

SENATE BILL NO. 479—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Requires masters appointed by a justice court to possess qualifications at least equal to those of the justice of the peace for the township in which the master is appointed. (BDR 3-659)

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 masters; requiring a master appointed by a justice court to possess qualifications that are at least equal to those of the justice of the peace for the township in which the master is appointed; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill provides that if a justice court appoints a master to take testimony and
2 recommend orders related to temporary or extended orders against domestic
3 violence, the master must possess qualifications which are at least equal to those
4 required of a justice of the peace in the township in which the master is appointed.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 33.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 33.019 1. In an action to issue, dissolve, convert, modify,
3 register or enforce a temporary or extended order pursuant to NRS
4 33.017 to 33.100, inclusive, the court may appoint a master to take
5 testimony and recommend orders.
6 2. ~~The~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the***
7 ***master must be an attorney licensed to practice in this State. If the***
8 ***master is appointed by the justice court, the master must possess***



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1 *qualifications that are equal to or greater than the qualifications*
2 *required of the justice of the peace for the township in which the*
3 *master is appointed as set forth in NRS 4.010.*

4 3. The master shall:

5 (a) Take testimony and establish a record; and

6 (b) Make findings of fact, conclusions of law and
7 recommendations concerning a temporary or extended order.

8 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

