
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 226—ASSEMBLYMEN CLABORN, MCCLEARY,
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HOGAN, KOIVISTO, MANENDO,
MCCLAINE, MUNFORD AND SHERER

MARCH 17, 2005

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Limits period during which person may serve as
member of Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
(BDR 45-621)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 wildlife; limiting the period during which a
person may serve as a member of the Board of Wildlife
Commissioners; providing that a portion of certain fees
deposited in the Wildlife Account may only be used for
the management and control of the natural predators of
mule deer; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law limits the number of consecutive terms a member of the Board of
2 Wildlife Commissioners may serve as Chairman. (NRS 501.171)
3 This bill limits the number of terms a member of the board may serve to two
4 terms.
5 Existing law requires that an additional fee be charged for processing each
6 application for a game tag. (NRS 502.253) Existing law requires that all fees
7 collected for the sale or issuance of stamps, tags, permits and licenses must be
8 accounted for separately and may be used only for the management of wildlife.
9 (NRS 501.356)
10 This bill requires that a portion of the fees collected for the sale or issuance of
11 stamps, tags, permits and licenses and the application processing fee for game tags
12 must be used only for the management and control of natural predators of mule
13 deer.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 501.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 501.171 1. A county advisory board to manage wildlife shall
3 submit written nominations for appointments to the Commission
4 upon the request of the Governor and may submit nominations at
5 any other time.

6 2. After consideration of the written nominations submitted by
7 a county advisory board to manage wildlife and any additional
8 candidates for appointment to the Commission, the Governor shall
9 appoint to the Commission:

10 (a) One member who is actively engaged in the conservation of
11 wildlife;

12 (b) One member who is actively engaged in farming;

13 (c) One member who is actively engaged in ranching;

14 (d) One member who represents the interests of the general
15 public; and

16 (e) Five members who during at least 3 of the 4 years
17 immediately preceding their appointment held a resident license to
18 fish or hunt, or both, in Nevada.

19 3. The Governor shall not appoint to the Commission any
20 person who has been convicted of:

21 (a) A felony or gross misdemeanor for a violation of
22 NRS 501.376;

23 (b) A gross misdemeanor for a violation of NRS 502.060 or
24 504.395; or

25 (c) Two or more violations of the provisions of chapters 501 to
26 504, inclusive, of NRS,

27 ↳ during the previous 10 years.

28 4. Not more than three members may be from the same county
29 whose population is 400,000 or more, not more than two members
30 may be from the same county whose population is 100,000 or more
31 but less than 400,000, and not more than one member may be from
32 the same county whose population is less than 100,000.

33 5. The Commission shall annually select a Chairman and a
34 Vice Chairman from among its members. A person shall not serve
35 more than two consecutive terms as Chairman.

36 ***6. Each member of the Commission serves for a term of 3***
37 ***years and may serve not more than two terms.***

38 **Sec. 2.** NRS 501.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 501.356 1. Money received by the Department from:

40 (a) The sale of licenses;

41 (b) Fees pursuant to the provisions of NRS 488.075 and
42 488.1795;



(c) Remittances from the State Treasurer pursuant to the provisions of NRS 365.535;

(d) Appropriations made by the Legislature; and

(e) All other sources, except money derived from the forfeiture of any property described in NRS 501.3857 or money deposited in the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account pursuant to NRS 501.3575 or in the Trout Management Account pursuant to NRS 502.327,

➔ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Wildlife Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

3. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 4,~~ **subsections 4 and 5**, the Department may use money in the Wildlife Account only to carry out the provisions of this title and chapter 488 of NRS and as provided in NRS 365.535, and the money must not be diverted to any other use.

4. Except as otherwise provided in **subsection 5 and** NRS 502.250 and 504.155, all fees for the sale or issuance of stamps, tags, permits and licenses that are required to be deposited in the Wildlife Account pursuant to the provisions of this title must be accounted for separately and may be used only for the management of wildlife.

5. After deposit in the Wildlife Account, 25 percent of the amount deposited in the Account from the fees specified in subsection 4 must be used only for the management and control of the natural predators of mule deer.

Sec. 3. NRS 502.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.253 1. In addition to any fee charged and collected pursuant to NRS 502.250, a fee of \$3 must be charged for processing each application for a game tag, the revenue from which must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and ***except as otherwise provided in NRS 501.356***, used by the Department for costs related to:

(a) Programs for the management and control of injurious predatory wildlife;

(b) Wildlife management activities relating to the protection of nonpredatory game animals, sensitive wildlife species and related wildlife habitat;

(c) Conducting research, as needed, to determine successful techniques for managing and controlling predatory wildlife, including studies necessary to ensure effective programs for the management and control of injurious predatory wildlife; and



(d) Programs for the education of the general public concerning the management and control of predatory wildlife.

2. The Department of Wildlife ~~is hereby authorized to~~ **may** expend a portion of the money collected pursuant to subsection 1 to enable the State Department of Agriculture to develop and carry out the programs described in subsection 1.

3. The money in the Wildlife Account remains in the Account and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

Sec. 4. Any member of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners who has served two or more terms on July 1, 2005, or who is serving a second term as a member of the Board on July 1, 2005, may complete the current term but is ineligible for reappointment to the Board after completion of the current term.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

