

SENATE BILL NO. 32—SENATOR CARE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Allows witness to testify at preliminary examination or before grand jury through use of audiovisual technology under certain circumstances. (BDR 14-637)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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 proceedings; allowing a witness to testify at a preliminary examination or before the grand jury through the use of audiovisual technology under certain circumstances; 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.** Chapter 171 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. Upon the request of a party, the magistrate may allow a witness to testify at the preliminary examination through the use of audiovisual technology in accordance with the provisions of this section.*

*2. Audiovisual technology used pursuant to this section must ensure that the witness may be:*

*(a) Heard and seen; and*

*(b) Examined and cross-examined.*

*3. As used in this section, “audiovisual technology” includes, without limitation, closed-circuit video and videoconferencing.*

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 172 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. Upon the request of the district attorney, the district judge supervising the proceedings of the grand jury may allow a witness to testify before the grand jury through the use of audiovisual technology in accordance with the provisions of this section.*

*2. Audiovisual technology used pursuant to this section must ensure that the witness may be:*

1     ***(a) Heard and seen; and***

2     ***(b) Examined.***

3     ***3. As used in this section, “audiovisual technology” includes, without***  
4 ***limitation, closed-circuit video and videoconferencing.***

5     **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of this act apply to any criminal  
6 offense that is the subject of a preliminary examination or grand jury  
7 proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this act, regardless  
8 of when the offense was committed.

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

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