

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 306—ASSEMBLYMEN KITE; BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, ELLISON, FLORES, HICKEY, LIVERMORE, MCARTHUR, NEAL, SHERWOOD, STEWART AND WOODBURY

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS KIECKHEFER AND SETTELMAYER

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises the manner in which certain supervisors of a conservation district are appointed. (BDR 49-1037)

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 conservation districts; revising the manner in which certain supervisors of a conservation district are appointed; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes provisions for organizing conservation districts to help
2 plan for and accomplish the conservation and controlled development of the
3 renewable resources of this State. (NRS 548.185-548.245) Each district is governed
4 by a board of supervisors consisting of five elected supervisors and supervisors
5 who are appointed by the governing bodies of cities and counties within the
6 boundaries of the district. (NRS 548.280) Pursuant to existing law, the governing
7 bodies of the counties within a district jointly appoint one representative to
8 represent them as a supervisor, and if the counties cannot agree upon one
9 representative, the State Conservation Commission is required to appoint a
10 supervisor from the nominees proposed by the counties. (NRS 548.283) **Section 2**
11 of this bill instead requires each county within a conservation district to appoint its
12 own supervisor to represent it and removes the provision authorizing the
13 Commission to appoint a supervisor for the counties. **Section 3** of this bill allows a
14 supervisor who has been jointly appointed by the governing bodies of the counties
15 within a conservation district to continue to serve as a supervisor until the end of
16 his or her term or until successor supervisors are appointed.



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

Section 1. NRS 548.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:
548.280 Each district shall be governed by a board consisting of five supervisors elected at large and one or ~~two~~ **more** appointed supervisors, as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 2. NRS 548.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

548.283 1. The governing bodies of any incorporated cities located within the boundaries of the district shall appoint a representative to represent them as a supervisor on the governing board of the district.

2. If the cities cannot agree on one representative to serve as a supervisor, the Commission shall choose the representative from the nominees proposed by the cities.

3. The governing bodies of any counties located within the boundaries of the district shall **each** appoint a representative to represent ~~them~~ **the governing body** as a supervisor on the governing board of the district.

~~4. If the counties cannot agree on one representative to serve as a supervisor, the Commission shall choose the representative from the nominees proposed by the several counties.~~

~~5.~~ Each representative of a city or county shall designate an alternate to replace the representative in the representative's absence from meetings of the supervisors of the district. The representative shall send a written notice to the authority which appointed him or her containing the name and address of the person so designated. The notice must be sent in such a manner that it will be received before the date of the meeting which the alternate is to attend. An alternate has all of the duties, rights and privileges of the replaced representative.

Sec. 3. 1. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act, a supervisor on the governing board of a conservation district who was appointed to serve as a supervisor on the governing board pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of NRS 548.283 before July 1, 2011, and who is otherwise qualified to serve as such a supervisor on that date may continue to serve in that capacity until:

(a) Each supervisor is appointed pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 548.283, as amended by section 2 of this act; or

(b) The expiration of the term for which he or she was appointed,

↳ whichever occurs first.

2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2011, the governing body of a county located within the boundaries of a conservation



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1 district specified in subsection 3 of NRS 548.283 shall appoint a
2 representative to represent the governing body as a supervisor on the
3 governing board of the district pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS
4 548.280, as amended by section 2 of this act.

5 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

