

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 183—ASSEMBLYMEN MCCLAIN, PARNELL, KOIVISTO, BOBZIEN, PARKS, ALLEN, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GERHARDT, GRADY, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SMITH AND WOMACK

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Referred to Concurrent Committees on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Creates the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans. (BDR 17-1101)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 legislative affairs; creating the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans; prescribing the powers and duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 3** of this bill creates the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens and
2 Veterans as a statutory committee and provides for its membership. **Section 4** of
3 this bill requires the Committee to meet each month during the legislative interim,
4 prescribes the manner in which meetings are to be conducted and provides for the
5 compensation of members of the Committee. **Section 5** of this bill requires the
6 Committee to evaluate, review and comment upon issues relating to senior citizens
7 and veterans. **Sections 6 and 7** of this bill authorize the Committee to conduct
8 investigations and hearings and provide for the administration of oaths, deposition
9 of witnesses, and subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the
10 production of books and papers. **Section 9** of this bill provides for the prospective
11 expiration of this Committee on July 1, 2011.



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

Section 1. Chapter 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, "Committee" means the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans is hereby created. The membership of the Committee consists of:*

(a) Five members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate from the following committees, except that if a committee no longer exists, from another committee designated by the Majority Leader:

(1) Two members from the Senate Committee on Finance;

(2) One member from the Senate Committee on Judiciary;

(3) One member from the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security; and

(4) One member from the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education.

(b) Five members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly from the following committees, except that if a committee no longer exists, from another committee designated by the Speaker:

(1) Two members from the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means;

(2) One member from the Assembly Committee on Judiciary;

(3) One member from the Assembly Committee on Transportation; and

(4) One member from the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services.

Membership must be in proportion to the partisan majority of each House.

2. *The members of the Committee shall select the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee from among the members of the Committee. After the initial selection of those officers, each of those officers holds the position for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The chairmanship of the Committee must alternate each biennium between the Houses of the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.*



1 3. A member of the Committee who is not a candidate for
2 reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve until
3 the convening of the next regular session of the Legislature.

4 4. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same
5 manner as the original appointment.

6 **Sec. 4.** 1. The members of the Committee shall meet
7 monthly during the legislative interim and at such other times and
8 places specified by a call of the Chairman or a majority of the
9 Committee.

10 2. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his
11 designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the
12 Committee.

13 3. The Committee shall prescribe regulations for its own
14 management and government.

15 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, six members
16 of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise
17 all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

18 5. Any recommended legislation proposed by the Committee
19 must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and
20 by a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the
21 Committee.

22 6. Except during a regular or special session of the
23 Legislature, for each day or portion of a day during which a
24 member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is
25 otherwise engaged in the work of the Committee, the member is
26 entitled to receive the:

27 (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of
28 the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular
29 session;

30 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and
31 employees generally; and

32 (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.

33 ↪ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of
34 the members of the Committee must be paid from the Legislative
35 Fund.

36 **Sec. 5.** The Committee shall evaluate, review and comment
37 upon issues relating to senior citizens and veterans, including,
38 without limitation:

39 1. Health and human services;

40 2. Elder abuse and exploitation;

41 3. Financial and physical wellness initiatives;

42 4. Housing and transportation; and

43 5. Public outreach and advocacy.



Sec. 6. 1. The Committee may:

(a) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to section 5 of this act;

(b) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee;

(c) Receive recommendations and suggestions for legislation from:

(1) The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum;

(2) The Nevada Commission on Aging; and

(3) Any other agency or organization which provides services to senior citizens and veterans; and

(d) Propose recommended legislation concerning senior citizens and veterans to the Legislature.

2. The Committee shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a report concerning the evaluation and review conducted pursuant to section 5 of this act.

Sec. 7. 1. If the Committee conducts investigations or holds hearings pursuant to section 6 of this act:

(a) The Secretary of the Committee or, in his absence, a member designated by the Committee may administer oaths.

(b) The Secretary or Chairman of the Committee may cause the deposition of witnesses, residing within or outside this State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts.

(c) The Chairman may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers.

2. If a witness refuses to attend or testify or produce books or papers as required by the subpoena, the Chairman may report to the district court by a petition which sets forth that:

(a) Notice has been given of the time and place of attendance of the witness or the production of the books or papers;

(b) The witness has been subpoenaed by the Committee pursuant to this section; and

(c) The witness has failed or refused to attend a hearing, testify or produce the books or papers required by the subpoena.

↪ The petition may request an order of the court compelling the witness to attend a hearing, testify or produce the books or papers required by the subpoena.

3. Upon such a petition, the court shall enter an order directing the witness to appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order, and to show cause why he has not attended the hearing, testified or produced the books or papers



1 *required by the subpoena. A certified copy of the order must be*
2 *served upon the witness.*

3 *4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly*
4 *issued by the Committee, the court shall enter an order that the*
5 *witness appear before the Committee at the time and place fixed in*
6 *the order and testify or produce the required books or papers.*
7 *Failure to obey the order constitutes contempt of court.*

8 **Sec. 8.** *Each witness who appears before the Committee by*
9 *its order, except a state officer or employee, is entitled to receive*
10 *for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in*
11 *civil cases in the courts of record in this State. The fees and*
12 *mileage must be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper*
13 *claims sworn to by the witness and approved by the Secretary and*
14 *Chairman of the Committee.*

15 **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
16 and expires by limitation on July 1, 2011.

