

SENATE BILL NO. 435—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 22, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes the appointment of masters in justice court under certain circumstances. (BDR 1-1356)

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 justice courts; authorizing the appointment of masters in justice court under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill authorizes the appointment of masters in justice court to perform
2 certain subordinate or administrative duties if the board of county commissioners
3 has authorized such appointments. However, a master may not preside over any
4 action for a misdemeanor violation of driving under the influence of an intoxicating
5 liquor or a controlled or prohibited substance.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 4 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 *1. In any county in which the appointment of masters by a*
4 *justice court is authorized by the board of county commissioners,*
5 *the local rules of practice adopted in a justice court within the*
6 *county may authorize the chief judge of a justice court or designee*
7 *to appoint one or more masters to perform certain subordinate or*
8 *administrative duties that the Nevada Supreme Court has*
9 *approved to be assigned to such a master.*
10 *2. A master appointed pursuant to subsection 1 must possess*
11 *qualifications that are equal to or greater than the qualifications*
12 *required of the justice of the peace for the township in which the*
13 *master is appointed as set forth in NRS 4.010.*



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- 1 **3. A master may not preside over any action for a**
- 2 ***misdemeanor constituting a violation of NRS 484.379.***
- 3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

