

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S STUDY CONCERNING FEES, FINES,
FORFEITURES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS)

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Encourages Administrative Office of the Courts to improve use of technology in judicial system and to develop consistent accounting procedures for courts in this state. (BDR R-176)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Encouraging the Administrative Office of the Courts to improve the use of technology in the judicial system and to develop consistent accounting procedures for the courts in this state.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislative Auditor of the Legislative Counsel Bureau
2 submitted a report of the judicial branch of government in 1995 entitled
3 “1995 Audit Report of the State of Nevada Judicial Branch of Government
4 and Administrative Oversight of the State Court System”; and

5 WHEREAS, The 1995 Audit Report found that the various courts in the
6 State of Nevada use different methods to classify, record and distribute
7 fines collected from citations issued by the Nevada Highway Patrol; and

8 WHEREAS, The 1995 Audit Report further found that many courts in this
9 state had not established adequate internal accounting controls for
10 collecting, recording and depositing fines; and

11 WHEREAS, Courts using different methods to classify, record and
12 distribute fines and employing inadequate internal accounting controls
13 result in inaccurate audits and difficulty in accessing court information; and

14 WHEREAS, Improving the technology used by courts in the State of
15 Nevada, including, without limitation, establishing a minimum standard of
16 technology in every court in this state, and establishing standardization of
17 and consistency in accounting procedures used by courts in the State of
18 Nevada will improve judicial administration, improve the rate of
19 collections, facilitate accurate audits, ensure timely and equal access to
20 accurate court information and maintain the integrity and credibility of the
21 judiciary; and

1 WHEREAS, The Administrative Office of the Courts has the duty, under
2 the direction of the Supreme Court, to develop procedures for accounting
3 and internal auditing for the various courts in the State of Nevada, and to
4 make recommendations for the improvement of the administrative
5 procedures used by the various courts in this state; and

6 WHEREAS, The Administrative Office of the Courts recently assessed the
7 technological resources, abilities and needs in each court in the State of
8 Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, The Administrative Office of the Courts has established
10 minimum accounting standards for the Justices' and Municipal Courts in
11 the State of Nevada to standardize accounting practices used by the courts
12 in this state; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
14 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby encourages the
15 Administrative Office of the Courts to identify and carry out in a timely
16 manner specific projects designed to improve the use of technology in the
17 judicial system, including, without limitation, the development of minimum
18 standards of technology, and the development of uniform collection
19 policies, procedures and support systems, and to continue to explore new
20 ways to improve the technology used by the various courts in this state; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Administrative Office of the Courts is hereby
23 encouraged to assist and encourage all courts in this state to use consistent
24 accounting procedures, including, without limitation, using the minimum
25 accounting standards that were established by the Administrative Office of
26 the Courts, assisting courts in the State of Nevada to develop uniform
27 procedures for classifying, recording and distributing fines and fees
28 collected, and continuing to assess other means for improving the
29 accounting procedures used by the courts in this state; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
31 copy of this resolution to the Director of the Administrative Office of the
32 Courts.