

SENATE BILL NO. 299—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 8, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to Airport Authority of Washoe County.
(BDR S-759)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: 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 the Airport Authority of Washoe County; increasing the number of trustees on the board of trustees of the Airport Authority of Washoe County; requiring the County Fair and Recreation Board of Washoe County to appoint a trustee who represents consumers of services provided at the airport; requiring an appointing authority to appoint persons who have certain qualifications to serve on the board of trustees of the Airport Authority of Washoe County; prohibiting a member of the board from serving more than two terms; limiting the ability of an appointing authority to remove a member of the board; 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.** Section 5 of chapter 474, Statute of Nevada 1977, as last
2 amended by chapter 83, Statutes of Nevada 1981, at page 181, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:
4 Sec. 5. 1. The authority shall be directed and governed by a
5 board of trustees composed of ~~eight persons who serve at the~~
6 ~~pleasure of the appointing authority in each case.~~ ***nine persons.***
7 2. The City of Reno shall be represented on the board by four
8 members, the City of Sparks by two members and Washoe County by
9 two members, appointed as specified in this section. The terms of all
10 trustees appointed by the city councils of the cities of Reno and
11 Sparks and the board of county commissioners of Washoe County
12 pursuant to this section prior to its amendment expire on July 1, 1981.
13 On July 1, 1981:
14 (a) The city council of the City of Reno shall appoint four trustees,
15 two for terms of 2 years and two for terms of 4 years. Subsequent
16 appointments shall be made for terms of 4 years.



(b) The city council of the City of Sparks shall appoint two trustees, one for a term of 2 years and one for a term of 4 years. Subsequent appointments shall be made for a term of 4 years.

(c) The board of county commissioners of Washoe County shall appoint two trustees, one for a term of 2 years and one for a term of 4 years. Subsequent appointments shall be made for terms of 4 years.

3. *In addition to the members appointed pursuant to subsection 2, on July 1, 2001, the County Fair and Recreation Board of Washoe County shall appoint one trustee who represents consumers of services provided at the airport for a term of 4 years. Subsequent appointments shall be made for terms of 4 years.*

4. *Each appointing authority:*

(a) *Other than the County Fair and Recreation Board of Washoe County, shall appoint a person to serve on the board only if the appointing authority determines that the person:*

(1) *Has experience in the aviation, business or tourism industry;*

(2) *Has experience in finance or accounting; or*

(3) *Possesses such other qualifications that the appointing authority determines are necessary or appropriate for carrying out the duties of the board; and*

(b) *May remove a member of the board which it appointed only if the appointing authority determines that the member willfully neglected or refused to perform an official duty of the board. An appointing authority shall not remove a member for exercising his independent judgment.*

5. *A member of the board of trustees shall not serve for more than two terms.*

6. The position of a member of the board of trustees shall be considered vacated upon his loss of any of the qualifications required for his appointment and in such event the appointing authority shall appoint a successor.

Sec. 2. Section 7 of chapter 474, Statutes of Nevada 1977, as last amended by chapter 737, Statutes of Nevada 1989, at page 1724, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. 1. The board shall choose one of its members as chairman and one of its members as vice chairman, and shall elect a secretary and a treasurer, who may be members of the board. The secretary and the treasurer may be one person. The terms of the officers expire on July 1 of each year.

2. Chairmen must be selected from trustees appointed by the participating local governments in the following order:

(a) The City of Reno;

(b) The City of Sparks; ~~and~~

(c) Washoe County ~~+~~; and

(d) *The County Fair and Recreation Board of Washoe County.*

3. The secretary shall keep, in a well-bound book, a record of all of the proceedings of the board, minutes of all meetings, certificates, contracts, bonds given by employees, and all other acts of the board.



1 The minute book and records must be open to the inspection of all
2 interested persons, at all reasonable times and places.

3 4. The treasurer shall keep, in permanent records, strict and
4 accurate accounts of all money received by and disbursed for and on
5 behalf of the board and the authority. He shall file with the county
6 clerk, at authority expense, a corporate fidelity bond in an amount not
7 less than \$25,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his
8 duties.

9 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of section 1 of this
10 act, the members of the board of trustees of the Airport Authority of
11 Washoe County currently serving on the board on the effective date of this
12 act may continue to serve on the board to the end of their respective terms.

13 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

