

Assembly Bill No. 318—Assemblymen Anderson, Parks, Leslie, Chowning, Christensen, Claborn, Collins, Conklin, Goicoechea, Goldwater, Grady, Gustavson, Horne, Knecht, Koivisto, Mabey, McClain, Mortenson, Ocegüera, Perkins, Pierce, Sherer and Weber

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AN ACT relating to historical markers; directing the design, fabrication and installation of an historical marker at the gravesite of the first native-Nevadan who served as Governor of Nevada; authorizing the Administrator of the Office of Historic Preservation of the Department of Cultural Affairs to accept and expend gifts and donations for this purpose; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature finds that Emmet Derby Boyle:

1. Was born in Gold Hill, Nevada, on July 26, 1879;
2. Was the son of Edward D. Boyle, an Irish immigrant who later became a prominent Nevada State Senator;
3. Graduated from the University of Nevada with an engineering degree in 1899;
4. Was appointed to serve as State Engineer, later served as a member of the Nevada Tax Commission and thereafter established Nevada's first formal state budget process;
5. Was first elected Governor of Nevada at the age of 35, the youngest person ever to be elected to Nevada's highest public office;
6. Was the first native-Nevadan to be elected to serve as Governor of Nevada and he served from 1915 to 1922;
7. Reconstructed the water laws of this state and revised the tax statutes during his tenure as Governor; and
8. Died at the early age of 46 from an unexpected illness on January 3, 1926, and was buried in Reno with a simple grave marker that bears no mention of his service as Governor of this state; and

WHEREAS, The surviving family members of former Governor Boyle have expressed their written permission for the installation of an appropriate historical marker at his gravesite; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient sources of private money have been identified to support this project of historic preservation; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. 1. The Administrator of the Office of Historic Preservation of the Department of Cultural Affairs shall design an

appropriate historical marker for the gravesite of former Nevada Governor Emmet Derby Boyle which mentions, without limitation, his service from 1915-1922 as Governor of Nevada and the fact that he was the first native-Nevadan to serve in that public office.

2. The Administrator may accept gifts and donations to support the design, fabrication and installation of the historical marker designed pursuant to subsection 1. The Administrator is authorized to expend any money received pursuant to this subsection in support of this project. The Administrator shall not expend any public money for this purpose.

3. The Administrator shall not cause the installation of the historical marker until he is in possession of written evidence from the family members of former Governor Boyle of their permission to install the historical marker.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.