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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:

Existing law provides for the appointment of three members to the Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada and establishes that all members of the Board must be present to transact the business of the Board. (NRS 656.040, 656.050, 656.080) **Sections 1-3** of this bill increase the membership of the Board to five members, provide for the appointment of a member of the public as a member of the Board and revise the quorum requirements of the Board to reflect the increase in the number of members of the Board.

Existing law establishes the requirements that a person must possess to be admitted to an examination to determine competency to engage in the practice of court reporting. (NRS 656.170) **Section 4** of this bill provides that a person may present evidence of possessing any of certain certifications issued by the National Court Reporters Association to satisfy the requirements for admission to the examination.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) A court reporter; or

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



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

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

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

3. ~~[All]~~ **Three** members of the Board ~~[shall be present for the transaction of business.]~~ **constitute a quorum to transact all business, and a majority of those present must concur on any decision.**

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

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

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

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

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

(c) A certificate as a registered professional reporter ~~[or a certificate of]~~ **, registered merit reporter, certified CART provider, certified broadcast captioner or certified realtime reporter** from the National Court Reporters Association;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

