

SENATE BILL NO. 375—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Establishes the Nevada Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. (BDR 19-1160)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 intergovernmental relations; creating the Nevada Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; providing for the membership, terms of such membership, certain procedural rules, compensation of members, and duties and powers of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill creates the Nevada Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental
2 Relations, which is comprised of 15 members: three Senators, two appointed by the
3 Senate Majority Leader and one by the Senate Minority Leader; three members of
4 the Assembly, two appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one by the
5 Minority Leader of the Assembly; three county commissioners appointed by the
6 Nevada Association of Counties; three elected officials from local governments that
7 are not counties appointed by the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities; and
8 three employees or authorized representatives of state agencies appointed by the
9 Governor. The purpose of the Commission is to foster communication and
10 cooperation among the State Government and local governments. The Commission
11 is charged with serving as a forum for discussion among governments, engaging in
12 activities and conducting studies on issues relating to state and local governments,
13 and reporting to the Legislature. The Commission may recommend legislation to
14 the Legislature.



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

Section 1. Title 19 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act:*

1. "Agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 233B.031.

2. "Commission" means the Nevada Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations created by section 3 of this act.

3. "Local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 354.474.

Sec. 3. *The Nevada Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations is hereby created.*

Sec. 4. *The purpose of the Commission is to foster effective communication, cooperation and partnerships among the State Government and local governments in order to improve the provision of governmental services to the people of this State.*

Sec. 5. *1. The Commission consists of the following 15 members:*

(a) Three members who are Senators, two of whom are appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(b) Three members who are Assemblymen, two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(c) Three members, each of whom is a member of a board of county commissioners from a different county, appointed by the Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties;

(d) Three members, each of whom is an elected officer from a different local government that is not a county, appointed by the Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities; and

(e) Three members, each of whom is an employee or authorized representative of a different agency, appointed by the Governor.

2. Except for the initial members, the term of office of each member of the Commission is 2 years and commences on July 1 of the year of appointment.

3. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled by appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

4. At the first regular meeting after July 1 of each year:

(a) The members of the Commission appointed pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 shall elect



1 *from among those members and by majority vote a Chairman of*
2 *the Commission; and*

3 *(b) The members of the Commission appointed pursuant to the*
4 *provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection 1 shall elect*
5 *from among those members and by majority vote a Vice Chairman*
6 *of the Commission.*

7 *5. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve until the*
8 *next Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, are elected. If a*
9 *vacancy occurs in the chairmanship, the vacancy must be filled in*
10 *the same manner as the original election.*

11 *Sec. 6. 1. The Commission shall meet at least once every 3*
12 *months and at additional times as deemed necessary by the*
13 *Chairman.*

14 *2. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a*
15 *quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those*
16 *members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official*
17 *action taken by the Commission.*

18 *Sec. 7. 1. For each day or portion of a day during which a*
19 *member of the Commission who is a Legislator attends a meeting*
20 *of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in the work of the*
21 *Commission, except during a regular or special session of the*
22 *Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:*

23 *(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of*
24 *the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;*

25 *(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and*
26 *employees generally; and*

27 *(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.*

28 *2. A member of the Commission who is not a Legislator is*
29 *entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses*
30 *pursuant to NRS 218.2207 provided for state officers and*
31 *employees generally for each day or portion of a day during which*
32 *he attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in*
33 *the business of the Commission.*

34 *Sec. 8. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall*
35 *provide the Commission with administrative support.*

36 *Sec. 9. 1. The Commission shall:*

37 *(a) Serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of*
38 *intergovernmental problems among the State Government and*
39 *local governments;*

40 *(b) Engage in activities and conduct studies relating to,*
41 *without limitation:*

42 *(1) The structure of local governments;*

43 *(2) The functions and powers, including, without*
44 *limitation, fiscal powers, of local governments;*



(3) Relationships among the State Government and local governments;

(4) The allocation of state and local resources; and

(5) Any appropriate legislation to be recommended to the Legislature; and

(c) On or before July 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for submission to the Legislature, or to the Legislative Commission when the Legislature is not in regular session, a report concerning its activities and findings during the previous year.

2. The Commission may recommend to the Legislature, as a result of any reviews or studies it has conducted, any appropriate legislation.

Sec. 10. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2009:

1. The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint two members of the Senate to the Nevada Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to terms that expire on June 30, 2011;

2. The Senate Minority Leader shall appoint one member of the Senate to the Commission pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to a term that expires on June 30, 2011;

3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint two members of the Assembly to the Commission pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to terms that expire on June 30, 2011;

4. The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint one member of the Assembly to the Commission pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to a term that expires on June 30, 2011;

5. The Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties shall appoint three members of boards of county commissioners, each from a different county, to the Commission pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to terms that expire on June 30, 2011;

6. The Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities shall appoint three elected officers, each from a different local government that is not a county, to the Commission pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to terms that expire on June 30, 2011; and

7. The Governor shall appoint three employees or authorized representatives of different agencies to the Commission pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to terms that expire on June 30, 2011.



1 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

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