

SENATE BILL NO. 40—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL)

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Removes requirement for printing one copy of bills
and resolutions on special paper. (BDR 17-1043)

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 the legislative process; removing the provisions
that require the printing of one copy of bills and
resolutions on special paper; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires one copy of each bill and resolution to be printed on buff
2 paper.
3 This bill removes the requirement for bills and resolutions to be printed on a
4 specific type of paper and requires the Legislative Counsel to determine the method
5 for ensuring the authenticity and preservation of an original bill or resolution.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 218.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218.300 ~~[The Superintendent of the State Printing Division of~~
3 ~~the Department of Administration shall, immediately after receipt of~~
4 ~~the copy of any bill or resolution, print, in addition to the regular~~
5 ~~authorized number, one copy thereof upon heavy buff paper.]~~
6 *1. Upon receipt of the printed copies of each bill and*
7 *resolution, the Legislative Counsel shall cause one copy to be*
8 *designated as the original and bound in a cover,* which copy must



1 be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or to the Chief Clerk of
2 the Assembly. *The Legislative Counsel shall determine an*
3 *appropriate method for designating the original bills and*
4 *resolutions to ensure that the authenticity of the original is*
5 *preserved and shall notify the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief*
6 *Clerk of the Assembly and the Secretary of State of the method*
7 *selected.*

8 2. Before the third reading and final passage of the bill or
9 resolution, the Legislative Counsel shall carefully compare the
10 printed or reprinted copy of the bill or resolution with the duplicate
11 copy thereof and the original amendments as adopted by the house
12 ~~it~~ and, if the printed or reprinted copy is found to be in all respects
13 correct, the Legislative Counsel shall ~~then~~ certify to the
14 correctness of the bound copy and shall deliver the same to the
15 Secretary of the Senate or ~~to~~ the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, as
16 the case may be, whereupon the bound copy, ~~printed upon buff~~
17 ~~paper,~~ so compared and certified, is ready for third reading and
18 final passage.

19 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 218.320 All bills amended by either house shall be
21 immediately reprinted. New matter shall be indicated by
22 underscoring in the typewritten or other machine-produced copy and
23 italics in the printed copy. Matter to be omitted shall be indicated by
24 brackets in the typewritten or other machine-produced copy and
25 brackets or strike out type in the printed copy. When a bill is
26 amended in either house, the first or previous markings shall be
27 omitted. However, in the cases of bills over 32 pages in length,
28 amendments to the titles and preambles of bills, amendments to
29 correct typographical errors, and other amendments which do not
30 change the meaning, intent or significance of a bill, the reprinting of
31 the bill may be dispensed with on motion carried by a two-thirds
32 majority of the members present. If the reprinting is so dispensed
33 with, the amendments may be inserted by hand in the ~~buff copy of~~
34 ~~the~~ printed bill, but the authenticity of each amendment shall be
35 established by endorsement, such endorsement to consist of initials
36 signed on the margin near each amendment by the Secretary of the
37 Senate or ~~by~~ the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, as the case may be.

38 **Sec. 3.** NRS 218.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 218.330 Whenever a bill or resolution which shall have been
40 passed in one house shall be amended in the other, it shall
41 immediately be reprinted as amended by the house making such
42 amendment or amendments. Such amendment or amendments shall
43 be attached to the bill or resolution so amended ~~it~~ and endorsed
44 "adopted" and such amendment or amendments, if concurred in by



1 the house in which such bill or resolution originated, shall be
2 endorsed "concurring in" and such endorsement shall be signed by
3 the Secretary of the Senate or *by* the Chief Clerk of the Assembly ,
4 as the case may be. However, in the cases of bills over 32 pages in
5 length, amendments to the titles and preambles of bills, amendments
6 to correct typographical errors, and other amendments which do not
7 change the meaning, intent or significance of a bill, the reprinting of
8 the bill may be dispensed with on motion carried by a two-thirds
9 majority of the members present, but such amendment must be
10 concurred in by the house in which such bill originated. If the
11 reprinting is so dispensed with, the amendments may be inserted by
12 hand in the ~~buff copy of the~~ printed bill, but the authenticity of
13 each amendment shall be established by endorsement, such
14 endorsement to consist of initials signed on the margin near each
15 amendment by the Secretary of the Senate or *by* the Chief Clerk of
16 the Assembly , as the case may be.

17 **Sec. 4.** NRS 218.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 218.350 1. The Legislative Counsel shall transmit copies of
19 passed bills or resolutions without delay, in the order of their
20 receipt, to the Superintendent of the State Printing Division of the
21 Department of Administration, taking his receipt therefor. The
22 receipt must bear the date of delivery and give the bill or resolution
23 number.

24 2. The Superintendent shall without delay enroll (print) the
25 bills or resolutions in the order of their receipt by him, and they
26 must be printed in enrolled form, retaining symbols indicating
27 amendments to existing law only. In printing enrolled bills
28 amending existing law, the Superintendent, in cooperation with the
29 Legislative Counsel, shall cause to be printed between brackets the
30 words, phrases or provisions of the existing law, if any, which have
31 been stricken out or eliminated by the adoption of the amendment,
32 and shall cause to be printed in italics all new words, phrases or
33 provisions, if any, which have been inserted into or added to the law
34 by the passage of such amendment.

35 3. In ascertaining the correct reading, status and interpretation
36 of an enrolled bill amending existing law, the matter inserted within
37 brackets must be omitted, and the matter in italics must be read and
38 interpreted as part of the enrolled bill.

39 4. ~~[At least one enrolled copy, with proper blanks for the~~
40 ~~signatures of the officers whose duty it is to sign enrolled bills and~~
41 ~~resolutions, must be printed on bond paper, and the Superintendent~~
42 ~~shall deliver the enrolled copy of the bill or resolution to the~~
43 ~~Legislative Counsel.]~~ The Legislative Counsel shall ~~then~~ carefully
44 compare the enrolled copy with the official engrossed copy, and if
45 the enrolled copy is found to be correct , the Legislative Counsel



- 1 shall present it to the proper officers for their signatures. When the
- 2 officers sign their names thereon, as required by law, it is enrolled.
- 3 The official engrossed copy may by resolution be used as the
- 4 enrolled bill.
- 5 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

