
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 55—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA JUDGES ASSOCIATION)

FEBRUARY 14, 2005

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to bonding of justices of the peace. (BDR 1-221)

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 ~~fornitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to justices of the peace; increasing the amount of the bond required of a justice of the peace before entering upon the duties of his office; requiring the county to furnish the bond for a justice of the peace; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires a justice of the peace to personally execute a bond of
2 \$1,000 to \$5,000 to the State of Nevada, as determined by the board of county
3 commissioners, before performing the duties of his office. (NRS 4.030)
4 This bill increases the bond amount to \$10,000 to \$50,000, as determined by
5 the board of county commissioners, and requires the county to pay for the bond
6 rather than the justice of the peace. The bond amount would be commensurate with
7 the current bond amounts of other similar county officers and employees for whom
8 the county may provide blanket fidelity bonds.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 4.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 4.030 Each justice of the peace elected or appointed in this
3 State shall, before entering upon the duties of his office:
4 1. Take the oath prescribed by law.
5 2. Execute a bond to the State of Nevada, to be approved by
6 the board of county commissioners ~~H~~ *and furnished at county*



1 *expense*, in the penal sum of not less than ~~[\$1,000 nor]~~ *\$10,000 or*
2 more than ~~[\$5,000,]~~ *\$50,000*, as may be designated by the board of
3 county commissioners. The bond ~~[shall]~~ *must* be conditioned for the
4 faithful performance of the duties of his office ~~[, and shall be]~~ *and*
5 filed in the office of the county clerk.

6 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

