

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 32—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS’
BOARD OF NEVADA)

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to court reporters.
(BDR 54-571)

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 court reporters; increasing the number of members of the Certified Court Reporters’ Board of Nevada and providing for the appointment of the additional members; revising provisions relating to a quorum of the Board; revising provisions governing qualification for a certified court reporter’s certificate; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law provides for the appointment of three members to the Certified
- 2 Court Reporters’ Board of Nevada and establishes that all members of the Board
- 3 must be present to transact the business of the Board. (NRS 656.040, 656.050,
- 4 656.080) **Sections 1-3** of this bill increase the membership of the Board to five
- 5 members, provide for the appointment of a member of the public as a member of
- 6 the Board and revise the quorum requirements of the Board to reflect the increase
- 7 in the number of members of the Board.
- 8 Existing law establishes the requirements that a person must possess to be
- 9 admitted to an examination to determine competency to engage in the practice of
- 10 court reporting. (NRS 656.170) **Section 4** of this bill provides that a person may
- 11 present evidence of possessing any of certain certifications issued by the National
- 12 Court Reporters Association to satisfy the requirements for admission to the
- 13 examination.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 656.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 656.040 The Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada,
3 consisting of ~~{three}~~ **five** members, is hereby created.

4 **Sec. 2.** NRS 656.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
5 656.050 The members of the Board must be appointed by the
6 Governor as follows:

7 1. One member of the Board must be an active member of the
8 State Bar of Nevada.

9 2. ~~{Two}~~ **Three** members of the Board ~~{, except members of~~
10 ~~the first Board appointed,}~~ must be holders of certificates and must
11 have been actively engaged as court reporters within this State for at
12 least 5 years immediately preceding their appointment.

13 3. **One member of the Board must be a representative of the**
14 **general public. This member must not be:**

15 (a) **A court reporter; or**

16 (b) **The spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or**
17 **adoption, of a court reporter.**

18 **Sec. 3.** NRS 656.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 656.080 1. Annually the Board shall designate a Chairman
20 and a Vice Chairman from its membership.

21 2. The Board shall hold such meetings as may be necessary for
22 the purpose of transacting its business.

23 3. ~~{All}~~ **Three** members of the Board ~~{shall be present for the~~
24 ~~transaction of business,}~~ **constitute a quorum to transact all**
25 **business, and a majority of those present must concur on any**
26 **decision.**

27 **Sec. 4.** NRS 656.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 656.170 1. Examinations must be held ~~{no}~~ **not** less than
29 twice a year at such times and places as the Board may designate.

30 2. No person may be admitted to the examination unless he
31 first presents satisfactory evidence to the Board that he has:

32 (a) Received a passing grade on the National Court Reporters
33 Association's examination for registered professional reporters;

34 (b) A certificate of satisfactory completion of a prescribed
35 course of study from a school for court reporters which includes
36 English grammar, reading, spelling and vocabulary, medical and
37 legal terminology, transcription, and court reporting at 200 words
38 per minute with an accuracy of 97.5 percent;

39 (c) A certificate as a registered professional reporter ~~{or a~~
40 ~~certificate of}~~ **registered merit reporter, certified CART provider,**
41 **certified broadcast captioner or certified realtime reporter** from the
42 National Court Reporters Association;



1 (d) A valid certificate or license to practice court reporting
2 issued by another state; or

3 (e) One year of continuous experience as a full-time court
4 reporter using any system of manual or mechanical shorthand
5 writing.

6 **Sec. 5.** 1. As soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2007, the
7 Governor shall appoint to the Certified Court Reporters' Board of
8 Nevada pursuant to:

9 (a) Subsection 2 of NRS 656.050, one member whose term
10 expires on October 31, 2008.

11 (b) Subsection 3 of NRS 656.050, one member whose term
12 expires on October 31, 2009.

13 2. The amendatory provisions of this act do not abrogate or
14 affect the current term of office of any member of the Certified
15 Court Reporters' Board of Nevada who is serving in the term on
16 July 1, 2007.

17 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

