

SENATE BILL NO. 20—SENATOR HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain county fair and recreation boards. (BDR 20-682)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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 counties; increasing the membership of certain county fair and recreation boards; revising the procedure for appointing certain members of such boards; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law establishes the number and qualifications of members of county fair and recreation boards, which are commonly known as convention and visitors authorities in some counties. (NRS 244A.599, 244A.601, 244A.603) In counties with a population of 400,000 or more (currently Clark County), such a board consists of 13 members, including two members of the board of county commissioners, four members designated for certain incorporated cities in the county, one member designated for all the remaining incorporated cities in the county and six members from the private business sector. (NRS 244A.603)

This bill increases the membership of a county fair and recreation board in a county with a population of 400,000 or more to 14 members by adding an additional member who is selected by the governing body of the incorporated city with the smallest population in the county (currently the City of Mesquite) and who is a member of that governing body. This bill also clarifies that membership on the board is based on the population of an incorporated city as determined by the last national decennial census.

Existing law provides a procedure for rotating representation on the county fair and recreation board in a county with a population of 400,000 or more (currently Clark County) among the remaining incorporated cities in the county that do not have a specifically designated member. (NRS 244A.603)

This bill acknowledges that this rotation is not required when there is only one such remaining incorporated city in the county.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 244A.603 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244A.603 1. In any county whose population is 400,000 or more, the county fair and recreation board consists of ~~{13}~~ **14** members selected as follows:

(a) Two members by the board of county commissioners from their own number.

(b) Two members by the governing body of the ~~{largest}~~ incorporated city **with the largest population** in the county from their own number.

(c) One member by the governing body of the ~~{second-largest}~~ incorporated city **with the second largest population** in the county from their own number.

(d) One member by the governing body of the ~~{third-largest}~~ incorporated city **with the third largest population** in the county from their own number.

(e) **One member by the governing body of the incorporated city with the smallest population in the county from their own number.**

(f) One member by the governing body of one of the other incorporated cities in the county from their own number.

~~{(f)}~~ **(g)** Six members to be appointed by the members selected pursuant to paragraphs (a) to ~~{(e)}~~ **(f)**, inclusive, of which:

(1) Three members must be selected from a list of nominees submitted by the chamber of commerce of the ~~{largest}~~ incorporated city **with the largest population** in the county. If the nominees so listed are unsatisfactory to the members making the selection, they may, until satisfied, request additional lists of nominees. The members appointed pursuant to this subparagraph must be selected as follows:

(I) Two members who are representatives of tourism, at least one of whom must be a representative of the resort hotel business; and

(II) One member who is a representative of other commercial interests or interests related to tourism.

(2) Three members must be selected from a list of nominees submitted by the association of gaming establishments whose membership in the county collectively paid the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to NRS 463.370 in the preceding year. If the nominees so listed are unsatisfactory to the members making the selection, they may, until satisfied, request additional lists of nominees. The members selected pursuant to this subparagraph must be representatives of the resort hotel business, at least one of whom



1 is engaged in that business in the central business district of the  
2 ~~largest~~ incorporated city **with the largest population** in the county.

3 2. ~~[In order to determine which of the incorporated cities in the~~  
4 ~~county is entitled to the representative]~~ **If there is more than one**  
5 **incorporated city in the county that is eligible to appoint the**  
6 **member** provided in paragraph ~~[(e)]~~ **(f)** of subsection 1, the board of  
7 county commissioners shall ~~[at its first meeting after May 1, 1967,~~  
8 ~~draw lots to determine which city will be first represented, which~~  
9 ~~next, and so on. The city first drawn is entitled to representation~~  
10 ~~until July 1, 1968, and each city is entitled thereafter to~~  
11 ~~representation for 1 year, in its proper turn as determined by the~~  
12 ~~original drawing, until July 1, 1975. Commencing July 1, 1975, the~~  
13 ~~city then entitled to representation on the board is entitled to~~  
14 ~~representation for 2 years, and thereafter each city is entitled to~~  
15 ~~representation for 2 years in its proper turn as determined by the~~  
16 ~~original drawing.]~~ **facilitate a biennial rotation of the authority to**  
17 **appoint that member among those cities.**

18 3. Any vacancy occurring on a county fair and recreation board  
19 must be filled by the authority entitled to appoint the member whose  
20 position is vacant.

21 4. After the initial appointments of members appointed  
22 pursuant to paragraph ~~[(f)]~~ **(g)** of subsection 1, all members must be  
23 appointed for 2-year terms. If any such member ceases to be  
24 engaged in the business sector which he was appointed to represent,  
25 he ceases to be a member, and another person engaged in that  
26 business must be appointed to fill the unexpired term. Any such  
27 member may succeed himself.

28 5. **The term of the member appointed pursuant to paragraph**  
29 **(f) of subsection 1 is 2 years, commencing on July 1 of each odd-**  
30 **numbered year.**

31 6. The terms of members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a)  
32 to ~~[(e)]~~ **(e)**, inclusive, of subsection 1 are coterminous with their  
33 terms of office. Any such member may succeed himself.

34 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
35 for the purpose of appointing the member of the county fair and  
36 recreation board pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS  
37 244A.603, as amended by this act, and on July 1, 2005, for all other  
38 purposes.



