

SENATE BILL NO. 436—SENATOR PORTER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition. (BDR S-1588)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
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.

AN ACT relating to regional planning; providing in skeleton form for the creation of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition; establishing a governing board; prescribing the powers and duties of the board; establishing a technical committee; 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.** As used in sections 2 to 14, inclusive, of this act, unless the
2 context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 2, 3 and
3 4 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- 4 **Sec. 2.** “Board” means the governing body of the Southern Nevada
5 Regional Planning Coalition.
- 6 **Sec. 3.** “Coalition” means the Southern Nevada Regional Planning
7 Coalition created pursuant to section 5 of this act.
- 8 **Sec. 4.** “Committee” means the technical committee to the coalition
9 created pursuant to section 12 of this act.
- 10 **Sec. 5.** The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition is hereby
11 created, consisting of Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, the City of
12 North Las Vegas, the City of Henderson and Boulder City.
- 13 **Sec. 6.** 1. The coalition must be governed by a board consisting of
14 13 members.
- 15 2. The members of the board must be appointed as follows:
- 16 (a) Two members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of
17 Clark County from its membership;
- 18 (b) Two members appointed by the City Council of the City of Las
19 Vegas from its membership;

1 (c) Two members appointed by the City Council of the City of North
2 Las Vegas from its membership;

3 (d) Two members appointed by the City Council of the City of
4 Henderson from its membership;

5 (e) One member appointed by the City Council of Boulder City from its
6 membership; and

7 (f) Four members appointed by the members appointed pursuant to
8 paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive. Members appointed pursuant to this
9 paragraph must not be elected officials or officers or employees of a public
10 entity.

11 3. The term of each member who is appointed pursuant to paragraphs
12 (a) to (e), inclusive, of subsection 2 is coterminous with his term of elected
13 office unless the public entity that appointed him revokes his appointment
14 to the board. The initial terms of two of the members appointed pursuant to
15 paragraph (f) of subsection 2 are 2 years and the initial terms of the other
16 two members appointed pursuant to that paragraph are 3 years. After the
17 initial terms, the term of a member appointed pursuant to paragraph (f) of
18 subsection 2 is 2 years.

19 4. If a member is unable to serve for the duration of his term or has his
20 membership revoked, his position becomes vacant. A vacancy on the board
21 must be filled by the authority which was entitled to appoint the member
22 whose position is vacant. A vacancy must be filled within 45 days after the
23 departure of the member. The term of a member appointed by the board to
24 fill a vacancy is the remainder of the term of the member whose position is
25 vacant.

26 **Sec. 7.** 1. The board shall meet at least once each calendar quarter at
27 a time and place designated by the chairman of the board. The board may
28 hold special meetings as often as the needs of the board require, upon
29 notice to each member of the board.

30 2. The board must provide notice of a meeting in the manner
31 prescribed by NRS 241.020.

32 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4:

33 (a) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum; and

34 (b) All actions must be adopted by at least a majority of the members
35 present and constituting the quorum at such a meeting.

36 4. Only the members who are appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to
37 (e), inclusive, of subsection 2 of section 6 of this act may vote on an action
38 relating to:

39 (a) A budgetary matter or a matter which involves an expenditure of
40 public money;

41 (b) A contract or other instrument that creates a binding legal obligation
42 on a public entity; or

43 (c) An appointment of a member.

1 For purposes of an action described in this subsection, two-thirds of the
2 members who are appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, of
3 subsection 2 of section 6 of this act constitute a quorum, and the affirmative
4 vote of at least two-thirds of such members is necessary to pass such an
5 action.

6 **Sec. 8.** 1. The board shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from
7 its membership who are appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (e),
8 inclusive, of subsection 2 of section 6 of this act at the first meeting of each
9 calendar year.

10 2. The term of the initial chairman and vice chairman expires on the
11 date on which the first meeting is held in the year 2000.

12 **Sec. 9.** The board shall:

13 1. Adopt rules or bylaws that govern its management and affairs.

14 2. Prepare and adopt an annual budget.

15 **Sec. 10.** The board may employ such professional, technical and
16 support staff as it deems necessary and shall prescribe specific duties for
17 such staff.

18 **Sec. 11.** The board shall:

19 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 350.002, serve as the debt
20 management commission of Clark County;

21 2. Consult with and request recommendations from a regional
22 organization, governmental agency or other public entity that may be
23 affected by a decision of the board; and

24 3. Take all other actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this
25 act.

26 **Sec. 12.** 1. The technical committee to the coalition consisting of the
27 County Manager of Clark County and the city managers of the City of Las
28 Vegas, the City of Henderson, the City of North Las Vegas and Boulder
29 City, or an appointee of such a person, is hereby created to provide
30 assistance to the coalition.

31 2. In performing its duties, the committee may request the participation
32 of representatives of regional agencies, including, without limitation, the
33 Regional Transportation Commission, the Clark County School District,
34 the Regional Flood Control District, the Clark County District Board of
35 Health, the Southern Nevada Water Authority and public utilities.

36 3. The committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from its
37 membership.

38 4. The committee shall meet as often as is necessary to provide
39 assistance to the board. The chairman shall determine the time and place of
40 the meetings of the committee and the method of providing notice of
41 meetings.

42 5. The committee shall perform such duties as the board may require.

1 **Sec. 13.** The board may:

2 1. Develop policies for Clark County which may include, without
3 limitation, policies for:

4 (a) The promotion of orderly development, coordinated land use
5 planning and the efficient provision of services to urban areas, including,
6 without limitation, roads, water and sewer service, police and fire
7 protection, mass transportation, libraries and parks;

8 (b) Protection of the environment;

9 (c) Recreational programs, including, without limitation, programs for
10 regional trails and open space;

11 (d) Economic development and employment; and

12 (e) Affordable housing.

13 2. Carry out and manage the strategic plan and recommendations for
14 financing infrastructure adopted by the Southern Nevada Strategic Planning
15 Authority, or its successor.

16 3. Compile and coordinate a regional and local data base for Clark
17 County, including, without limitation, a comprehensive regional master
18 plan with land use designations and a geographic information system.

19 4. Establish standard projections for population.

20 5. Recommend methods for increasing the efficiency of and reducing
21 the cost of furnishing governmental services.

22 6. Make recommendations for the disposal of federal land.

23 7. Establish methods for resolving disputes relating to annexation,
24 future land use, zoning and development that arise between jurisdictions,
25 including, without limitation, identification of the spheres of influence of
26 the jurisdictions. As used in this subsection, "sphere of influence" means an
27 area into which a jurisdiction plans to expand.

28 8. Establish a program of incentives to encourage regional strategic
29 planning for economic development, including, without limitation, joint
30 activities relating to the creation of jobs, agreements for revenue sharing,
31 education, transportation, law enforcement, water and sewer services, and
32 parks and recreation.

33 9. Develop a regional park plan in coordination with the Clark County
34 Regional Flood Control District, organized pursuant to NRS 543.240.

35 10. Consider any issues of regional significance as determined
36 appropriate by the board.

37 11. Review:

38 (a) Master plans adopted by the governing body of the county and each
39 city in the county;

40 (b) The annual plan for capital improvements prepared by the governing
41 body of each local government in the county pursuant to NRS 278.0226;
42 and

1 (c) Plans for capital improvements, facilities plans or other similar plans
2 adopted by:

3 (1) The Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County;

4 (2) The Southern Nevada Water Authority, created on July 25, 1991,
5 by a cooperative agreement entered into on that date pursuant to the
6 provisions of NRS 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive;

7 (3) The Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District;

8 (4) The Clark County District Board of Health; and

9 (5) The Board of Directors of the Clark County Regional Flood
10 Control District, organized pursuant to NRS 543.240.

11 **Sec. 14.** 1. The board shall establish:

12 (a) A subcommittee to address issues relating to the disposal of federal
13 land and report its activities to the board. The subcommittee must consist
14 of:

15 (1) The members of the board who are members of the Board of
16 County Commissioners of Clark County;

17 (2) The Mayors of the City of Henderson, the City of Las Vegas and
18 the City of North Las Vegas; and

19 (3) A representative of the Federal Bureau of Land Management and
20 a member selected by the United States Air Force, who are nonvoting
21 members.

22 (b) A subcommittee to carry out the duties of the Clark County
23 Clearinghouse Council, created on July 6, 1993, by a cooperative
24 agreement entered into on that date pursuant to the provisions of NRS
25 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive, and to report its activities to the board. The
26 subcommittee must be composed of six members as follows:

27 (1) One member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of
28 Clark County from its membership;

29 (2) One member appointed by the City Council of the City of Las
30 Vegas from its membership;

31 (3) One member appointed by the City Council of the City of North
32 Las Vegas from its membership;

33 (4) One member appointed by the City Council of the City of
34 Henderson from its membership;

35 (5) One member appointed by the City Council of Boulder City from
36 its membership; and

37 (6) One member appointed by the City Council of the City of
38 Mesquite from its membership.

- 1 2. The board may form other subcommittees as it deems appropriate.
- 2 3. The board may appoint additional members of the subcommittees
- 3 formed pursuant to subsection 1 as the board deems appropriate.
- 4 **Sec. 15.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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