.0675 1. If the legislative commission has objected to a  
43 regulation, the agency may revise it and return it to the ~~{director-of-the}~~

1 legislative counsel . ~~{bureau,}~~ Upon receipt of the revised regulation, the  
2 ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel shall resubmit the regulation to the  
3 commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If the commission  
4 does not object to the revised regulation, the ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel  
5 shall promptly file the revised regulation with the secretary of state and  
6 notify the agency of the filing.

7 2. If the legislative commission objects to the revised regulation, the  
8 agency may continue to revise it and resubmit it to the commission.

9 3. If the agency refuses to revise a regulation to which the legislative  
10 commission has objected, the commission may suspend the filing of the  
11 regulation until the 30th day of the next regular session of the legislature.  
12 Before the 30th day of the next regular session the legislature may, by  
13 concurrent resolution, declare that the regulation will not become effective.  
14 The ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel shall thereupon notify the agency that the  
15 regulation will not be filed and must not be enforced. If the legislature has  
16 not so declared by the 30th day of the session, the ~~{director}~~ legislative  
17 counsel shall promptly file the regulation and notify the agency of the  
18 filing.

19 **Sec. 37.** NRS 233B.0681 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 233B.0681 The legislative commission may provide for:

21 1. Its early review of a regulation after the agency has given notice of  
22 a hearing on the regulation but before the hearing is held. If the regulation  
23 adopted after the hearing is identical to the regulation submitted for early  
24 review, the ~~{director}~~ legislative counsel shall promptly file the regulation  
25 with the secretary of state and notify the agency of the filing.

26 2. A waiver of its review of a regulation in a case of administrative  
27 convenience or necessity.

28 **Sec. 38.** NRS 233B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 233B.070 1. A permanent regulation becomes effective when the  
30 ~~{director of the}~~ legislative counsel ~~{bureau}~~ files with the secretary of state  
31 the original of the final draft or revision of a regulation, except as  
32 otherwise provided in NRS 233B.0665 or where a later date is specified in  
33 the regulation.

34 2. A temporary or emergency regulation becomes effective when the  
35 agency files with the secretary of state the original of the final draft or  
36 revision of a regulation, together with the informational statement prepared  
37 pursuant to NRS 233B.066. The agency shall also file a copy of the  
38 temporary or emergency regulation with the legislative counsel , ~~{bureau,}~~  
39 together with the informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS  
40 233B.066.

41 3. The secretary of state shall maintain the original of the final draft or  
42 revision of each regulation in a permanent file to be used only for the  
43 preparation of official

copies.

1     4. The secretary of state shall file, with the original of each agency's  
2 rules of practice, the current statement of the agency concerning the date  
3 and results of its most recent review of those rules.

4     5. Immediately after each permanent or temporary regulation is filed,  
5 the agency shall deliver one copy of the final draft or revision, bearing the  
6 stamp of the secretary of state indicating that it has been filed, including  
7 material adopted by reference which is not already filed with the state  
8 library and archives administrator, to the state library and archives  
9 administrator for use by the public. If the agency is a licensing board as  
10 defined in NRS 439B.225 and it has adopted a permanent regulation  
11 relating to standards for licensing or for the renewal of a license issued to a  
12 person or facility regulated by the agency, the agency shall also deliver one  
13 copy of the regulation, bearing the stamp of the secretary of state, to the  
14 legislative committee on health care within 10 days after the regulation is  
15 filed with the secretary of state.

16     6. Each agency shall furnish a copy of all or part of that part of the  
17 Nevada Administrative Code which contains its regulations, to any person  
18 who requests a copy, and may charge a reasonable fee for the copy based  
19 on the cost of reproduction if it does not have money appropriated or  
20 authorized for that purpose.

21     7. An agency which publishes any regulations included in the Nevada  
22 Administrative Code shall use the exact text of the regulation as it appears  
23 in the Nevada Administrative Code, including the leadlines and numbers of  
24 the sections. Any other material which an agency includes in a publication  
25 with its regulations must be presented in a form which clearly distinguishes  
26 that material from the regulations.

27     **Sec. 39.** NRS 233B.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28     233B.115   1. Any person who objects to the content of a form  
29 required by an agency to be used in submitting an application, making a  
30 declaration or providing other information may request the legislative  
31 commission to determine whether the information required and the  
32 instructions for its preparation conform to the statutory authority pursuant  
33 to which the agency requires it. The legislative commission may also make  
34 such a determination on its own motion.

35     2. If the legislative commission finds that any part of the information  
36 or instructions does not conform to statutory authority, the ~~director of the~~  
37 legislative counsel ~~bureau~~ shall so notify the agency.

38     3. After notification by the ~~director of the~~ legislative counsel  
39 ~~bureau~~ of the legislative commission's objection to the form, the agency  
40 may revise the form to conform to statutory authority and resubmit it to the  
41 legislative commission. The agency shall not use the form until it has  
42 submitted a revised version to the legislative commission and the  
43 commission                   has                   approved                   the                   form.

353.090 1. Except for claims *against the legislative fund or* for the payment of the salaries of public officers, every claim for payment from the state treasury pursuant to an appropriation or authorization by the legislature must be presented to the state board of examiners for a determination of its correctness. The state board of examiners may adopt regulations providing for the use of sampling procedures and postaudit techniques for making such a determination.

(a) Is allocated to this state pursuant to a federal program in the form of a letter of credit or its equivalent;

(c) Has not been deposited in the state treasury; and

3. The state controller shall not allow or draw his warrant for:

(b) A greater amount than allowed by the board,

**Sec. 41.** NRS 353.211 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Computerized budget files containing the actual data regarding revenues and expenditures for the previous year;

(b) The work programs for the current year; and

(c) Each agency's requested budget for the next 2 fiscal years.

(a) Each agency's adjusted base budget by budgetary account for the

next 2 fiscal years; and

1 (b) An estimated range of the costs for:

2 (1) Continuing the operation of state government; and

3 (2) Providing elementary, secondary and higher public education,  
4 at the current level of service.

5 3. The information provided to the fiscal analysis division pursuant to  
6 subsections 1 and 2 is open for public inspection.

7 ~~4.—As soon as practicable after receipt of the material provided~~  
8 ~~pursuant to subsections 1 and 2, the fiscal analysis division shall provide a~~  
9 ~~synopsis of the information to the members of the budget subcommittee of~~  
10 ~~the legislative commission. The synopsis must include the levels of~~  
11 ~~requested expenditures of all of the departments, institutions and agencies,~~  
12 ~~major budgetary issues, approximate available revenues, historical data~~  
13 ~~and any other information the fiscal analysts deem appropriate.]~~

14 **Sec. 42.** NRS 353.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 353.230 1. The chief shall review the estimates, altering, revising,  
16 increasing or decreasing the items of the estimates as he may deem  
17 necessary in view of the needs of the various departments, institutions and  
18 agencies in the executive department of the state government and the total  
19 anticipated income of the state government and of the various departments,  
20 institutions and agencies of the executive department during the next fiscal  
21 year. In performing the duties required by this subsection, the chief shall  
22 use the projections and estimates prepared by the economic forum pursuant  
23 to NRS 353.228.

24 2. The chief shall meet with a fiscal analyst of the legislative counsel  
25 bureau or his designated representative and personnel of the various  
26 departments, institutions and agencies of the executive department to  
27 discuss:

28 (a) The budgetary requests of each department, institution and agency;  
29 and

30 (b) The budgetary recommendations of the budget division for each  
31 department, institution and agency,  
32 for the next 2 fiscal years. The chief shall allow the fiscal analyst of the  
33 legislative counsel bureau or his designated representative full access to all  
34 materials connected with the review.

35 3. The chief shall then prepare a final version of the proposed budget,  
36 in accordance with NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, and shall deliver it  
37 to the governor. The final version of the proposed budget must include the  
38 adjusted base budget for each department, institution and agency of the  
39 executive department, the costs for continuing each program at the current  
40 level of service and the costs, if any, for new programs, recommended  
41 enhancements of existing programs or reductions for the departments,  
42 institutions and agencies of the executive department for the next 2 fiscal  
43 years. All projections of revenue and any other information concerning

1 future state revenue contained in the proposed budget must be based upon  
2 the projections and estimates prepared by the economic forum pursuant to  
3 NRS 353.228.

4 4. The governor shall , ~~{transmit the proposed budget to the~~  
5 ~~legislature}~~ not later than ~~{the 10th day}~~ *14 calendar days before the*  
6 *commencement* of the regular legislative session ~~{ }~~ , *submit the proposed*  
7 *budget to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmittal to*  
8 *the legislature.* The governor shall simultaneously submit, as a separate  
9 document:

10 (a) An analysis of any new programs or enhancements of existing  
11 programs being recommended; and

12 (b) Any increase in or new revenues which are being recommended in  
13 the proposed budget.

14 The document must specify the total cost by department, institution or  
15 agency of new programs or enhancements, but need not itemize the  
16 specific costs. All projections of revenue and any other information  
17 concerning future state revenue contained in the document must be based  
18 upon the projections and estimates prepared by the economic forum  
19 pursuant to NRS 353.228.

20 5. On or before the ~~{19th calendar}~~ *first* day of the regular legislative  
21 session, the governor shall submit to the legislative counsel  
22 recommendations for each legislative measure which will be necessary to  
23 carry out the final version of the proposed budget. These recommendations  
24 must contain sufficient detailed information to enable the legislative  
25 counsel to prepare the necessary legislative measures.

26 6. During the consideration of the general appropriation bill and any  
27 special appropriation bills and bills authorizing budgeted expenditures by  
28 the departments, institutions and agencies operating on money designated  
29 for specific purposes by the constitution or otherwise, drafted at the request  
30 of the legislature upon the recommendations submitted by the governor  
31 with the proposed budget, the governor or his representative have the right  
32 to appear before and be heard by the appropriation committees of the  
33 legislature in connection with the appropriation bill or bills, and to render  
34 any testimony, explanation or assistance required of him.

35 **Sec. 43.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.