
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA JUDGES ASSOCIATION)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises qualifications for master appointed by court to take testimony and recommend orders in actions concerning orders for protection against domestic violence. (BDR 3-220)

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 domestic violence; revising the qualifications for a master appointed by a court to take testimony and recommend orders in actions concerning orders for protection against domestic violence; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes a court to appoint a person as a master to take
2 testimony and recommend orders in cases involving restraining orders to protect
3 against domestic violence. To qualify for appointment as a master, a person must be
4 a licensed attorney in Nevada. (NRS 33.019) In contrast, existing law provides the
5 qualifications for justices of the peace and only requires that a justice of the peace
6 be a licensed attorney if the justice serves in a county with a population of 400,000
7 or more and then, only in a township within the county which has a population of
8 100,000 or more. In a county with a population of less than 400,000, a justice of the
9 peace is only required to be a licensed attorney in a township within the county
10 which has a population of 250,000 or more. (NRS 4.010)

11 This bill revises the qualifications for a master so that a master must possess the
12 same qualifications as those required to serve as a justice of the peace. Thus, a
13 master is only required to be a licensed attorney in those townships in which a
14 justice of the peace is required to be a licensed attorney.

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



1 **Section 1.** NRS 33.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 33.019 1. In an action to issue, dissolve, convert, modify,
3 register or enforce a temporary or extended order pursuant to NRS
4 33.017 to 33.100, inclusive, the court may appoint a master to take
5 testimony and recommend orders.

6 2. The master must ~~be an attorney licensed to practice in this~~
7 ~~State.]~~ *possess the qualifications set forth in subsections 1 and 2 of*
8 *NRS 4.010 for the office of justice of the peace in the township in*
9 *which the court is located.*

10 3. The master shall:

11 (a) Take testimony and establish a record; and

12 (b) Make findings of fact, conclusions of law and
13 recommendations concerning a temporary or extended order.

