

SENATE BILL NO. 293—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 24, 2005

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to control of weeds.
(BDR 51-431)

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 noxious weeds; authorizing a portion of the money collected for the registration of certain brands of pesticides to be used for the eradication and control of noxious weeds; authorizing the appointment of a larger board of directors of a weed control district; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 586.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 586.270 1. A registrant shall pay an annual registration fee in
3 an amount established by regulation of the Director for each brand
4 of pesticide registered.
5 2. The Director shall, for each annual registration fee he
6 collects, deposit in a separate account the amount established for
7 that purpose by regulation of the Director. The money deposited in
8 the account must be used ~~for~~ :
9 (a) ***For*** the disposal of pesticides ~~and to~~ ;
10 (b) ***To*** monitor pesticides ~~and~~ ;
11 (c) ***To*** protect groundwater and surface water from
12 contamination by pesticides ~~and~~ ; ***and***
13 (d) ***For the eradication and control of noxious weeds.***



3. A registrant who offers a pesticide for sale before registering the brand of pesticide shall pay an amount equal to twice the registration fee for registering the brand of pesticide.

4. As used in this section, "noxious weed" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 555.005.

Sec. 2. NRS 555.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

555.205 1. The board of county commissioners of any county in which a weed control district has been created shall appoint a board of directors of the district composed of three **or five** persons who:

(a) Are landowners in the district, whether or not they signed the petition for its creation. For the purpose of this paragraph, if any corporation or partnership owns land in the district, a partner or a director, officer or beneficial owner of 10 percent or more of the stock of the corporation shall be deemed a landowner.

(b) Fairly represent the agricultural economy of the district.

2. If the district includes lands situated in more than one county, the board of county commissioners shall appoint at least one member of the board of directors from each county in which one-third or more of the lands are situated.

3. The initial appointments to the board of directors shall be for terms of 1, 2 and 3 years respectively. Each subsequent appointment shall be for a term of 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

4. In addition to other causes provided by law, a vacancy is created on the board if any director:

(a) Ceases to be a landowner in the district.

(b) Is absent, unless excused, from three meetings of the board.

5. If, as a result of a change in the boundaries of the district, a county becomes entitled to a new member of the board of directors pursuant to subsection 2, the board of county commissioners shall make the new appointment upon the first expiration of the term of a current member thereafter.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

