

Senate Bill No. 143—Committee on
Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to public administrators; authorizing a board of county commissioners to examine and audit the money and property entrusted to the care of the public administrator of the county; revising the qualifications for public administrators; 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. NRS 244.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.200 The boards of county commissioners shall have power and jurisdiction in their respective counties to examine and audit:

1. The accounts of all officers having the care, management, collection or disbursement of any money belonging to the county or appropriated by law, or otherwise, for its use and benefit; and

2. The *money and property entrusted to the care of, and the fees or compensation received by the public administrators of the respective counties in their several official capacities.*

Sec. 2. NRS 253.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

253.010 1. Except as *otherwise* provided in subsection ~~[3.]~~ *4*, public administrators must be elected by the qualified electors of their respective counties.

2. Public administrators must be chosen by the electors of their respective counties at the general election in 1922 and at the general election every 4 years thereafter, and shall enter upon the duties of their office on the 1st Monday of January ~~[subsequent to]~~ *after* their election.

3. *The public administrator of a county must:*

(a) *Be a qualified elector of the county;*

(b) *Be at least 21 years of age on the date he will take office;*

(c) *Not have been convicted of a felony for which his civil rights have not been restored by a court of competent jurisdiction; and*

(d) *Not have been found liable in a civil action involving a finding of fraud, misrepresentation, material omission, misappropriation, theft or conversion.*

4. The district attorneys of Lander, Lincoln and White Pine Counties are ex officio public administrators of Lander County, Lincoln County and White Pine County, respectively. The Clerk of Carson City shall serve as Public Administrator of Carson City.

Sec. 3. The amendatory provisions of section 2 of this act apply to public administrators appointed or elected after July 1, 2003.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.