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AN ACT relating to aging persons; authorizing the President of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum to excuse absences from meetings; providing that officers of the Forum shall serve terms beginning on July 1 of each year; eliminating the restrictions on the locations in which the Forum may hold hearings; revising the date on which the recommendations for legislation of the Forum must be submitted to the Legislative Commission and the Governor; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a member must be removed from the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum if he is absent from three consecutive meetings. (NRS 427A.360)

This bill authorizes the President of the Forum, in his discretion, to excuse absences from meetings.

Existing law provides that officers of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum serve a term of 1 year beginning at the first meeting every year of the Forum. (NRS 427A.370)

The bill provides that officers of the Forum serve a term of 1 year beginning on July 1 of each year.

Existing law authorizes the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum to hold public hearings but places restrictions on the number and location of the hearings. (NRS 427A.380)

This bill authorizes the Forum to hold three or more public hearings in the State when the Legislature is not in a regular session and removes the requirement that the meetings, if held, be held in different areas of the State.

Existing law authorizes the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum to submit recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Commission and the Governor before July 1 of each even-numbered year. (NRS 427A.390)

The bill provides that the Forum may submit recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Commission and the Governor before September 1 of each even-numbered year.

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

Section 1. NRS 427A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.360 1. A position in the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum becomes vacant upon:

(a) The death or resignation of a member.

(b) The illness of a member that prevents him from attending three consecutive meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum ~~§~~, *unless excused by the President.*

(c) The absence of a member for any reason from three consecutive meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum ~~{}~~, *unless excused by the President.*

2. If a vacancy occurs, the Legislative Commission shall appoint a person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The Legislative Commission may appoint a person whose membership in the National Silver Haired Congress has ended to fill a vacancy in the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum.

3. *As used in this section, "President" means the person elected to serve as President of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum pursuant to NRS 427A.370.*

Sec. 2. NRS 427A.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.370 1. The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum shall elect from among its members, to serve a term of 1 *year beginning on July 1 of each* year:

(a) A President, who shall conduct meetings and oversee the formation of committees as necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum.

(b) A Vice President, who shall assist the President and conduct meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum if the President is absent or otherwise unable to perform his duties.

(c) A Secretary, who shall:

(1) Prepare and keep a record of meetings, including, without limitation, the date, time, place and purpose of every meeting; and

(2) At the first meeting ~~{every year}~~ of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum ~~{}~~ *on or after July 1 of each year*, prepare a list of the dates of the meetings that are scheduled for the year.

(d) A Treasurer, who shall, with the assistance of the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, administer any account established pursuant to NRS 427A.395.

2. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide such persons as are necessary to assist the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum in carrying out its duties.

Sec. 3. NRS 427A.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.380 1. The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum may, within the limits of legislative appropriations and any gifts, grants or donations received by the Forum:

(a) During the period in which the Legislature is not in a regular session, hold three *or more* public hearings in ~~{three different areas of this State and may hold additional public hearings in any area of}~~ this State.

(b) During the period in which the Legislature is in a regular session, meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the Forum.

(c) Form committees, which may meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the Forum.

2. The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum and its committees shall comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.

Sec. 4. NRS 427A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.390 The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum may:

1. Submit a report containing recommendations for legislative action to the Legislative Commission and the Governor before ~~July~~ **September** 1 of each even-numbered year.

2. Accept gifts, grants and donations that must be deposited in an account established pursuant to NRS 427A.395.

3. Adopt procedures to conduct meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum and committees thereof. Those procedures may be changed upon approval of a majority vote of all members of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum who are present and voting.

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

