

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF CLARK COUNTY)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Authorizes the establishment of a medical district in certain counties. (BDR 40-345)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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 public health; authorizing the establishment of a medical district in certain counties; prescribing the powers and duties of such a district; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the establishment of a medical district to  
2 provide a comprehensive and integrated system for the provision of health-related  
3 services and care by a board of county commissioners of a county whose  
4 population is 400,000 or more (currently Clark County) and in which a hospital  
5 district consisting of the territory of only one county has been created. **Section 2**  
6 also requires the board of county commissioners to prescribe provisions for a board  
7 of trustees of the medical district and set forth the services and care that will be  
8 provided by the medical district. **Section 2** further provides that the provisions  
9 governing the operation of a hospital district apply to a medical district, including  
10 the duty to prepare a budget and the authority to levy taxes and borrow money for  
11 the support of the medical district, the district hospital and other facilities operated  
12 by the medical district. **Sections 3-12** of this bill amend relevant provisions of  
13 existing law to provide for the operation of a medical district. **Sections 13-19** of  
14 this bill require a medical district to comply with existing laws relating to the  
15 budget and operation of local governments.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 449.0177 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.0177 “Rural hospital” means a hospital with 85 or fewer beds which is:

1. The sole institutional provider of health care located within a county whose population is less than 100,000;

2. The sole institutional provider of health care located within a city whose population is less than 25,000; or

3. Maintained and governed pursuant to NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, ~~and~~, and section 2 of this act.

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 450 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. If a hospital district consisting of the territory of only one county whose population is 400,000 or more has been established pursuant to NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, and section 2 of this act, other than a district created pursuant to NRS 450.710, the board of county commissioners of the county in which the hospital district is located may by resolution establish a comprehensive and integrated system for the provision of health-related services and care in the county.*

*2. If a board of county commissioners establishes a comprehensive and integrated system pursuant to this section, the board of county commissioners shall by ordinance:*

*(a) Designate the county or a portion thereof as a medical district, which must assume the authority of the hospital district in the county and may assume any other responsibilities designated by the board of county commissioners.*

*(b) Set forth the services and care that may be provided by the board of trustees of the medical district through the comprehensive and integrated system established pursuant to this section.*

*(c) Prescribe provisions governing the membership of the board of trustees of the medical district, which must provide:*

*(1) For the election or appointment of the members, the manner of such election or appointment and the term of office of such members, which must not exceed 4 years; or*

*(2) That the board of county commissioners is, ex officio, the board of trustees.*

*3. The board of trustees of a medical district shall perform the duties of the board of trustees pursuant to NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, and section 2 of this act, including, without limitation:*



- (a) *Preparing a budget pursuant to NRS 450.650;*
  - (b) *Levying a tax pursuant to NRS 450.660;*
  - (c) *Accepting donations pursuant to NRS 450.690;*
  - (d) *Determining medical indigency pursuant to NRS 450.700;*
- and*

(e) *Borrowing money and incurring or assuming indebtedness pursuant to NRS 450.665.*

4. *In addition to the powers and duties conferred pursuant to NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, and section 2 of this act, the board of trustees of the medical district shall administer and maintain the comprehensive and integrated system for the provision of health-related services and care in the county, including, without limitation:*

(a) *Providing, through a public hospital, family health facility or other similar facility, access to preventive, acute and chronic health care to residents of the medical district, regardless of the ability of such residents to pay for the care;*

(b) *Providing emergency medical and trauma services through an emergency department or trauma center;*

(c) *Cooperating with the district board of health created pursuant to NRS 439.362 to perform public health functions, including, without limitation:*

(1) *Disease control, including providing direct disease control services, conducting clinics and providing immunizations;*

*and*

(2) *Assisting the county health officer in the administration of vital records and maintaining vital statistics pursuant to chapter 440 of NRS;*

(d) *Educating patients and residents of the medical district concerning health-related issues;*

(e) *Participating in efforts to educate providers of health care in the medical district; and*

(f) *Engaging in research relating to the health care needs of residents of the medical district.*

5. *The board of trustees may make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations:*

(a) *For its own guidance and the government of any hospital, family health facility or other facility operated by the board; and*

(b) *Fixing the charges for treatment of patients.*

6. *A medical district established pursuant to this section may be dissolved by the board of county commissioners at any time and must be dissolved if the hospital district in the county is dissolved pursuant to the provisions of NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, and section 2 of this act.*



1     **Sec. 3.** NRS 450.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     450.550 As used in NRS 450.550 to 450.760, inclusive, *and*  
3 *section 2 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires:

4     1. “Board of trustees” means:

5     (a) A board of hospital trustees:

6         (1) Elected pursuant to NRS 450.620 and a physician who is  
7 appointed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 450.640, if applicable; or

8         (2) Appointed pursuant to NRS 450.625 and a physician who  
9 is appointed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 450.640, if applicable;

10 ~~{or}~~  
11     (b) *A board of trustees of a medical district established*  
12 *pursuant to section 2 of this act and a physician who is appointed*  
13 *pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 450.640, if applicable; or*

14     (c) A board of county commissioners, if that board enacts an  
15 ordinance which provides that the board of county commissioners  
16 is, ex officio, the board of hospital trustees, and a physician who is  
17 appointed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 450.640, if applicable.

18     2. “District hospital” means a hospital constructed, maintained  
19 and governed pursuant to NRS 450.550 to 450.760, inclusive ~~{}~~,  
20 *and section 2 of this act.*

21     **Sec. 4.** NRS 450.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22     450.630 The board of trustees shall:

23     1. Carry out the spirit and intent of NRS 450.550 to 450.750,  
24 inclusive, *and section 2 of this act* in establishing and maintaining a  
25 hospital in each district created pursuant to NRS 450.550 to  
26 450.750, inclusive ~~{}~~, *and section 2 of this act.*

27     2. Make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations:

28     (a) For its own guidance and the government of any such  
29 hospital; and

30     (b) Fixing the charges for treatment of patients.

31     **Sec. 5.** NRS 450.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32     450.640 The board of trustees may:

33     1. After the board is formed pursuant to the provisions of NRS  
34 450.620 or 450.625, *or section 2 of this act*, increase the number of  
35 members who serve on the board by appointing, as a voting member  
36 of the board, one physician who is the chief of staff of physicians  
37 for a district hospital. The term of office of a member who is  
38 appointed pursuant to this subsection is 2 years, commencing on the  
39 date of appointment by the board of trustees. A vacancy in the term  
40 of a member appointed pursuant to this subsection must be filled in  
41 the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of  
42 the unexpired term.

43     2. Appoint a chief executive officer and necessary assistants  
44 for each hospital, and fix the compensations of such persons.



3. Employ physicians, surgeons and interns, as the board determines necessary, and fix their compensation.

4. *If a medical district has been established pursuant to section 2 of this act, employ such other persons as necessary to administer and maintain the comprehensive and integrated system for the provision of health-related services and care in the county, and fix their compensation.*

5. Remove such appointees and employees.

~~5.1~~ 6. Remove persons who are appointed or employed pursuant to this section.

~~6.1~~ 7. Control the admission of physicians, surgeons and interns to the staff by promulgating rules, regulations and standards governing such appointments.

**Sec. 6.** NRS 450.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450.650 The board of trustees ~~[of each county hospital district]~~ shall prepare annual budgets in accordance with NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive.

**Sec. 7.** NRS 450.665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450.665 1. The board of trustees may borrow money and incur or assume indebtedness on behalf of the county hospital district *or, if applicable, the medical district* if the total amount of the indebtedness, excluding revenue bonds and other securities constituting special obligations which are not debts, does not exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the total of the last assessed valuation of taxable property, excluding motor vehicles, located within the district.

2. The board of trustees shall not borrow money or issue securities to evidence such borrowing until the board has obtained the approval of the:

(a) Debt management commission; and

(b) Board of county commissioners,

↪ of each county in which the hospital district is located ~~[ ]~~ *or, if applicable, the county in which the medical district is located.*

**Sec. 8.** NRS 450.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450.670 The board of trustees may issue and sell, for each district in its jurisdiction:

1. General obligation bonds, payable from taxes;

2. General obligation bonds, payment of which is additionally secured by a pledge of gross or net revenues derived from the operation of hospital facilities ~~[ ]~~ *and, if a medical district has been established, any other facilities operated by the district;* and

3. Special obligation bonds, payable solely from gross or net revenues derived from the operation of hospital facilities ~~[ ]~~ *and, if a medical district has been established, any other facilities operated by the district,*



1   ↳ for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of hospital  
2 equipment ~~[H]~~ *and medical equipment*, the acquisition of property,  
3 the construction of buildings and improvement of property owned  
4 by the district for use in any one ~~[county hospital]~~ district.

5   **Sec. 9.** NRS 450.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6   450.675 The board of trustees, with the approval of the board  
7 of county commissioners, if the board of county commissioners is  
8 not the board of ~~[hospital]~~ trustees, or, if the district ~~[in which the~~  
9 ~~hospital is located]~~ includes territory within more than one county,  
10 with the approval of the board of county commissioners of each of  
11 those counties, may, by resolution:

12   1. Mortgage or pledge the personal property of the hospital ~~[H]~~  
13 *or, if a medical district is created pursuant to section 2 of this act,*  
14 *other facility operated by the board of trustees*, including accounts  
15 receivable, and enter into agreements for the sale and leasing back  
16 to the hospital *or other facility* of its personal property to provide  
17 security for acquiring money for the operation of the hospital ~~[H]~~ *or*  
18 *other facility*; and

19   2. Acquire real property for the expansion of the hospital *or, if*  
20 *a medical district is created pursuant to section 2 of this act, other*  
21 *facility operated by the board of trustees* by entering into a contract  
22 for purchase of a type and duration and on such terms as the  
23 governing body determines, including a contract secured by a  
24 mortgage or other security interest in the real property.

25   **Sec. 10.** NRS 450.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26   450.690 Any person, firm, organization, corporation or society  
27 desiring to make donations of money, personal property or real  
28 property for the benefit of any district hospital *or, if a medical*  
29 *district is created pursuant to section 2 of this act, other facility*  
30 *operated by the board of trustees* may make such donations to the  
31 district. Any such donation is effective when accepted by the board  
32 of trustees according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest  
33 of such property.

34   **Sec. 11.** NRS 450.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35   450.700 1. The board of trustees may determine whether  
36 patients presented to the district hospital *or, if a medical district is*  
37 *created pursuant to section 2 of this act, other facility operated by*  
38 *the board of trustees* for treatment are subjects of charity. Except as  
39 otherwise provided in NRS 439B.330, the board of trustees shall  
40 establish the criteria and procedures to be used in the determination  
41 of eligibility for medical care as medical indigents or subjects of  
42 charity.

43   2. The board of trustees shall fix the charges for treatment of  
44 those persons who are able to pay for the treatment. The receipts for  
45 those charges must be paid to the county treasurer of the county in



1 which the district hospital *or other facility* is located and credited to  
2 the fund for the district.

3 **Sec. 12.** NRS 450.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 450.715 *1.* The board of trustees may contract with a public  
5 agency or a privately owned hospital to provide the services of a  
6 hospital to the residents of the ~~hospital~~ district if it determines that:

7 ~~1-1~~ *(a)* There is a need to provide medical services to the  
8 residents of the district which are not being provided by the district;  
9 or

10 ~~1-2~~ *(b)* It is less costly or more efficient to provide the services  
11 of a hospital to the residents of the district by contracting with a  
12 public agency or a privately owned hospital.

13 *2. If a medical district has been created pursuant to section 2*  
14 *of this act, the board of trustees may contract with a public agency*  
15 *or a privately owned family health facility or other similar facility*  
16 *to provide health-related care and services to the residents of the*  
17 *district if it determines that:*

18 *(a) There is a need to provide such services and care to the*  
19 *residents of the district which are not being provided by the*  
20 *district; or*

21 *(b) It is less costly or more efficient to provide the services and*  
22 *care to the residents of the district by contracting with a public*  
23 *agency or a privately owned facility.*

24 **Sec. 13.** NRS 226.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 226.110 The State Treasurer:

26 1. Shall receive and keep all money of the State which is not  
27 expressly required by law to be received and kept by some other  
28 person.

29 2. Shall receipt to the State Controller for all money received,  
30 from whatever source, at the time of receiving it.

31 3. Shall establish the policies to be followed in the investment  
32 of money of the State, subject to the periodic review and approval or  
33 disapproval of those policies by the State Board of Finance.

34 4. May employ any necessary investment and financial  
35 advisers to render advice and other services in connection with the  
36 investment of money of the State.

37 5. Shall disburse the public money upon warrants drawn upon  
38 the Treasury by the State Controller, and not otherwise. The  
39 warrants must be registered and paid in the order of their registry.  
40 The State Treasurer may use any sampling or postaudit technique, or  
41 both, which he or she considers reasonable to verify the proper  
42 distribution of warrants.

43 6. Shall keep a just, true and comprehensive account of all  
44 money received and disbursed.





7. Shall deliver in good order to his or her successor in office all money, records, books, papers and other things belonging to his or her office.

8. Shall fix, charge and collect reasonable fees for:

(a) Investing the money in any fund or account which is credited for interest earned on money deposited in it; and

(b) Special services rendered to other state agencies or to members of the public which increase the cost of operating his or her office.

9. Serves as the primary representative of the State in matters concerning any nationally recognized bond credit rating agency for the purposes of the issuance of any obligation authorized on the behalf and in the name of the State, except as otherwise provided in NRS 538.206 and except for those obligations issued pursuant to chapter 319 of NRS and NRS 349.400 to 349.987, inclusive.

10. Is directly responsible for the issuance of any obligation authorized on the behalf and in the name of the State, except as otherwise provided in NRS 538.206 and except for those obligations issued pursuant to chapter 319 of NRS and NRS 349.400 to 349.987, inclusive. The State Treasurer:

(a) Shall issue such an obligation as soon as practicable after receiving a request from a state agency for the issuance of the obligation.

(b) May, except as otherwise provided in NRS 538.206, employ necessary legal, financial or other professional services in connection with the authorization, sale or issuance of such an obligation.

11. May organize and facilitate statewide pooled financing programs, including lease purchases, for the benefit of the State and any political subdivision, including districts organized pursuant to NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, and chapters 244A, 309, 318, 379, 474, 541, 543 and 555 of NRS.

12. Shall serve as the Administrator of Unclaimed Property.

**Sec. 14.** NRS 278.02587 is hereby amended to read as follows:

278.02587 1. Not later than December 31, 2009:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the commission shall designate 10 locations in the county that are owned by the State or by local governments and at which a bus turnout must be constructed pursuant to this section; and

(b) For each location designated pursuant to paragraph (a), the commission and the State or the local government that owns the location shall execute an interlocal or cooperative agreement that authorizes the construction of a bus turnout at the location.





2. For each location designated pursuant to subsection 1, the commission and the State or the local government that owns the location shall ensure that a bus turnout is constructed not later than December 31, 2012.

3. The commission shall fund the construction of a bus turnout built pursuant to this section.

4. When determining the locations to be designated pursuant to subsection 1, the commission shall consider, without limitation:

(a) The amount of traffic congestion at the location during hours of peak traffic;

(b) The extent of improvements to the location that would need to be completed before the bus turnout could be constructed;

(c) The proximity of the location to an intersection;

(d) The frequency with which buses receive and discharge passengers at the location;

(e) The number of bus passengers regularly using the bus stop at the location;

(f) The general need for a bus turnout at the location; and

(g) Any obstacle that may prevent the completion of the construction of a bus turnout by the date set forth in subsection 2.

5. The commission shall not designate more than three locations pursuant to subsection 1 that are owned by the State or by the same local government.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Bus" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484A.030.

(b) "Bus turnout" means a fixed area that is:

(1) Adjacent or appurtenant to, or within reasonable proximity of, a public highway; and

(2) To be occupied exclusively by buses in receiving or discharging passengers.

(c) "Commission" means the regional transportation commission created and organized pursuant to chapter 277A of NRS in a county whose population is 400,000 or more.

(d) "Local government" means any political subdivision of the State, including, without limitation, any county, city, town, board, airport authority, fire protection district, irrigation district, school district, hospital district, *medical district* or other special district which performs a governmental function and which is located within the jurisdiction of the commission.

(e) "Location" means a parcel of real property which:

(1) Is owned by the State or by a local government;

(2) Is adjacent to a public highway; and

(3) Contains a bench, shelter or transit stop for passengers of public transportation.



(f) "Public highway" means any street, road, alley, thoroughfare, way or place of any kind used by the public or open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purpose of vehicular traffic.

**Sec. 15.** NRS 288.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

288.060 "Local government employer" means any political subdivision of this State or any public or quasi-public corporation organized under the laws of this State and includes, without limitation, counties, cities, unincorporated towns, school districts, charter schools, hospital districts, *medical districts*, irrigation districts and other special districts.

**Sec. 16.** NRS 293.193 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.193 1. Fees as listed in this section for filing declarations of candidacy or acceptances of candidacy must be paid to the filing officer by cash, cashier's check or certified check.

United States Senator .....	\$500
Representative in Congress .....	300
Governor .....	300
Justice of the Supreme Court .....	300
Any state office, other than Governor or justice of the Supreme Court .....	200
District judge .....	150
Justice of the peace .....	100
Any county office .....	100
State Senator .....	100
Assemblyman or Assemblywoman .....	100
Any district office other than district judge .....	30
Constable or other town or township office .....	30

For the purposes of this subsection, trustee of a county school district, hospital , ~~or~~ hospital district *or medical district* is not a county office.

2. No filing fee may be required from a candidate for an office the holder of which receives no compensation.

3. The county clerk shall pay to the county treasurer all filing fees received from candidates. The county treasurer shall deposit the money to the credit of the general fund of the county.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.194, a filing fee paid pursuant to this section is not refundable.

**Sec. 17.** NRS 338.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

338.010 As used in this chapter:

1. "Authorized representative" means a person designated by a public body to be responsible for the development, solicitation, award or administration of contracts for public works pursuant to this chapter.



2. "Contract" means a written contract entered into between a contractor and a public body for the provision of labor, materials, equipment or supplies for a public work.

3. "Contractor" means:

(a) A person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 624 of NRS or performs such work that the person is not required to be licensed pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS.

(b) A design-build team.

4. "Day labor" means all cases where public bodies, their officers, agents or employees, hire, supervise and pay the wages thereof directly to a worker or workers employed by them on public works by the day and not under a contract in writing.

5. "Design-build contract" means a contract between a public body and a design-build team in which the design-build team agrees to design and construct a public work.

6. "Design-build team" means an entity that consists of:

(a) At least one person who is licensed as a general engineering contractor or a general building contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS; and

(b) For a public work that consists of:

(1) A building and its site, at least one person who holds a certificate of registration to practice architecture pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS.

(2) Anything other than a building and its site, at least one person who holds a certificate of registration to practice architecture pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS or landscape architecture pursuant to chapter 623A of NRS or who is licensed as a professional engineer pursuant to chapter 625 of NRS.

7. "Design professional" means:

(a) A person who is licensed as a professional engineer pursuant to chapter 625 of NRS;

(b) A person who is licensed as a professional land surveyor pursuant to chapter 625 of NRS;

(c) A person who holds a certificate of registration to engage in the practice of architecture, interior design or residential design pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS;

(d) A person who holds a certificate of registration to engage in the practice of landscape architecture pursuant to chapter 623A of NRS; or

(e) A business entity that engages in the practice of professional engineering, land surveying, architecture or landscape architecture.

8. "Eligible bidder" means a person who is:

(a) Found to be a responsible and responsive contractor by a local government or its authorized representative which requests



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1 bids for a public work in accordance with paragraph (b) of  
2 subsection 1 of NRS 338.1373; or

3 (b) Determined by a public body or its authorized representative  
4 which awarded a contract for a public work pursuant to NRS  
5 338.1375 to 338.139, inclusive, to be qualified to bid on that  
6 contract pursuant to NRS 338.1379 or 338.1382.

7 9. "General contractor" means a person who is licensed to  
8 conduct business in one, or both, of the following branches of the  
9 contracting business:

10 (a) General engineering contracting, as described in subsection 2  
11 of NRS 624.215.

12 (b) General building contracting, as described in subsection 3 of  
13 NRS 624.215.

14 10. "Governing body" means the board, council, commission  
15 or other body in which the general legislative and fiscal powers of a  
16 local government are vested.

17 11. "Local government" means every political subdivision or  
18 other entity which has the right to levy or receive money from ad  
19 valorem or other taxes or any mandatory assessments, and includes,  
20 without limitation, counties, cities, towns, boards, school districts  
21 and other districts organized pursuant to chapters 244A, 309, 318,  
22 379, 474, 538, 541, 543 and 555 of NRS ~~H~~ and NRS 450.550 to  
23 450.750, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, and any agency or  
24 department of a county or city which prepares a budget separate  
25 from that of the parent political subdivision. The term includes a  
26 person who has been designated by the governing body of a local  
27 government to serve as its authorized representative.

28 12. "Offense" means failing to:

29 (a) Pay the prevailing wage required pursuant to this chapter;

30 (b) Pay the contributions for unemployment compensation  
31 required pursuant to chapter 612 of NRS;

32 (c) Provide and secure compensation for employees required  
33 pursuant to chapters 616A to 617, inclusive, of NRS; or

34 (d) Comply with subsection 4 or 5 of NRS 338.070.

35 13. "Prime contractor" means a contractor who:

36 (a) Contracts to construct an entire project;

37 (b) Coordinates all work performed on the entire project;

38 (c) Uses his or her own workforce to perform all or a part of the  
39 public work; and

40 (d) Contracts for the services of any subcontractor or  
41 independent contractor or is responsible for payment to any  
42 contracted subcontractors or independent contractors.

43 ➤ The term includes, without limitation, a general contractor or a  
44 specialty contractor who is authorized to bid on a project pursuant to  
45 NRS 338.139 or 338.148.



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1 14. "Public body" means the State, county, city, town, school  
2 district or any public agency of this State or its political subdivisions  
3 sponsoring or financing a public work.

4 15. "Public work" means any project for the new construction,  
5 repair or reconstruction of:

6 (a) A project financed in whole or in part from public money  
7 for:

8 (1) Public buildings;

9 (2) Jails and prisons;

10 (3) Public roads;

11 (4) Public highways;

12 (5) Public streets and alleys;

13 (6) Public utilities;

14 (7) Publicly owned water mains and sewers;

15 (8) Public parks and playgrounds;

16 (9) Public convention facilities which are financed at least in  
17 part with public money; and

18 (10) All other publicly owned works and property.

19 (b) A building for the Nevada System of Higher Education of  
20 which 25 percent or more of the costs of the building as a whole are  
21 paid from money appropriated by this State or from federal money.

22 16. "Specialty contractor" means a person who is licensed to  
23 conduct business as described in subsection 4 of NRS 624.215.

24 17. "Stand-alone underground utility project" means an  
25 underground utility project that is not integrated into a larger  
26 project, including, without limitation:

27 (a) An underground sewer line or an underground pipeline for  
28 the conveyance of water, including facilities appurtenant thereto;  
29 and

30 (b) A project for the construction or installation of a storm drain,  
31 including facilities appurtenant thereto,

32 ➔ that is not located at the site of a public work for the design and  
33 construction of which a public body is authorized to contract with a  
34 design-build team pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 338.1711.

35 18. "Subcontract" means a written contract entered into  
36 between:

37 (a) A contractor and a subcontractor or supplier; or

38 (b) A subcontractor and another subcontractor or supplier,

39 ➔ for the provision of labor, materials, equipment or supplies for a  
40 construction project.

41 19. "Subcontractor" means a person who:

42 (a) Is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 624 of NRS  
43 or performs such work that the person is not required to be licensed  
44 pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS; and



(b) Contracts with a contractor, another subcontractor or a supplier to provide labor, materials or services for a construction project.

20. "Supplier" means a person who provides materials, equipment or supplies for a construction project.

21. "Wages" means:

(a) The basic hourly rate of pay; and

(b) The amount of pension, health and welfare, vacation and holiday pay, the cost of apprenticeship training or other similar programs or other bona fide fringe benefits which are a benefit to the worker.

22. "Worker" means a skilled mechanic, skilled worker, semiskilled mechanic, semiskilled worker or unskilled worker in the service of a contractor or subcontractor under any appointment or contract of hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed. The term does not include a design professional.

**Sec. 18.** NRS 354.474 is hereby amended to read as follows:

354.474 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the provisions of NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive, apply to all local governments. For the purpose of NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive:

(a) "Local government" means every political subdivision or other entity which has the right to levy or receive money from ad valorem or other taxes or any mandatory assessments, and includes, without limitation, counties, cities, towns, boards, school districts and other districts organized pursuant to chapters 244A, 309, 318 and 379 of NRS, NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, and chapters 474, 541, 543 and 555 of NRS, and any agency or department of a county or city which prepares a budget separate from that of the parent political subdivision.

(b) "Local government" does not include the Nevada Rural Housing Authority.

2. An irrigation district organized pursuant to chapter 539 of NRS shall fix rates and levy assessments as provided in NRS 539.667 to 539.683, inclusive. The levy of such assessments and the posting and publication of claims and annual financial statements as required by chapter 539 of NRS shall be deemed compliance with the budgeting, filing and publication requirements of NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive, but any such irrigation district which levies an ad valorem tax shall comply with the filing and publication requirements of NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive, in addition to the requirements of chapter 539 of NRS.

3. An electric light and power district created pursuant to chapter 318 of NRS shall be deemed to have fulfilled the



1 requirements of NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive, for a year in  
2 which the district does not issue bonds or levy an assessment if the  
3 district files with the Department of Taxation a copy of all  
4 documents relating to its budget for that year which the district  
5 submitted to the Rural Electrification Administration of the United  
6 States Department of Agriculture.

7 **Sec. 19.** NRS 378.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 378.160 As used in NRS 378.150 to 378.210, inclusive:

9 1. "Center" means the State Publications Distribution Center  
10 created by NRS 378.170.

11 2. "Depository library" means a library with which the Center  
12 has entered into an agreement pursuant to NRS 378.190.

13 3. "Local government" means every political subdivision or  
14 other entity which has the right to levy or receive money from ad  
15 valorem or other taxes or any mandatory assessments, and includes,  
16 without limitation, counties, cities, towns, boards, school districts  
17 and other districts organized pursuant to chapters 244A, 309, 318,  
18 379, 474, 541, 543 and 555 of NRS ~~§~~ and NRS 450.550 to  
19 450.750, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, and any agency or  
20 department of a county or city which prepares a budget separate  
21 from that of the parent political subdivision. The term includes the  
22 Nevada Rural Housing Authority.

23 4. "Publication" includes any information in any format or  
24 medium that is produced pursuant to the authority of or at the total  
25 or partial expense of a state agency or local government, is required  
26 by law to be distributed by a state agency or local government, or is  
27 distributed publicly by a state agency or local government outside  
28 that state agency or local government. The term does not include:

29 (a) Nevada Revised Statutes with annotations;

30 (b) Nevada Reports;

31 (c) Bound volumes of the Statutes of Nevada;

32 (d) Items published by the University of Nevada Press and other  
33 information disseminated by the Nevada System of Higher  
34 Education which is not designed for public distribution; or

35 (e) Official state records scheduled for retention and disposition  
36 pursuant to NRS 239.080.

37 5. "State agency" includes the Legislature, constitutional  
38 officers or any department, division, bureau, board, commission or  
39 agency of the State of Nevada.

40 **Sec. 20.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

