

Senate Bill No. 40—Committee on Legislative
Operations and Elections

CHAPTER.....

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:

Existing law requires one copy of each bill and resolution to be printed on buff paper.

This bill removes the requirement for bills and resolutions to be printed on a specific type of paper and requires the Legislative Counsel to determine the method 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:

Section 1. NRS 218.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.300 ~~{The Superintendent of the State Printing Division of the Department of Administration shall, immediately after receipt of the copy of any bill or resolution, print, in addition to the regular authorized number, one copy thereof upon heavy buff paper.}~~

1. Upon receipt of the printed copies of each bill and resolution, the Legislative Counsel shall cause one copy to be designated as the original and bound in a cover, which copy must be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The Legislative Counsel shall determine an appropriate method for designating the original bills and resolutions to ensure that the authenticity of the original is preserved and shall notify the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the Secretary of State of the method selected.

2. Before the third reading and final passage of the bill or resolution, the Legislative Counsel shall carefully compare the printed or reprinted copy of the bill or resolution with the duplicate copy thereof and the original amendments as adopted by the house {H} and, if the printed or reprinted copy is found to be in all respects correct, the Legislative Counsel shall {then} certify to the correctness of the bound copy and shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Senate or to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, as the case may be, whereupon the bound copy, {printed upon buff paper,} so compared and certified, is ready for third reading and final passage.

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

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

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

218.330 Whenever a bill or resolution which shall have been passed in one house shall be amended in the other, it shall immediately be reprinted as amended by the house making such amendment or amendments. Such amendment or amendments shall be attached to the bill or resolution so amended ~~H~~ and endorsed "adopted" and such amendment or amendments, if concurred in by the house in which such bill or resolution originated, shall be endorsed "concurred in" and such endorsement shall be signed by the Secretary of the Senate or **by** the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, as the case may be. However, in the cases of bills over 32 pages in length, amendments to the titles and preambles of bills, amendments to correct typographical errors, and other amendments which do not change the meaning, intent or significance of a bill, the reprinting of the bill may be dispensed with on motion carried by a two-thirds majority of the members present, but such amendment must be concurred in by the house in which such bill originated. If the reprinting is so dispensed with, the amendments may be inserted by hand in the ~~buff copy of the~~ printed bill, but the authenticity of each amendment shall be established by endorsement, such endorsement to consist of initials signed on the margin near each amendment by the Secretary of the Senate or **by** the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, as the case may be.

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

218.350 1. The Legislative Counsel shall transmit copies of passed bills or resolutions without delay, in the order of their receipt, to the Superintendent of the State Printing Division of the

Department of Administration, taking his receipt therefor. The receipt must bear the date of delivery and give the bill or resolution number.

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

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

4. ~~{At least one enrolled copy, with proper blanks for the signatures of the officers whose duty it is to sign enrolled bills and resolutions, must be printed on bond paper, and the Superintendent shall deliver the enrolled copy of the bill or resolution to the Legislative Counsel.}~~ The Legislative Counsel shall ~~{then}~~ carefully compare the enrolled copy with the official engrossed copy, and if the enrolled copy is found to be correct, the Legislative Counsel shall present it to the proper officers for their signatures. When the officers sign their names thereon, as required by law, it is enrolled. The official engrossed copy may by resolution be used as the enrolled bill.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

