

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 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 9
14 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; and

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

7 3 The term of each member of the board is coterminous with his term
8 of elected office unless the public entity that appointed him revokes his
9 appointment to the board.

10 4. If a member is unable to serve for the duration of his term or has his
11 membership revoked, his position becomes vacant. A vacancy on the board
12 must be filled by the authority which was entitled to appoint the member
13 whose position is vacant. A vacancy must be filled within 45 days after the
14 departure of the member. The term of a member appointed by the board to
15 fill a vacancy is the remainder of the term of the member whose position is
16 vacant.

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

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

23 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4:

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

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

27 4. The affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the
28 board is necessary to pass an action relating to:

29 (a) A budgetary matter or a matter which involves an expenditure of
30 public money; or

31 (b) A contract or other instrument that creates a binding legal obligation
32 on a public entity.

33 **Sec. 8.** 1. The board shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from
34 its membership at the first meeting of each calendar year.

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

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

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

39 2. Prepare and adopt an annual budget.

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

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

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

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

7 3. Take all other actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this
8 act.

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

14 2. In performing its duties, the committee may request the participation
15 of representatives of regional agencies, including, without limitation, the
16 Regional Transportation Commission, the Clark County School District,
17 the Regional Flood Control District, the Clark County District Board of
18 Health, the Southern Nevada Water Authority and public utilities.

19 3. The committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from its
20 membership.

21 4. The committee shall meet as often as is necessary to provide
22 assistance to the board. The chairman shall determine the time and place of
23 the meetings of the committee and the method of providing notice of
24 meetings.

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

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

27 1. Develop policies for Clark County which may include, without
28 limitation, policies for:

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

33 (b) Protection of the environment;

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

36 (d) Economic development and employment; and

37 (e) Affordable housing.

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

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

- 1 4. Establish standard projections for population.
- 2 5. Recommend methods for increasing the efficiency of and reducing
- 3 the cost of furnishing governmental services.
- 4 6. Make recommendations for the disposal of federal land.
- 5 7. Establish methods for resolving disputes relating to annexation,
- 6 future land use, zoning and development that arise between jurisdictions,
- 7 including, without limitation, identification of the spheres of influence of
- 8 the jurisdictions. As used in this subsection, "sphere of influence" means an
- 9 area into which a jurisdiction plans to expand.
- 10 8. Establish a program of incentives to encourage regional strategic
- 11 planning for economic development, including, without limitation, joint
- 12 activities relating to the creation of jobs, agreements for revenue sharing,
- 13 education, transportation, law enforcement, water and sewer services, and
- 14 parks and recreation.
- 15 9. Develop a regional park plan in coordination with the Clark County
- 16 Regional Flood Control District, organized pursuant to NRS 543.240.
- 17 10. Consider any issues of regional significance as determined
- 18 appropriate by the board.
- 19 11. Review:
- 20 (a) Master plans adopted by the governing body of the county and each
- 21 city in the county;
- 22 (b) The annual plan for capital improvements prepared by the governing
- 23 body of each local government in the county pursuant to NRS 278.0226;
- 24 and
- 25 (c) Plans for capital improvements, facilities plans or other similar plans
- 26 adopted by:
- 27 (1) The Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County;
- 28 (2) The Southern Nevada Water Authority, created on July 25, 1991,
- 29 by a cooperative agreement entered into on that date pursuant to the
- 30 provisions of NRS 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive;
- 31 (3) The Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District;
- 32 (4) The Clark County District Board of Health; and
- 33 (5) The Board of Directors of the Clark County Regional Flood
- 34 Control District, organized pursuant to NRS 543.240.
- 35 **Sec. 14.** 1. The board shall establish:
- 36 (a) A subcommittee to address issues relating to the disposal of federal
- 37 land and report its activities to the board. The subcommittee must consist
- 38 of:
- 39 (1) The members of the board who are members of the Board of
- 40 County Commissioners of Clark County;
- 41 (2) The Mayors of the City of Henderson, the City of Las Vegas and
- 42 the City of North Las Vegas; and

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

4 (b) A subcommittee to carry out the duties of the Clark County
5 Clearinghouse Council, created on July 6, 1993, by a cooperative
6 agreement entered into on that date pursuant to the provisions of NRS
7 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive, and to report its activities to the board. The
8 subcommittee must be composed of six members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 2. The board may form other subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

22 3. The board may appoint additional members of the subcommittees
23 formed pursuant to subsection 1 as the board deems appropriate.

24 **Sec. 15.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.