

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7—COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to increase limitation on state indebtedness solely to pay costs of construction and renovation of school facilities. (BDR C-1402)

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.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Nevada to increase the limitation on the state indebtedness solely to pay the costs of the construction and renovation of school facilities.

1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
2 JOINTLY, That section 3 of article 9 of the Constitution of the State of
3 Nevada be amended to read as follows:
4 Sec. 3. ***1.*** The state may contract public debts; but such debts shall
5 never, in the aggregate, exclusive of interest, exceed the sum of two per
6 cent of the assessed valuation of the state, as shown by the reports of the
7 county assessors to the state controller, except for the purpose of defraying
8 extraordinary expenses, as hereinafter mentioned. Every such debt shall be
9 authorized by law for some purpose or purposes, to be distinctly specified
10 therein; and every such law shall provide for levying an annual tax
11 sufficient to pay the interest semiannually, and the principal within twenty
12 years from the passage of such law, and shall specially appropriate the
13 proceeds of said taxes to the payment of said principal and interest; and
14 such appropriation shall not be repealed nor the taxes postponed or
15 diminished until the principal and interest of said debts shall have been
16 wholly paid. Every contract of indebtedness entered into or assumed by or
17 on behalf of the state, when all its debts and liabilities amount to said sum
18 before mentioned, shall be void and of no effect, except in cases of money
19 borrowed to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the state in time
20 of war, or, if hostilities be threatened, provide for the public defense.

1 **2.** The state, notwithstanding the foregoing limitations, may, pursuant
2 to authority of the legislature, make and enter into any and all contracts
3 necessary, expedient or advisable for the ~~protection~~ :

4 **(a) Protection** and preservation of any of its property or natural
5 resources, or for the purposes of obtaining the benefits thereof, however
6 arising and whether arising by or through any undertaking or project of the
7 United States or by or through any treaty or compact between the states, or
8 otherwise.

9 **(b) Construction and renovation of facilities for public schools, but**
10 ***the debt for such contracts must never, in the aggregate, exclusive of***
11 ***interest, exceed the sum of one per cent of the assessed valuation of this***
12 ***state, as shown by the reports of the county assessors to the state***
13 ***controller, in addition to any other debt authorized by this section.***

14 The legislature may from time to time make such appropriations as may be
15 necessary to carry out the obligations of the state under such contracts, and
16 shall levy such tax as may be necessary to pay the same or carry them into
17 effect.