Senate Bill No. 166-Senator Rhoads

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to agricultural districts; revising the provisions governing the terms of the members of a district board of agriculture for certain agricultural districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** NRS 547.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 547.040 1. Not later than 10 days after an agricultural association is formed within an agricultural district listed in NRS 547.010 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter:
- (a) The governor, if the agricultural district is **[comprised]** composed of more than one county, shall appoint eight persons who are residents of the agricultural district and who are members of the agricultural association to be members of the district board of agriculture for the agricultural district; or
- (b) The board of county commissioners, if the agricultural district constitutes a single-county agricultural district, shall appoint eight persons who are residents of the agricultural district to be members of the district board of agriculture for the agricultural district.
- 2. Within 10 days after their appointment, the persons so appointed shall meet at a place within the agricultural district and organize by the election of:
- (a) One of their number as president of the *district* board *of agriculture* and *the agricultural* association, who shall hold the office of president for 1 year and until his successor is elected.
 - (b) A secretary and a treasurer.
- 3. At the same meeting the members of the *district* board *of agriculture* shall, by lot or otherwise, classify themselves into four classes of two members each. The terms of office of [the]:
 - (a) The first class expire [at]:
- (1) At the end of the first fiscal year [.The terms of office of the] if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is 100,000 or more as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district; or
- (2) On December 31 of the first fiscal year if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is less than 100,000 as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district.
 - (b) The second class expire [at]:
- (1) At the end of the second fiscal year [.The terms of office of the] if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an

agricultural district whose population is 100,000 or more as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district; or

- (2) On December 31 of the second fiscal year if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is less than 100,000 as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district.
 - (c) The third class expire [at]:
- (1) At the end of the third fiscal year [. The terms of office of the] if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is 100,000 or more as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district; or
- (2) On December 31 of the third fiscal year if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is less than 100,000 as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district.
 - (d) The fourth class expire [at]:
- (1) At the end of the fourth fiscal year [.] if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is 100,000 or more as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district; or
- (2) On December 31 of the fourth fiscal year if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is less than 100,000 as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 547.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 547.060 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS 547.040, each [director] member of a district board of agriculture must be appointed for a term of 4 years. The term begins on:
- (a) July 1, if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is 100,000 or more as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district; or
- (b) January 1, if the member was appointed to a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is less than 100,000 as determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district.
- 2. The secretary shall report any vacancy which may occur in the *district* board *of agriculture* to its appointing authority as specified in NRS 547.040, and the vacancy must be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.
- 3. The incumbent members of the district board *of agriculture* may submit to the appointing authority for consideration a list of nominees for appointment to fill any vacancy on the [district] board.
- **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 547.040 and 547.060 to the contrary, the term of a member of a district board of agriculture for an agricultural district whose population is less than 100,000, as

determined by the population of the county or counties that compose the district, that would otherwise expire on:

1. June 30, 2000, expires on December 31, 1999.

2. June 30, 2001, expires on December 31, 2000.

- June 30, 2001, expires on December 31, 2000.
 June 30, 2002, expires on December 31, 2001.
- 4. June 30, 2003, expires on December 31, 2002.