

SENATE BILL NO. 31—SENATOR CARLTON

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum. (BDR 38-447)

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 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; authorizing the Chairman of the Legislative Commission to request the preparation of not more than five legislative measures for a regular legislative session which relate to the recommendations for legislative action submitted to the Legislative Commission by the Forum; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, a member must be removed from the Nevada Silver
- 2 Haired Legislative Forum if he is absent from three consecutive meetings.
- 3 (NRS 427A.360)
- 4 This bill authorizes the President of the Forum, in his discretion, to excuse
- 5 absences from meetings.
- 6 Existing law provides that officers of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative
- 7 Forum serve a term of 1 year beginning at the first meeting every year of the
- 8 Forum. (NRS 427A.370)
- 9 The bill provides that officers of the Forum serve a term of 1 year beginning on
- 10 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 Chairman of the Legislative Commission, with the approval of the Commission, may request the preparation of not more than five legislative measures for a regular legislative session which relate to the recommendations for legislative action submitted to the Legislative Commission by the Forum.

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 **H, 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 **H, 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.



1 **Sec. 5.** NRS 218.2429 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218.2429 1. The Chairman of the Legislative Commission
3 may request the drafting of ~~not~~ :

4 **(a) Not** more than 15 legislative measures before the
5 commencement of a regular legislative session, with the approval of
6 the Commission, which relate to the affairs of the Legislature or its
7 employees, including measures requested by the legislative staff ~~H~~ ;
8 **and**

9 **(b) Not more than 5 legislative measures before the**
10 **commencement of a regular legislative session, with the approval**
11 **of the Commission, which relate to the recommendations for**
12 **legislative action submitted to the Legislative Commission by the**
13 **Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum pursuant to**
14 **NRS 427A.390.**

15 2. The Chairman of the Interim Finance Committee may
16 request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before
17 the commencement of a regular legislative session, with the
18 approval of the Committee, which relate to matters within the scope
19 of the Committee.

20 3. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute or
21 concurrent resolution of the Legislature:

22 (a) Any other legislative committee created by statute may
23 request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures which
24 relate to matters within the scope of the committee.

25 (b) An interim committee which conducts a study or
26 investigation pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 218.682 may request
27 the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to
28 matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that
29 such a committee may request the drafting of additional legislative
30 measures if the Legislative Commission approves each additional
31 request by a majority vote.

32 (c) Any other committee established by the Legislature which
33 conducts an interim legislative study may request the drafting of not
34 more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the
35 scope of the study.

36 ➤ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218.635, measures
37 authorized to be requested pursuant to this subsection must be
38 submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1
39 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature
40 unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submitting a request
41 after that date.

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

