

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 187—ASSEMBLYMEN MCARTHUR;
BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, DIAZ, ELLISON, FLORES,
GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HAMBRICK,
HAMMOND, HANSEN, HARDY, HICKEY, KIRKPATRICK,
KIRNER, KITE, LIVERMORE, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL,
SHERWOOD, STEWART AND WOODBURY

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CEGAVSKE, GUSTAVSON,
HALSETH, KIHUEN AND SETTELMAYER

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the number of legislative measures that may
be requested by certain persons and entities.
(BDR 17-2)

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 the Legislature; revising the number of
legislative measures that may be requested by certain
persons and entities; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law limits the number of persons and entities that are authorized to
2 request the drafting of legislative measures and, with certain exceptions, limits the
3 number of measures those persons and entities are allowed to request. (NRS
4 218D.150-218D.215, 385.565, 432B.178) In addition to imposing a limit on the
5 current unlimited allotments of certain requesters, this bill reduces by
6 approximately one-half the number of requests for the drafting of legislative
7 measures by most of the other authorized requesters.



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

Section 1. NRS 218D.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.150 1. Each:

(a) Incumbent member of the Assembly may request the drafting of not more than ~~16~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature and not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after September 1 but on or before December 15 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

(b) Incumbent member of the Senate may request the drafting of not more than ~~14~~ 6 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature and not more than ~~14~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after September 1 but on or before December 15 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

(c) Newly elected member of the Assembly may request the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 15 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

(d) Newly elected member of the Senate may request the drafting of not more than ~~14~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 15 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

2. In addition to the number authorized pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) The chair of each standing committee of the immediately preceding regular legislative session, or a person designated in the place of the chair by the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, as the case may be, may request before the date of the general election preceding the commencement of the next regular legislative session the drafting of not more than 1 legislative measure for introduction by the committee in a subject within the jurisdiction of the committee for every ~~15~~ 25 legislative measures that were referred to the respective standing committee during the immediately preceding regular legislative session.

(b) A person designated after a general election as a chair of a standing committee for the next regular legislative session, or a person designated in the place of a chair by the person designated as the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate for the next regular legislative session, may request on or before



1 December 15 preceding the commencement of the next regular
2 legislative session the drafting of the remaining number of the
3 legislative measures allowed for the respective standing committee
4 that were not requested by the previous chair or designee.

5 3. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
6 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218D.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 218D.155 1. In addition to the number authorized pursuant to
9 NRS 218D.150:

10 (a) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the
11 Senate may each request before the date of the general election
12 preceding the commencement of the next regular legislative session,
13 without limitation, the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 8 legislative
14 measures for that session.

15 (b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Minority
16 Leader of the Senate may each request before the date of the general
17 election preceding the commencement of the next regular legislative
18 session, without limitation, the drafting of not more than ~~10~~ 5
19 legislative measures for that session.

20 (c) A person designated after a general election as the Speaker
21 of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority
22 Leader of the Assembly or the Minority Leader of the Senate for the
23 next regular legislative session may request before the
24 commencement of the next regular legislative session the drafting of
25 the remaining number of the legislative measures allowed for the
26 respective officer that were not requested by the previous officer.

27 2. The Legislative Counsel, the Secretary of the Senate and the
28 Chief Clerk of the Assembly may *each* request before or during a
29 regular legislative session ~~[, without limitation,]~~ the drafting of ~~as~~
30 *many* ~~not more than 10~~ legislative measures ~~as~~ *which* are
31 necessary or convenient for the proper exercise of their duties.

32 **Sec. 3.** NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may
34 request the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 8 legislative measures
35 before the commencement of a regular legislative session, with the
36 approval of the Commission, which relate to the affairs of
37 the Legislature or its employees, including measures requested by
38 the legislative staff.

39 2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request
40 the drafting of not more than ~~10~~ 5 legislative measures before the
41 commencement of a regular legislative session, with the approval of
42 the Committee, which relate to matters within the scope of the
43 Committee.

44 3. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute or
45 concurrent resolution of the Legislature:



(a) Any other legislative committee created by statute may request the drafting of not more than ~~100~~ 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the committee.

(b) An interim committee which conducts a study or investigation pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that such a committee may request the drafting of additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission approves each additional request by a majority vote.

(c) Any other committee established by the Legislature which conducts an interim legislative study may request the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study.

➔ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218E.205, measures authorized to be requested pursuant to this subsection must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submitting a request after that date.

4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

Sec. 4. NRS 218D.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.175 1. The Governor or the Governor's designated representative may transmit to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular legislative session not more than ~~100~~ 50 requests for the drafting of legislative measures approved on behalf of state agencies, boards and departments of the Executive Branch of the State Government pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 218D.105.

2. The Department of Administration may request on or before the 19th day of the legislative session ~~[-without limitation,]~~ the drafting of ~~[as many]~~ not more than 50 legislative measures ~~[as]~~ which are necessary to implement the budget proposed by the Governor and to provide for the fiscal management of the State. In addition to the requests otherwise authorized pursuant to this section, the Governor may request the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures on or before the 19th day of the legislative session to propose the Governor's legislative agenda.

3. The following constitutional officers may request the drafting of not more than the following numbers of legislative measures on or before September 1 preceding a regular legislative session:



1	Lieutenant Governor	1
2	Secretary of State	5
3	State Treasurer	2
4	State Controller	2
5	Attorney General.....	15 8

7 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
8 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The measures requested
9 pursuant to subsections 1 and 3 must be prefiled on or before
10 December 15 preceding the regular session. A measure that is not
11 prefiled on or before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

12 **Sec. 5.** NRS 218D.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 218D.190 1. The Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division
14 of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall prepare and assist in the
15 preparation of legislative measures at the request of the Supreme
16 Court if the legislative measures are transmitted to the Legislative
17 Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the commencement of
18 the next regular session of the Legislature. The Supreme Court may
19 transmit to the Legislative Counsel pursuant to this section not more
20 than ~~10~~ 5 legislative measures on behalf of the Supreme Court.

21 2. Every requested legislative measure must set forth the
22 substance of the provisions desired or which may be needed with the
23 reasons therefor.

24 3. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
25 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The measures requested
26 pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before December 15
27 preceding the regular session. A measure that is not prefiled on or
28 before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

29 **Sec. 6.** NRS 218D.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 218D.210 1. An association of counties or cities may directly
31 request the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the
32 Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare no more than ~~5~~ 3 legislative
33 measures for a regular legislative session.

34 2. A request for the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant
35 to this section must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or
36 before September 1 preceding the commencement of a regular
37 session of the Legislature.

38 3. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
39 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The measures requested
40 pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before December 15
41 preceding the regular session. A measure that is not prefiled on or
42 before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

43 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

