
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 “State of Nevada, Judicial Branch of Government, Administrative
4 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

1 Nevada will improve judicial administration, improve the rate of
2 collections, facilitate accurate audits, ensure timely and equal access to
3 accurate court information and maintain the integrity and credibility of the
4 judiciary; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The Administrative Office of the Courts recently assessed the
11 technological resources, abilities and needs in each court in the State of
12 Nevada; and

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

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

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

34 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
35 copy of this resolution to the Director of the Administrative Office of the
36 Courts.