

Assembly Bill No. 576–Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to government; revising provisions relating to the Legislative Department of the State Government; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Legislative Counsel is required to keep the organizational structure of the Nevada Revised Statutes current, and the Legislative Counsel may revise the titles, chapters and sections of the Nevada Revised Statutes when necessary to effectuate the orderly and logical arrangement of the statutes. (NRS 220.120) In addition, the Legislative Counsel may make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the clarification of existing statutes and the revision or elimination of obsolete and antiquated statutes. (NRS 220.080, 220.085)

Following the 2009 Legislative Session, title 17 of NRS, which contains provisions relating to the Legislative Department of the State Government, was reorganized to improve and enhance the orderly and logical arrangement of the statutes. This bill supplements the reorganization of title 17 of NRS by clarifying existing provisions, adding new provisions and revising and eliminating obsolete and antiquated provisions relating to the Legislative Department of the State Government.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 218A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 31, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 31, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 3. *“Administrative Division” means the Administrative Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.*

Sec. 4. *“Assembly” means the Assembly of the State of Nevada.*

Sec. 5. *“Audit Division” means the Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.*

Sec. 6. *“Audit Subcommittee” means the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission created by NRS 218E.240.*



Sec. 7. *“Concurrent resolution” means a concurrent resolution of the Senate and the Assembly.*

Sec. 8. *“Director” means the person appointed or serving as the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 218F.100.*

Sec. 9. *“Executive Department” means the Executive Department of the State Government.*

Sec. 10. *“Fiscal Analysis Division” means the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.*

Sec. 11. *“Fiscal Analyst” means a person appointed or serving as the Senate Fiscal Analyst or Assembly Fiscal Analyst pursuant to NRS 218F.100.*

Sec. 12. *“House” means a House of the Legislature.*

Sec. 13. *“Interim Finance Committee” means the Interim Finance Committee created by NRS 218E.400.*

Sec. 14. *“Joint resolution” means a joint resolution of the Senate and the Assembly.*

Sec. 15. *“Joint rule” means a joint rule of the Senate and the Assembly.*

Sec. 16. *“Judicial Department” means the Judicial Department of the State Government.*

Sec. 17. *“Legal Division” means the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.*

Sec. 18. *“Legislative Auditor” means the person appointed or serving as the Legislative Auditor and chief of the Audit Division pursuant to NRS 218F.100.*

Sec. 19. *“Legislative Commission” means the Legislative Commission created by NRS 218E.150.*

Sec. 20. *“Legislative Counsel” means the person appointed or serving as the Legislative Counsel and chief of the Legal Division pursuant to NRS 218F.100.*

Sec. 21. *“Legislative Counsel Bureau” means the Legislative Counsel Bureau created by NRS 218F.100.*

Sec. 22. *“Legislative Department” means the Legislative Department of the State Government.*

Sec. 23. *“Legislative Fund” means the Legislative Fund created by NRS 218A.150.*

Sec. 24. *“Legislative measure” means a bill or resolution of the Legislature or either House.*

Sec. 25. *“Legislator” means a person elected or appointed as member of the Senate or the Assembly.*

Sec. 26. *“Legislature” means the Legislature of the State of Nevada.*



Sec. 27. *“Regular session” means a biennial session of the Legislature convened pursuant to Section 2 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution.*

Sec. 28. *“Research Director” means the person appointed or serving as the Research Director and chief of the Research Division pursuant to NRS 218F.100.*

Sec. 29. *“Research Division” means the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.*

Sec. 30. *“Senate” means the Senate of the State of Nevada.*

Sec. 31. *“Special session” means a special session of the Legislature convened pursuant to Section 9 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution.*

Sec. 32. NRS 218A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.150 1. The Legislative Fund is hereby created as a special revenue fund for the use of the Legislature, and where specifically authorized by law, for the use of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

2. Support for the Legislative Fund must be provided by legislative appropriation from the State General Fund.

3. Expenditures from the Legislative Fund may be made for:

(a) The payment of necessary expenses of the Senate;

(b) The payment of necessary expenses of the Assembly;

(c) The payment of necessary improvements to the Legislative Building and its grounds;

(d) The payment of expenses for the interim operation of the Legislature; and

(e) The payment of necessary expenses of, but not limited to:

(1) The Legislative Commission;

(2) The Legal Division;

(3) The Research Division;

(4) The Audit Division;

(5) The Fiscal Analysis Division; and

(6) The Administrative Division . ~~of~~

~~of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.~~

4. Expenditures from the Legislative Fund for purposes other than those specified in subsection 3 or authorized specifically by another statute may be made only upon the authority of a concurrent resolution . ~~regularly adopted by the Senate and Assembly.~~

5. All money in the Legislative Fund must be paid out on claims approved by the Director ~~of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her~~ *or the Director’s* designee.



Sec. 33. NRS 218A.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.175 1. The official flag of the Legislature ~~[of the State of Nevada]~~ is hereby created containing substantially the design and colors submitted by the senior government class of the Tonopah High School, Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada, to the 54th Session of the Legislature, with the addition of the words "Nevada Legislature" which ~~[shall]~~ *must* appear above and below such design in an arc on the field.

2. The official flag ~~[shall]~~ *must* be flown over the building where the Legislature meets when the Legislature is in *a regular or special* session.

Sec. 34. NRS 218A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.200 ~~[No]~~ A person is *not* eligible to ~~[the office of State Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman who:]~~ *be elected or appointed to office as a Legislator unless the person:*

1. Is ~~[not]~~ a qualified elector ~~[and who has not]~~ ;

2. *Has* been an actual, as opposed to constructive, citizen resident of this State for 1 year next preceding the person's election ~~[~~
~~—2.] or appointment; and~~

3. At the time of election *or appointment*, has ~~[not]~~ attained the age of 21 years.

Sec. 35. NRS 218A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.210 ~~[Senators, Assemblymen and Assemblywomen are]~~ *A person who is elected to office as a Legislator is* entitled to receive ~~[certificates]~~ *a certificate* of election from the Governor.

Sec. 36. NRS 218A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.220 ~~[Members of the Legislature shall]~~ *A person who receives a certificate of election or appointment to office as a Legislator must* take and subscribe to the official oath before ~~[they assume their seats as such members,]~~ *the person takes office as a Legislator*, and an entry thereof ~~[shall]~~ *must* be made on the journal of the proper House.

Sec. 37. NRS 218A.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.250 1. ~~[Any]~~ A person who ~~[shall receive]~~ *receives* a certificate of election or appointment *to office* as a ~~[Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman shall be at liberty to]~~ *Legislator may* resign the office ~~[though]~~ *whether or not* the person ~~[may not have]~~ *has* entered upon the execution of ~~[its]~~ *the* duties *of the office* or *has* taken the requisite oath of office.

2. ~~[Senators, Assemblymen and Assemblywomen, when they resign their seats,]~~ *If a person resigns his or her office as a*



Legislator, the person shall deliver ~~[their resignations]~~ *the resignation* to the Governor.

Sec. 38. NRS 218A.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
218A.260 ~~[Where]~~

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of ~~[State Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman]~~ *a Legislator* during a regular or special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ or at a time when no biennial election or regular election at which county officers are to be elected will take place between the occurrence of the vacancy and the next regular or special session, the ~~[procedure for filling the vacancy is as follows:~~

~~— 1. Where the Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman]~~
vacancy must be filled in the manner provided in this section.

2. If the former Legislator was elected *or appointed* from a district wholly within one county, the board of county commissioners of the county ~~[from which the former incumbent was elected shall appoint]~~ *in which the district is located shall fill the vacancy by appointing* a person *who is a member* of the same political party as the former ~~[incumbent]~~ *Legislator* and who actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in the district. ~~[to fill the vacancy.~~

~~— 2. Where]~~

3. If the former ~~[incumbent]~~ *Legislator* was elected *or appointed* from a district comprising more than one county, the county commissioners of each county within or partly within the district shall ~~[meet to appoint]~~ *fill the vacancy by appointing* a person *who is a member* of the same political party as the former ~~[incumbent]~~ *Legislator* and who actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in the district. ~~[to fill the vacancy, under the chairmanship of the chair of the board of county commissioners of the county whose population residing within the district is the greatest.] To fill the vacancy:~~

(a) Each board of county commissioners shall first meet separately and determine the single candidate it will nominate to fill the vacancy. ~~[Then, the]~~

(b) *The* boards shall *then* meet jointly. ~~[and the chairs]~~ *The joint meeting must be chaired by the person who is the chair of the board of county commissioners of the county with the largest population in the district. At the joint meeting:*

(1) *The chair of each board,* on behalf of ~~[the boards]~~ *that board,* shall cast a proportionate number of votes according to the percent, rounded to the nearest whole percent, which the population of ~~[its]~~ *that board's* county is of the population of the entire district.



Populations must be determined by the last decennial census or special census conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce.

(2) The person who receives a plurality of these votes is appointed to fill the vacancy. If no person receives a plurality of the votes, the boards of county commissioners of the respective counties shall each select a candidate, and the appointee must be chosen by drawing lots among the candidates so selected.

~~[3.]~~ 4. The board of county commissioners or the board of the county ~~[which has]~~ *with* the largest population ~~[within]~~ *in* the district ~~[, as the case may be,]~~ shall issue a certificate of appointment naming the appointee. The county clerk or the clerk of the county ~~[which has]~~ *with* the largest population ~~[within]~~ *in* the district ~~[, as the case may be,]~~ shall give the certificate to the appointee and send a copy of the certificate to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 39. NRS 218A.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.300 1. No contract of employment wherein a private individual, corporation, association or partnership is the employer is lawful or enforceable in this State which works a loss of job seniority of any person by reason of the person's absence from his or her regular duties or place of employment while attending a regular or special session ~~[of the Legislature of this State]~~ as a ~~[member thereof]~~ *Legislator* or while attending a meeting for which leave is required pursuant to subsection 3.

2. The presence in a general contract between employer and employees or their representative of any provision which violates subsection 1 does not affect the validity of any other and separable provision.

3. ~~[Any]~~ *If any* private employer who has more than 50 employees or any public employer ~~[who]~~ employs a person who is a ~~[member of the Legislature]~~ *Legislator, the employer* shall grant leave to the employee, with or without pay at the discretion of the employer, for the employee's attendance during the legislative interim at a:

(a) Meeting of the Legislative Commission of which the employee is a member or a subcommittee of the Legislative Commission of which the employee is a member;

(b) Meeting of the Interim Finance Committee of which the employee is a member or other legislative committee or subcommittee created by statute of which the employee is a member;

(c) Meeting of an interim committee which conducts a study or investigation pursuant to NRS 218E.200 of which the employee is a



member or any other committee established by the Legislature which conducts an interim legislative study of which the employee is a member; or

(d) Meeting of a committee, other than a legislative committee, if the employee is a member of the committee in the employee's official capacity as a Legislator.

Sec. 40. NRS 218A.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.310 1. No employer, labor organization or employee association which maintains or administers a private pension plan for the benefit of its employees or members may consider or treat any time spent by an employee or member as a ~~{member of the Legislature}~~ *Legislator* as a break in service for any purpose of that plan.

2. If a private pension plan requires that an employee work a certain number of hours in a year to qualify under the plan, that number must be reduced for a year in which the employee ~~{is a member of the Legislature}~~ *serves as a Legislator* during a ~~{legislative}~~ *regular or special* session. The reduction must be by a number of hours which bears the same relationship to the required number of hours as the number of days in the ~~{legislative}~~ *regular or special* session bears to the number of days in the year.

Sec. 41. NRS 218A.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.400 1. Before ~~{the meeting of}~~ the Assembly ~~{of}~~ *meets* for each *regular* session, ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ the Secretary of State shall make out a roll from the returns on file in the Secretary of State's office of the persons who received the highest number of votes ~~{for the offices of Assemblyman, Assemblywoman and State Senator}~~ *to be elected to office as members of the Assembly* in each district in the *general* election. The members whose names appear upon the roll must be allowed to participate in the organization of the Assembly.

2. On the first day of each *regular* session ~~{of the Legislature at 12 m.,}~~ *at a time that is appropriate for that regular session*, the Secretary of State shall call the Assembly to order ~~{,}~~ and shall preside over the Assembly until a presiding officer ~~{shall be}~~ *is* elected.

3. *If a special session is convened between the date of the general election and the date of the next regular session, the Assembly must be organized for the special session according to the procedure set forth in this section, except that on the first day of the special session, the Secretary of State shall call the Assembly to order at a time that is appropriate for that special session.*



Sec. 42. NRS 218A.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.410 The Senate and *the* Assembly may invite ministers of the different religious denominations to officiate alternately as chaplains of their respective Houses at a compensation ~~[to be]~~ fixed by concurrent resolution ~~. [of the Senate and the Assembly.]~~

Sec. 43. NRS 218A.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.440 ~~[No subpoena issued by an]~~ *An* administrative body ~~[pursuant to law and directed]~~ *may not issue a subpoena to compel* a ~~[member of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.]~~ *Legislator* or *the* President of the Senate, as a witness, ~~[shall command such member or president]~~ to attend and give testimony or *to produce any relevant material, including, without limitation,* books, papers, documents ~~[or]~~, *records, photographs, recordings, reports and tangible [things designated therein during any legislative] objects, during a regular or special* session.

Sec. 44. NRS 218A.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.500 Whenever the government is administered by the Lieutenant Governor, or whenever the Lieutenant Governor ~~[shall be unable to attend]~~ *is not acting* as *the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or another appropriate member of the Senate as prescribed by its rules* shall ~~[elect one of its members as President for that occasion.]~~ *serve as the presiding officer of the Senate.*

Sec. 45. NRS 218A.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.510 *1.* The number of officers and employees of the Senate must be determined by each *regular and special* session of the Senate as recommended by the senate committee which has jurisdiction of issues relating to legislative functions.

2. The committee shall recommend by resolution the appointment of all Senate employees authorized by law other than the Secretary of the Senate.

Sec. 46. NRS 218A.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.520 *1.* The Secretary of the Senate ~~[shall]~~ *must* be elected as an officer by the ~~[members of the]~~ Senate.

2. The Secretary of the Senate shall assign the duties of the Senate employees.

Sec. 47. NRS 218A.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.540 *1.* The number of officers and employees of the Assembly must be determined by each *regular and special* session of the Assembly as recommended by the assembly committee which has jurisdiction of issues relating to legislative functions.



2. The committee shall recommend by resolution the appointment of all Assembly employees authorized by law other than the Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Sec. 48. NRS 218A.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.550 1. The Chief Clerk of the Assembly ~~[shall]~~ *must* be elected as an officer by the ~~[members of the]~~ Assembly.

2. The Chief Clerk shall assign the duties of the Assembly employees.

Sec. 49. NRS 218A.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.600 1. The compensation of the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly must be provided for in the budget for the Legislature for the ensuing biennium. The compensation must include an annual salary payable on a biweekly basis. The salary must not be increased during the biennium unless otherwise provided by a legislative act.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly are subject to the same requirements of and entitled to the same benefits and rights as specified for employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. For the purposes of this subsection, references in the statutes and in the rules and policies of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to the chief of a division or the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ must be replaced by:

(a) The Majority Leader of the Senate in the case of the Secretary of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the Assembly in the case of the Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly are not employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Sec. 50. NRS 218A.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.605 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, ~~[there must be paid to]~~ the employees of the Senate and *the* Assembly ~~[]~~ *must be paid*, for all services rendered by them under the provisions of this chapter, the following base amounts of money for each day's employment:

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Chief Clerk	\$111
Document Clerk	105
History Clerk	105
Journal Clerk	105
Media Clerk	105
Recording Clerk	105



Sergeant at Arms	\$105
Deputy/Senior Sergeant at Arms.....	90
Assistant Sergeant at Arms	84
Senior Page.....	77
Page/Student.....	61
Clerical Services Administrator/Supervisor of Clerical Services	111
Executive Assistant	103
Executive Secretary.....	98
Leadership Receptionist.....	90
Senior Secretary	90
Secretary.....	84
Senior Committee Manager	103
Committee Manager.....	98
Lead Committee Secretary.....	103
Secretary for Senate Committee on Finance or Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	101
Senior Committee Secretary	98
Committee Secretary.....	90
Senior Proofreader	98
Proofreader.....	90
Committee Minutes Coordinator.....	98
Data Entry Technician.....	82
Word Processing Clerk	69
Reproduction Services Supervisor	90
Bill Services Administrator/Supervisor of Bill Services	82
Assistant Bill Services Administrator/Supervisor of Bill Services	75
Bill Services Clerk	61

2. In addition to the positions listed in subsection 1, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly may establish additional positions as necessary and shall establish an appropriate base amount for those additional positions.

3. The base amount paid to an employee of the Legislature listed in subsection 1 or created pursuant to subsection 2:

(a) Must be increased cumulatively by each cost of living increase granted to employees in the classified service of the State that becomes effective on or after July 1, 2001; and

(b) May be increased cumulatively by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, as applicable, by:

(1) One step of 5 percent for each regular ~~legislative~~ session during which the employee previously worked for the



Legislature in the same or a similar position, not to exceed the number of steps in the State's compensation schedule per position, if the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly determined that the employee performed his or her duties in a satisfactory manner during the previous *regular* session or sessions; or

(2) One or more steps of 5 percent, not to exceed the number of steps in the State's compensation schedule per position, as determined by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, based upon previous service with the Legislative Counsel Bureau in a position that is similar to the position with the Senate or *the* Assembly, as applicable.

4. If an employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau transfers to a position with the Senate or *the* Assembly during a *regular or special* session, the employee may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, continue to be paid on an hourly basis at the same rate that the employee was being paid by the Legislative Counsel Bureau if the position with the Legislative Counsel Bureau is similar to the position with the Senate or *the* Assembly, as applicable.

5. During periods of adjournment to a day certain, employees of the Legislature whose service is required shall perform duties as assigned and are entitled to be paid the amount specified in subsection 1 for each day of service, as adjusted pursuant to subsection 3, if applicable.

6. During periods before the commencement of a *regular or special* session and after the adjournment of a *regular or special* session sine die, employees of the Legislature whose service is required shall perform duties as assigned and are entitled to be paid at an hourly rate commensurate with the daily rate specified in subsection 1, as applicable, and are entitled to be compensated for overtime in the same manner as provided for employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Sec. 51. NRS 218A.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:
218A.630 1. Each ~~[Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman]~~ *Legislator* is entitled to receive as compensation \$130 per day for each day of service:

(a) During any regular session, for the number of days the Legislature is in *that regular* session, or in adjournment for not more than 3 days, or the maximum number of days for which compensation for a regular session is permitted by the Constitution, whichever is smaller; and



(b) During any special session, for the number of days the Legislature is in *that special* session or the maximum number of days for which compensation for a special session is permitted by the Constitution, whichever is smaller.

2. On the first day of each term of a ~~{Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman}~~ *Legislator* beginning on or after November 8, 2006, the compensation of the office of the ~~{Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman}~~ *Legislator* must be increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State during the immediately preceding term of that office.

Sec. 52. NRS 218A.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.635 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 4, ~~{each Senator, Assemblywoman and Assemblyman}~~ *for each day or portion of a day during which a Legislator attends a presession orientation conference or a conference, meeting, seminar or other gathering at which the Legislator officially represents the State of Nevada or its Legislature, the Legislator* is entitled to receive ~~{the}~~ :

(a) *The* compensation provided for a majority of the ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding *regular* session ~~{, and the}~~ ;

(b) *The* per diem allowance *provided for state officers and employees generally*; and

(c) *The* travel expenses provided ~~{by law, for each day of attendance at a presession orientation conference or at a conference, meeting, seminar or other gathering at which the Legislator officially represents the State of Nevada or its Legislature.}~~ *pursuant to NRS 218A.655.*

2. A nonreturning Legislator must not be paid the compensation or per diem allowance and travel expenses provided in subsection 1 for attendance at a conference, meeting, seminar or other gathering unless:

(a) It is conducted by a statutory committee or a *legislative* committee ~~{of the Legislature}~~ and the Legislator is a member of that committee; or

(b) The Majority Leader of the Senate or Speaker of the Assembly designates the Legislator to attend because of the Legislator's knowledge or expertise.

3. For the purposes of this section, "nonreturning Legislator" means a Legislator who, in the year that the Legislator's term of office expires:



(a) Has not filed a declaration or an acceptance of candidacy within the time allowed for filing for election as a ~~{Senator, Assemblywoman or Assemblyman;}~~ *member of the Senate or the Assembly;*

(b) Has failed to win nomination as a candidate for the Senate or the Assembly at the primary election; or

(c) Has withdrawn as a candidate for the Senate or the Assembly.

4. This section does not apply:

(a) During a regular or special session ; ~~{of the Legislature;}~~ or

(b) To any ~~{Senator, Assemblywoman or Assemblyman}~~ *Legislator* who is otherwise entitled to receive a salary and the per diem allowance and travel expenses.

Sec. 53. NRS 218A.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.640 A Legislator who attends and is compensated for attending a:

1. ~~{Session}~~ *Regular or special session* or presession orientation conference of the Legislature;

2. Meeting of an interim legislative committee; or

3. Meeting of the Legislative Commission or ~~{its}~~ *the* Audit Subcommittee,

→ is not entitled to receive an additional day's salary or compensation for any other such meeting or conference the Legislator attends in that day.

Sec. 54. NRS 218A.645 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.645 1. The per diem ~~{expense}~~ allowance and the travel and telephone expenses of ~~{Senators, Assemblymen and Assemblywomen}~~ *Legislators* elected or appointed and in attendance at any *regular or special* session or presession orientation conference of the Legislature must be allowed in the manner set forth in this section.

2. For initial travel from the Legislator's home to Carson City, Nevada, to attend a *regular or special* session or presession orientation conference of the Legislature, and for return travel from Carson City, Nevada, to the Legislator's home upon adjournment sine die of a *regular or special* session or termination of a presession orientation conference of the Legislature, each ~~{Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman}~~ *Legislator* is entitled to receive:

(a) A per diem expense allowance, not to exceed the maximum rate established by the Federal Government for the Carson City area, for 1 day's travel to and 1 day's travel from the *regular or special* session or conference.



(b) Travel expenses.

3. In addition to the per diem and travel expenses authorized by subsection 2, each ~~Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman~~ **Legislator** is entitled to receive a supplemental allowance which must not exceed:

(a) A total of \$10,000 during each regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ for:

(1) The Legislator's actual expenses in moving to and from Carson City for the **regular** session;

(2) Travel to and from the Legislator's home or temporary residence or for traveling to and from legislative committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings or for individual travel within the State which relates to legislative business;

(3) If the Legislator rents furniture for the Legislator's temporary residence rather than moving similar furniture from the Legislator's home, the cost of renting that furniture not to exceed the amount that it would have cost to move the furniture to and from the Legislator's home; and

(4) If:

(I) The Legislator's home is more than 50 miles from Carson City; and

(II) The Legislator maintains temporary quarters in or near Carson City for which the Legislator has entered into a lease or other agreement for occupancy during a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session, ➔ the cost of such additional housing, paid at the end of each month during the ~~[legislative]~~ **regular** session, beginning the month of the first day of the ~~[legislative]~~ **regular** session and ending the month of the adjournment sine die of the ~~[legislative]~~ **regular** session, in an amount that is the fair market rent for a one bedroom unit in Carson City as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development prorated for the number of days of the month that the Legislator actually maintained the temporary quarters in or near Carson City. For the purposes of this subparagraph, any day before the first day of the ~~[legislative]~~ **regular** session or after the day of the adjournment sine die of the ~~[legislative]~~ **regular** session may not be counted as a day for which the Legislator actually maintained such temporary quarters; and

(b) A total of \$1,200 during each special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ for travel to and from the Legislator's home or temporary residence or for traveling to and from legislative committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings or for individual travel within the State which relates to legislative business.



4. Each ~~[Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman]~~ **Legislator** is entitled to receive a per diem expense allowance, not to exceed the maximum rate established by the Federal Government for the Carson City area ~~[, for]~~ :

(a) **For** each day that the Legislature is in **regular or special** session or in a pre-session orientation conference ; and ~~[for]~~

(b) **For** each day that the Legislator attends a meeting of a standing committee of which the Legislator is a member when the Legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days.

5. Each ~~[Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman]~~ **Legislator** who maintains temporary quarters in or near Carson City for which the Legislator has entered into a lease or other agreement for continuous occupancy for the duration of a ~~[legislative]~~ **regular or special** session is entitled to receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance which the Legislative Commission designates by rule as being allocated to lodging, for not more than 14 days in each period in which:

(a) The Legislature has adjourned until a time certain; and

(b) The ~~[Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman]~~ **Legislator** is not entitled to a per diem ~~[expense]~~ allowance pursuant to subsection 4.

6. In addition to the per diem ~~[expense]~~ allowance authorized by subsection 4 and the lodging allowance authorized by subsection 5, each ~~[Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman]~~ **Legislator** who maintains temporary quarters in or near Carson City for which the Legislator has entered into a lease or other agreement for continuous occupancy for the duration of a ~~[legislative]~~ **regular or special** session is entitled to receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance which the Legislative Commission designates by rule as being allocated to lodging, for not more than 17 days in each period in which:

(a) The Legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days; and

(b) The ~~[Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman]~~ **Legislator** must obtain temporary lodging in a location that a standing committee of which the Legislator is a member is meeting.

7. Each ~~[Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman]~~ **Legislator** is entitled to receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance which the Legislative Commission designates by rule as being allocated to lodging, for not more than 6 days in each period in which:

(a) The Legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days; and



(b) The ~~{Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman}~~ **Legislator** must obtain temporary lodging in a location that a standing committee of which the Legislator is a member is meeting.

↳ if the ~~{Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman}~~ **Legislator** is not entitled to the per diem ~~{expense}~~ allowance authorized by subsection 4 or the lodging allowances authorized by subsections 5 and 6.

8. Each ~~{Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman}~~ **Legislator** is entitled to receive a telephone allowance of ~~{not}~~ :

(a) **Not** more than \$2,800 for the payment of tolls and charges incurred by the Legislator in the performance of official business during each regular session ; ~~{of the Legislature}~~ and ~~{not}~~

(b) **Not** more than \$300 during each special session . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~

9. An employee of the Legislature assigned to serve a standing committee is entitled to receive the travel expenses and per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally if the employee is required to attend a hearing of the committee outside Carson City.

10. Claims for per diem expense allowances authorized by subsection 4 and lodging allowances authorized by subsections 5, 6 and 7 must be paid once each week during a ~~{legislative}~~ **regular or special** session and upon completion of a presession orientation conference.

11. A claim for travel expenses authorized by subsection 2 or 3 must not be paid unless the ~~{Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman}~~ **Legislator** submits a signed statement affirming:

(a) The date of the travel; and

(b) The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by private conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by private conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other evidence of the expenditure.

12. Travel expenses authorized by subsections 2 and 3 are limited to:

(a) If the travel is by private conveyance, a rate equal to the standard mileage reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the purposes of federal income tax. If two or more Legislators travel in the same private conveyance, the Legislator who provided or arranged for providing the transportation is presumed entitled to reimbursement.

(b) If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual amount expended.



↳ Transportation must be by the most economical means, considering total cost, time spent in transit and the availability of state-owned automobiles.

Sec. 55. NRS 218A.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.650 1. During a regular session , ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ any Legislator may apply for advance money for travel expenses, not to exceed in the aggregate the total amount of travel expenses to which the Legislator is entitled under NRS 218A.645 for a regular session, by filing a request with ~~[the]~~ :

(a) *The* Majority Leader of the Senate if a ~~[Senator,]~~ *member of the Senate;* or ~~[the]~~

(b) *The* Speaker of the Assembly if ~~[an Assemblywoman or Assemblyman,]~~ *a member of the Assembly.*

2. The Majority Leader or the Speaker may disapprove a request for advance money for travel. If the Majority Leader or the Speaker approves the request, the Majority Leader or the Speaker shall forward a copy of the request and the approval to the Chief of the Administrative Division . ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.]~~

3. Upon receiving a copy of the request and the approval from the Majority Leader or the Speaker, the Chief of the Administrative Division shall issue a check drawn upon the checking account of the Legislative Counsel Bureau maintained pursuant to NRS 218F.230 for the amount of the advance requested.

Sec. 56. NRS 218A.655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.655 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218A.645, each ~~[Senator, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman]~~ *Legislator* is entitled to receive an allowance for travel in the transaction of legislative business authorized by specific statute or the Legislative Commission, whether within or outside of the municipality or other area in which the Legislator's principal office is located. Transportation must be by the most economical means, considering total cost, time spent in transit and the availability of state-owned automobiles. The allowance is:

(a) If the travel is by private conveyance, the standard mileage reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the purposes of federal income tax.

(b) If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual amount expended.

2. Claims for expenses made pursuant to this section must be paid from the Legislative Fund unless otherwise provided by specific statute. A claim for travel expenses must not be paid unless the ~~[Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman]~~ *Legislator* submits a signed statement affirming:



- (a) The date of travel; and
- (b) The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by private conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by private conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other evidence of the expenditure.

Sec. 57. NRS 218A.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.660 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 218A.655, each ~~{Senator, Assemblywoman and Assemblyman}~~ **Legislator** is entitled to receive, during the legislative interim, an allowance for travel within the State to participate in a meeting of a legislative committee or subcommittee of which the Legislator is not a member or with an officer, employee, agency, board, bureau, commission, department, division, district or other unit of federal, state or local government or any other public entity regarding an issue relating to the State.

2. The allowance for travel payable pursuant to this section applies only to trips whose one-way distance is 50 miles or more or whose round-trip distance is 100 miles or more.

3. The maximum allowance for travel payable to each ~~{Senator, Assemblywoman and Assemblyman}~~ **Legislator** pursuant to this section during a legislative interim is \$3,000, except that no allowance for travel pursuant to this section is payable to a ~~{Senator, Assemblywoman or Assemblyman}~~ **Legislator** for travel that occurs during the legislative interim at any time after the date on which the ~~{Senator, Assemblywoman or Assemblyman}~~ **Legislator** has filed a declaration or an acceptance of candidacy for an elective office and remains a candidate for that office.

4. Transportation must be by the most economical means, considering total cost and time spent in transit. The allowance is:

(a) If the travel is by private conveyance, the standard mileage reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the purposes of federal income tax.

(b) If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual amount expended.

5. Claims made pursuant to this section must be paid from the Legislative Fund unless otherwise provided by specific statute. A claim must not be paid unless the ~~{Senator, Assemblywoman or Assemblyman}~~ **Legislator** submits a signed statement affirming:

- (a) The date of travel;
- (b) The purpose of the travel and of the participant's attendance; and
- (c) The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by private conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by



private conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other evidence of the expenditure.

Sec. 58. NRS 218A.665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.665 1. Each of the following officers of the Houses ~~[of the Legislature]~~ is entitled to an allowance of not more than \$900 for each regular session and \$64 for each special session for the payment of postage, telephone tolls and other communication charges incurred by the officer in the performance of the officer's duties:

- (a) The President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (b) The Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly.
- (c) The Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader of each House.
- (d) The chair of each standing committee of each House, except that any chair who would otherwise qualify for more than one allowance is entitled only to one allowance.

2. All allowances made pursuant to this section must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 59. NRS 218A.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.670 1. At each regular session, ~~[of the Legislature]~~ each Legislator is entitled to receive at the expense of the Legislative Fund:

- (a) Not to exceed 2,000 letterheads, 8 1/2 inches x 11 inches, and 2,000 half size, or 4,000 of either variety;
- (b) Not to exceed 2,000 No. 10 envelopes and 2,000 No. 6 3/4 envelopes, or 4,000 of either variety; and
- (c) Not to exceed 2,000 business cards and 1,000 memorandum sheets, 500 each of the small and large type or 1,000 of either type.

2. Each female member of the Assembly is entitled to have the word "Assemblywoman" precede the inscription of her name on her official stationery and business cards.

3. All orders for the printing specified in subsection 1 must be placed by Legislators with the Director, ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ who shall approve those claims which comply with the provisions of this section and shall pay the claims from the Legislative Fund.

4. A Legislator may purchase official stationery, cards and other material appropriate to the Legislator's official duties in excess of that specified in subsection 1 at the Legislator's own expense and may purchase stationery, cards or other material for use after the Legislator leaves office if the stationery, cards or other material clearly identifies the person as a former Legislator or retired Legislator.



Sec. 60. NRS 218A.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.900 1. The Legislature finds as a fact that the complexities of contemporary civilization and government require the Legislature, in the discharge of its constitutional function, to delegate separately to ~~{standing and special}~~ committees and to the Legislative Commission the finding of essential facts and the preliminary consideration of legislation, and that these subordinate bodies are, therefore, an integral part of the Legislature.

2. As used in NRS ~~{218A.905,}~~ *218A.900 to 218A.940, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires*, “Legislature” means ~~{the}~~ :

(a) *The* Legislature ~~{of the State of Nevada,}~~ *or* either House ~~{thereof, any}~~ ;

(b) *Any* committee of either House ~~{or}~~ ;

(c) *Any* joint committee ~~{of the Legislature, or any}~~ *of both Houses; or*

(d) *Any other* committee or commission created *or authorized* by the Legislature to perform legislative functions at the direction of the Legislature.

↪ *The term includes, without limitation, a subcommittee.*

Sec. 61. NRS 218A.905 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.905 ~~{Every}~~ *A* person who, without legal authority, willfully does any of the following acts, alone or in concert with another, interferes with the legislative process:

1. Prevents or attempts to prevent the Legislature from conducting meetings.

2. Disturbs, disrupts or interferes with, or attempts to disturb, disrupt or interfere with, a meeting of ~~{the Legislature, any of its committees or any committee or commission created by the Legislature to perform legislative functions at the direction of}~~ the Legislature.

3. Withholds, defaces, alters or destroys any official document or record of the Legislature, which conduct interferes with the functioning of the Legislature.

4. Withholds, defaces, alters or destroys any property owned or used by the Legislature.

5. Remains in the legislative chamber, Legislative Building , ~~{in Carson City,}~~ or any part thereof, or any ~~{room in which}~~ *other place where* the Legislature is conducting its business, after being advised that the law or rule of the Legislature requires persons to leave after being asked to do so, and being asked to leave.

6. Prevents or attempts to prevent any ~~{member of the Legislature,}~~ *Legislator* or officer or employee ~~{thereof,}~~ *of the*



Legislative Department from performing that person's official duties.

7. Coerces or attempts to coerce any ~~{member of the Legislature,}~~ *Legislator* or officer or employee ~~{thereof,}~~ *of the Legislative Department* to perform any act under color of office, by any unlawful means, threats of violence, fraud or intimidation.

8. Possesses any firearm, explosive, dangerous device or deadly weapon in the Legislative Building or any other place where the Legislature is conducting its business.

Sec. 62. NRS 218A.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.910 A person who interferes with the legislative process in the presence of either House ~~{of the Legislature}~~ may be summarily taken into custody by the Sergeant at Arms until:

1. A complaint has been filed and an arrest made by a peace officer for the violation of NRS 218A.915; or

2. A citation for contempt has been served pursuant to NRS 218A.925.

Sec. 63. NRS 218A.920 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.920 1. If the presiding officer of either House ~~{of the Legislature}~~ has reasonable grounds to believe that any person is interfering with the legislative process, or is about to do so, the presiding officer of either House on behalf of the Legislature may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order directing the person to cease and desist from such interference or restraining the person ~~{or persons}~~ from such interference in the future.

2. The petition ~~{shall}~~ *must* be verified and ~~{shall}~~ *must* set forth the facts upon which it is based. Either House may, by rule, empower the presiding officer ~~{thereof}~~ *of the House* to designate one or more members or officers of ~~{such}~~ *the* House to make the petition on behalf of the presiding officer. Any such designation ~~{shall}~~ *must* be filed with the clerk of ~~{such}~~ *the* House and, if a petition is made by any person named in ~~{such}~~ *the* designation, a copy of ~~{such}~~ *the* designation ~~{shall}~~ *must* be submitted to the court together with the petition.

3. If a court to which ~~{such a}~~ *the* petition is presented is satisfied that the petition sets forth a prima facie case for the granting of the relief requested and that irreparable damage may occur unless the relief is granted, the court may ~~{forthwith}~~ grant a temporary injunction granting the relief requested, in whole or in part, pending the ultimate determination of the matter after due notice and hearing. A copy of ~~{such}~~ *the* temporary order and of the petition upon which it is based, together with notice of the date and place of a hearing to be held ~~{thereon, shall}~~ *on the matter, must* be



given to *each* such ~~{persons}~~ *person* within the time and in the manner as the court ~~{shall direct.}~~ *directs*.

4. A temporary injunction and any preliminary or permanent injunction which ~~{thereafter}~~ may be granted on the petition following a hearing ~~{thereon}~~ *on the matter* is enforceable by contempt proceedings, or other enforcement proceedings, in the same manner as other orders of ~~{such}~~ *the* court.

5. Except as otherwise provided, all the provisions of law applicable to the granting of injunctive relief by the court to which a petition ~~{hereunder}~~ is presented apply to proceedings instituted under this section.

Sec. 64. NRS 218A.925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.925 1. Either House ~~{of the Legislature}~~ may imprison for contempt any person who interferes with the legislative process while the Legislature is in *a regular or special* session. Such imprisonment ~~{shall}~~ *must* not extend beyond the final adjournment of the *regular or special* session.

2. If the contempt is committed before the House, any member *of the House* may offer a resolution that the alleged offender be cited for contempt. If the resolution is adopted ~~{a citation shall issue.}~~ *by the House, the House shall issue a citation.*

3. If the contempt is committed before a committee of the House or a joint committee or commission which includes members of the House, during a ~~{legislative}~~ *regular or special* session, ~~{a resolution to cite for contempt may be offered by}~~ any member of the House who is a member of the committee or commission ~~{}~~ *may offer a resolution that the alleged offender be cited for contempt*, but only if the resolution is first approved by a majority vote of the committee or commission. ~~{A citation shall then issue if}~~ *If* the resolution is adopted by the House ~~{}~~ *, the House shall issue a citation.*

4. The citation ~~{shall}~~ *must* be served personally on each offender named in the resolution ~~{, and shall}~~ *and must* contain:

(a) A statement of the terms or substance of the offense or offenses which caused the citation to be issued; and

(b) A statement of the time and place of the hearing before the House.

5. The citation may be served by any peace officer or by the Sergeant at Arms or any regularly appointed ~~{assistants of the}~~ *Assistant* Sergeant at Arms ~~{}~~ *of the House.*



Sec. 65. NRS 218A.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.930 1. The time and place *stated in the citation* for *the* hearing ~~{shall allow}~~ *must afford* the alleged offender *a* reasonable opportunity to prepare an appropriate defense.

2. The alleged offender is entitled at the hearing:

(a) To the assistance of counsel.

(b) To present witnesses *and offer evidence* on ~~{his or her}~~ *the offender's* behalf.

(c) To argue orally in person or by counsel, within such reasonable limits as may be imposed by the presiding officer of the House, and to submit written arguments.

Sec. 66. NRS 218A.935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.935 1. If the *House finds by resolution that the* alleged offender ~~{is found to be in contempt by a resolution of the House, a warrant}~~ *has in fact committed a contempt, the House* shall issue ~~{a warrant for the arrest of the offender.}~~

2. *A warrant issued for the arrest of the offender pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

(a) *Be* signed by the presiding officer ~~{, directing}~~ ;

(b) *Be directed to the Sergeant at Arms or any regularly appointed Assistant Sergeant at Arms of the House or any* ~~{or a specified}~~ peace officer ~~{:~~

~~—(a) To}~~ ; and

(c) *Order the Sergeant at Arms, Assistant Sergeant at Arms or peace officer to* arrest the offender , if the offender is not already in custody ~~{, and~~

~~—(b) To}~~ , *and* deliver the offender to the Sheriff of Carson City or a designated county for ~~{confinement.}~~

~~{2. The}~~ *imprisonment in the jail.*

3. *A copy of the* warrant ~~{shall}~~ *must* be delivered with the offender to the designated sheriff ~~{,}~~ and ~~{shall}~~ *must* fix the term of imprisonment as:

(a) The *remaining* duration of the ~~{legislative}~~ *regular or special* session; or

(b) A specified term, unless the Legislature ~~{sooner finally adjourns.}~~ *adjourns sine die before the completion of that term.*

Sec. 67. NRS 218A.950 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.950 1. A person ~~{who fraudulently alters}~~ *shall not fraudulently alter* the draft of any ~~{bill or resolution}~~ *legislative measure* which has been presented for enactment or adoption to either House ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ with the intent to procure its enactment or adoption by either House in language different from that intended by the House . ~~{}~~



2. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

Sec. 68. NRS 218A.955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.955 *1. A person ~~{who fraudulently alters}~~ shall not fraudulently alter* the enrolled copy of any ~~{bill or resolution}~~ *legislative measure* which has been passed or adopted by the Legislature ~~{}~~ with the intent to procure it to be approved by the Governor, ~~{or}~~ certified by the Secretary of State ~~{}~~ or printed or published by the State Printer in language different from that in which it was passed or adopted by the Legislature. ~~{}~~

2. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

Sec. 69. NRS 218A.960 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.960 *1. A person ~~{who gives, offers or promises,}~~ shall not give, offer or promise,* directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity or reward to a ~~{member of the Legislature, or attempts,}~~ *Legislator, or attempt,* directly or indirectly, by menace, deceit, suppression of truth or other corrupt means, to influence the ~~{member}~~ *Legislator* to give or withhold ~~{his or her}~~ *the Legislator's* vote or to be absent from the House of which the Legislator is a member or from any committee ~~{thereof,}~~ *of the Legislature.*

2. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

Sec. 70. NRS 218A.965 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.965 *1. A ~~{member of either House of the Legislature of the State who asks or receives,}~~ Legislator shall not ask for or receive,* directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity or reward, or any promise thereof, upon an agreement or understanding that the Legislator's official vote, opinion, judgment or action will be influenced thereby, or will be given in any particular manner, or upon any particular side of any question or matter upon which the Legislator may be required to act in the Legislator's official capacity. ~~{}~~

2. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.



Sec. 71. NRS 218A.970 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.970 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, ~~{it is unlawful for any member of the Legislature to:}~~ *a Legislator shall not:*

(a) Become a named contractor or named subcontractor under any contract or order for supplies or any other kind of contract paid for in whole or in part by money appropriated by the Legislature of which that Legislator is a member for the State or any of its departments, or the Legislature or either ~~{of its Houses,}~~ *House*, or to be interested, directly or indirectly, as principal, in any kind of contract so paid.

(b) Be interested in any contract made by the Legislature of which that Legislator is a member, or be a purchaser or interested in any purchase or sale made by the Legislature of which that Legislator is a member.

2. ~~{Any member of the Legislature}~~ *A Legislator* may:

(a) Sell or enter into a contract to sell, to the State or any of its departments, any item, commodity, service or capital improvement ~~{}~~ if:

(1) The sources of supply for the item, commodity, service or capital improvement are limited;

(2) The contracting process is controlled by rules of open competitive bidding;

(3) The Legislator has not taken part in developing the plans or specifications for the sale or contract; and

(4) The Legislator will not be personally involved in opening, considering or accepting any bids for the sale or contract.

(b) If the Legislator is not named in a contract, receive, as direct salary or wages, compensation for which the original source was a legislative appropriation to any governmental entity or a private entity not owned or controlled by the Legislator.

(c) Receive, for services as an instructor or teacher from any county school district or the Nevada System of Higher Education, compensation for which the original source was a legislative appropriation to any governmental entity or a private entity not owned or controlled by the Legislator.

3. Any contract made in violation of subsection 1 may be declared void at the instance of the State or of any other person interested in the contract except the ~~{member of the Legislature}~~ *Legislator* prohibited ~~{in}~~ *by* subsection 1 from making or being interested in the contract.



4. ~~[Any person violating subsection 1]~~ *A person who violates any provision of this section* is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and forfeits the person's office.

Sec. 72. NRS 218A.975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.975 1. After *a person who is* a Legislator leaves office and a successor has been elected or appointed, ~~[it is unlawful for any Legislator to:]~~ *the person shall not:*

(a) Use any official stationery or business card acquired pursuant to NRS 218A.670, unless the stationery or business card clearly identifies the person as a former Legislator or retired Legislator;

(b) Maintain deliberately a listing in any directory, published after that date, which in any manner indicates that the person is presently a Legislator; or

(c) Except as otherwise provided in a special act, use on the person's vehicle a special legislative license plate furnished pursuant to NRS 482.374.

2. ~~[Any]~~ *A person who violates any provision of this section* is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 73. NRS 218B.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218B.050 "Census voting district" means the voting district:

1. Based on the geographic and population data bases compiled by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce as validated and incorporated into the geographic information system by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for use by the ~~[Nevada]~~ Legislature; and

2. Designated in the maps filed with the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 218B.180.

Sec. 74. NRS 218B.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218B.100 1. The assembly districts described in NRS 218B.600 to 218B.805, inclusive, are hereby created.

2. The senatorial districts described in NRS 218B.300 to 218B.390, inclusive, are hereby created, and the numbers of Senators designated therein are apportioned to each respectively.

3. Each ~~[Senator, Assemblywoman and Assemblyman]~~ *Legislator* must be elected from within the district wherein ~~[he or she]~~ *the Legislator* resides by the registered voters residing in that district.

Sec. 75. NRS 218B.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218B.110 1. Each county clerk and the Carson City Clerk shall, before all elections and pursuant to NRS 293.205, establish the election precincts within the county and Carson City, respectively, in such manner that each election precinct for all



elections at which any ~~[Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman]~~ **Legislator** is to be elected, or nominated for election, is wholly within some one of the legislative districts.

2. The establishment of an election precinct for any such election which lies partly in two or more legislative districts is void.

Sec. 76. NRS 218B.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218B.150 1. If any area of this State is omitted from the provisions of this chapter inadvertently or by virtue of the complexities of the information supplied to the Legislature, the county clerk, the Carson City Clerk or the Director, ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,]~~ upon discovery of the omission, shall notify the Secretary of State of the omission. The Secretary of State shall attach that area to the appropriate assembly district or senatorial district as follows:

(a) If the area is surrounded by an assembly district or senatorial district, the area must be attached to that district.

(b) If the area is contiguous to two or more assembly districts or senatorial districts, the area must be attached to the district that has the least population.

2. Any attachments made pursuant to the provisions of this section must be certified in writing and filed with the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ and with the Secretary of State. No change may be made in any attachments until the Legislature is again reapportioned.

Sec. 77. NRS 218B.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218B.180 The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ shall:

1. Retain in an office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, copies of maps of the legislative districts described in this chapter.

2. Make available copies of the maps to any interested person for a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual costs of producing copies of the maps.

3. File a copy of the maps with the Secretary of State.

Sec. 78. NRS 218C.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218C.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 218C.040 ~~[218C.060]~~ and 218C.080 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 79. NRS 218C.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218C.190 1. At the commencement of each regular session, ~~[of the Legislature]~~ the Board shall submit a report of income and disbursements from the Legislators' Retirement Fund for the



preceding biennium to the Director , ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,}~~ who shall deliver a copy of the report to each Legislator.

2. The report ~~{shall}~~ *must* estimate the amount of an appropriation, if any, required for the payment of benefits in the succeeding biennium.

Sec. 80. NRS 218C.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218C.320 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218C.330 or 286.385 or required as a result of NRS 218C.340, each Legislator must be a member of the Legislators' Retirement System and shall make contributions to the Legislators' Retirement Fund in the amounts and manner provided in this chapter.

2. Within 5 days after the commencement of each regular or special session , ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ each Legislator who is a member of the Legislators' Retirement System and who has not previously filed a beneficiary designation form with the Board shall file with the Board, upon a form provided by the Board, the designation of a beneficiary who is entitled to receive the contributions of the Legislator in case of death before retirement or termination of services as a Legislator and subsequent withdrawal of contributions. If no beneficiary is designated, payment must be made to the estate of the deceased Legislator. Payment may be made directly to the designated beneficiary without probate or administration of the estate of the deceased Legislator.

3. A beneficiary may be changed at any time by written notice given by a Legislator to the Board on a form prescribed by the Board.

Sec. 81. NRS 218C.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218C.330 1. A Legislator may, within 30 days after the Legislator is first elected or appointed to office, elect not to participate as a member of the Legislators' Retirement System by submitting a written notice ~~{thereof}~~ *of the election not to participate* to the Board and the Director . ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,}~~

2. A Legislator may terminate the Legislator's participation as a member of the System by sending written notice ~~{thereof}~~ *of the termination of participation* to the Board and the Director . ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,}~~

3. A Legislator who terminates ~~{the Legislator's}~~ *his or her* participation as a member of the Legislators' Retirement System is not eligible thereafter to participate as a member of the System.

Sec. 82. NRS 218C.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218C.360 1. A Legislator who rendered service as a Legislator prior to July 1, 1967, may receive credit for such service,



if otherwise eligible, through transfer of payments for such service from the Public Employees' Retirement System or by payment to the Legislators' Retirement Fund of the amounts which would have been paid had the Legislators' Retirement System been in operation at the time of such service.

2. ~~[A] The Director shall make a~~ similar payment ~~[shall be made by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ from the Legislative Fund as the employer's share.

Sec. 83. NRS 218C.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218C.370 Except as otherwise required as a result of NRS 218C.340:

1. Any member of the Legislators' Retirement System may purchase all previous creditable service performed in the Legislature if the service was performed before the creation of ~~[this]~~ *the* System. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ must certify the inclusive dates of service of the Legislator to validate the service. The Legislator must pay the Board's actuary for a computation of costs and pay the full cost as determined by the actuary.

2. Any Legislator who is a member of the Legislators' Retirement System may purchase credit for any period of service for which contributions were not paid while the Legislator was receiving temporary total disability benefits for an industrial injury, if the injury was sustained in performance of the Legislator's legislative duties for which contributions were required. The Legislator must pay the Board's actuary for any necessary computation and must also pay the full actuarial costs determined by the actuary.

3. Any Legislator who has 5 years of contributing creditable service may purchase up to 5 years of out-of-state service performed with any federal, state, county or municipal public agency if that service is no longer creditable in another public retirement system. To validate such service, the Legislator must obtain a certification of the inclusive dates of previous service performed with the other public agency, together with certification from that agency that the Legislator's credit is no longer creditable in another public retirement system. Upon application to retire, the Board shall determine whether the purchased service has been reestablished in any other public retirement system. The Legislator must pay the Board's actuary for the computation and pay the full actuarial cost as determined by the actuary. For the purposes of this subsection, the Federal Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance System is not a "public retirement system."



4. Any Legislator who has at least 5 years of contributing creditable service may purchase not more than 5 years of military service regardless of when served if the service is no longer credited in the military retirement system. To validate military service, the Legislator must provide certification of the inclusive dates of active military service performed, pay the Board's actuary for the computation and pay the full actuarial cost as determined by the actuary.

5. Any contributing Legislator may purchase previous service performed for any public employer which is not already credited in the Legislators' Retirement System, including service as an elected officer or a person appointed to an elective office for an unexpired term. The former public employer must certify the inclusive dates of employment and number of hours regularly worked by the Legislator to validate such service. The Legislator must pay the Board's actuary for a computation of cost and pay the full cost as determined by the actuary.

Sec. 84. NRS 218C.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218C.390 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 286.385, the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ shall:

1. Deduct from the compensation of each Legislator who is a member of the Legislators' Retirement System an amount equal to 15 percent of the gross compensation earned as a Legislator and transmit that amount to the Board together with the necessary forms prescribed by the Board at intervals designated by the Board; and

2. Pay to the Board from the Legislative Fund an amount as the contribution of the State of Nevada as employer which is actuarially determined to be sufficient to provide the System with enough money to pay all benefits for which the System will be liable.

Sec. 85. NRS 218D.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.050 1. The Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ shall *not* prepare ~~{and}~~ *or* assist in the preparation ~~{and amendment}~~ of legislative measures ~~{when requested or upon suggestion as provided in NRS 218D.050}~~ *for or during a regular session unless:*

(a) *Authorized by NRS 218D.100 to 218D.215, inclusive [H], another specific statute, a joint rule or a concurrent resolution; or*
(b) *Directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.*

2. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218D.050 to 218D.215, inclusive, the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not prepare or assist in the preparation and amendment of legislative measures directly submitted or requested by a natural person, corporation, firm,~~



~~association or other entity, including an organization that represents governmental agencies, unless the requester, or if the requester is a natural person the office or other position held by the person, is created by the Constitution or laws of this State.~~

~~—3.— The] The Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division shall not prepare or assist in the preparation of legislative measures for or during a special session unless:~~

~~(a) Authorized by a joint rule or concurrent resolution; or~~

~~(b) Directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.~~

3. During a regular or special session, the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division shall ~~[give consideration to and service]~~ provide the Legislature with legal, technical and other appropriate services concerning any legislative measure properly before the Legislature ~~[which is requested by the Governor, the Senate or Assembly.]~~ or any committee of the Legislature ~~[having the measure before it]~~ for consideration.

Sec. 86. NRS 218D.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.100 1. *The provisions of NRS 218D.100 to 218D.215, inclusive, apply to requests for the drafting of legislative measures for a regular session.*

2. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, joint rule or concurrent resolution, ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ the Legislative Counsel shall *not* honor ~~[-~~

~~—(a) The number of requests] a request for the drafting of a [bill or resolution for a regular session of the Legislature only as provided in NRS 218D.050] legislative measure if the request:~~

~~(a) Exceeds the number of requests authorized by NRS 218D.100 to 218D.215, inclusive [-~~

~~—(b) A request for the drafting of a bill or resolution for any session of the Legislature which is], for the requester; or~~

~~(b) Is submitted by [a state agency, board or department, a local government, the judiciary or another] an authorized nonlegislative requester [only if the request] pursuant to NRS 218D.175 to 218D.215, inclusive, but is not in a subject related to the function of the requester.~~

~~[2.-] 3.~~ The Legislative Counsel shall not:

~~(a) Assign a number to a request for the drafting of a [bill or resolution for any session of the Legislature] legislative measure to establish the priority of the request until sufficient detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative measure.~~

~~(b) Honor a request to change the subject matter of a request for the drafting of a [bill or resolution for any session of the~~



~~Legislature]~~ *legislative measure* after it has been submitted for drafting.

(c) Honor a request for the drafting of a ~~[bill or resolution for any session of the Legislature]~~ *legislative measure* which has been combined in violation of Section 17 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution.

Sec. 87. NRS 218D.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.105 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 5, the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not prepare or assist in the preparation of proposed legislation for any agency or officer of the Executive Branch of the State Government or for a county, school district or city before a regular session of the Legislature unless the request is approved by the Governor or a designated member of the Governor's staff, or the governing body of the county, school district or city, and transmitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the convening of the session.~~

~~—2. A request for proposed legislation may be submitted to the Legislative Counsel pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 218D.175 by the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Controller or State Treasurer without the approval of the Governor or a designated member of the Governor's staff.~~

~~—3. After November 1, preceding a legislative session, the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall give full priority to the preparation of proposed legislation requested by members of the Legislature.~~

~~—4. The Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not prepare or assist in the preparation of any proposed legislation during any regular session of the Legislature except as authorized by statute or joint rule of the Legislature.~~

~~—5. The]~~ *Upon a finding that exceptional circumstances so warrant, the* Legislative Commission ~~[]~~ when the Legislature is not in *a regular* session, or a standing committee which has jurisdiction of the subject matter when the Legislature is in *a regular* session, may ~~[, if it finds that exceptional circumstances so warrant, authorize the drafting of legislation requested]~~ *grant a waiver to an authorized nonlegislative requester to submit a request for the drafting of a legislative measure* after the time ~~[limited by subsection 1 of this section and subsection 1 or 3 of]~~ *limits in* NRS 218D.175 ~~[.]~~ *to 218D.215, inclusive.*



2. *The request for the waiver must be submitted in writing to the Legislative Commission or standing committee, as appropriate, explaining the exceptional circumstances.*

Sec. 88. NRS 218D.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.110 1. ~~Upon request, within the limits established pursuant to NRS 218D.050 to 218D.215, inclusive, or by the Legislature by concurrent resolution, the~~ *The* Legislative Counsel shall assist ~~any Legislator~~ *Legislators* in the ~~preparation of bills and resolutions,~~ *drafting of the legislative measures which they are authorized to request, including, without limitation,* drafting them in proper form ~~;~~ and furnishing the ~~Legislator~~ *Legislators* with the fullest information upon all matters within the scope of the Legislative Counsel's duties.

2. The Legislative Counsel shall, insofar as is possible, act upon all Legislators' requests for *the drafting of* legislative measures in the order in which they are received.

3. To assure the greatest possible equity in the handling of *such* requests, drafting must proceed as follows:

(a) If a Legislator so desires, the Legislator may designate a different priority for ~~his or her bills and resolutions~~ *the Legislator's requests* which the Legislative Counsel shall observe, insofar as is possible.

(b) The drafting of requests ~~for legislative measures~~ from chairs or members of standing committees or special committees ~~;~~ *which are made* on behalf of those committees ~~;~~ must not, except where urgency is recognized, take precedence over the priority established or designated for *requests from* individual ~~Legislators' bills and resolutions;~~ *Legislators.*

4. *After November 1 preceding a regular session, the Legislative Counsel shall give full priority to the drafting of requests from Legislators.*

Sec. 89. NRS 218D.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.115 1. ~~Upon request made within the time allowed and limits established pursuant to NRS 218D.050 to 218D.215, inclusive, the~~ *The* Legislative Counsel shall ~~advise any agency or officer of the Executive Branch of the State Government, and any county, school district or city, as to the preparation of~~ *assist authorized nonlegislative requesters in the drafting of the legislative measures* ~~to be submitted to the Legislature,~~ *which they are authorized to request pursuant to NRS 218D.175 to 218D.215, inclusive.*

2. To ensure the greatest possible equity in the handling of *such* requests, drafting must proceed as follows:



(a) Requests ~~{for legislative measures}~~ from each agency or officer of the Executive ~~{Branch of the State Government}~~ *Department* or from a county, school district or city must, insofar as is possible, be acted upon in the order in which they are received, unless a different priority is designated by the requester.

(b) As soon as an agency or officer of the Executive ~~{Branch of the State Government}~~ *Department* has requested 10 legislative measures for ~~{any}~~ *a regular* session, the Legislative Counsel may request the agency or officer to designate the priority for each succeeding request.

~~{(c) Not later than 2 weeks before the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature, any county, school district or city which has requested the preparation of more than one legislative measure for that session shall submit to the Legislative Counsel a list which designates the order of priority for each request.~~

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3. The priority designated pursuant to this ~~{subsection}~~ *section* must guide the Legislative Counsel in acting upon the requests of the respective agencies and officers of the Executive ~~{Branch of the State Government}~~ *Department* and the counties, school districts and cities to ensure each agency and officer, and each county, school district and city, as nearly as is possible, an equal rank.

Sec. 90. NRS 218D.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.130 1. On July 1 preceding each regular session, ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ and each week thereafter until the adjournment of the Legislature sine die, the Legislative Counsel shall prepare a list of all requests received by the Legislative Counsel ~~{,}~~ for the ~~{preparation}~~ *drafting* of legislative measures ~~{to be submitted to the Legislature,}~~ *for the regular session.*

2. *The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall make copies of the list available to the public for a reasonable sum fixed by the Director.*

3. *In preparing the list:*

(a) The requests must be listed numerically by a unique serial number which must be assigned to the *legislative* measures by the Legislative Counsel for the purposes of identification in the order that the Legislative Counsel received the requests.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in ~~{subsections 3 and 4,}~~ *this section*, the list must only contain the name of each requester, the date and a brief summary of the request.

~~{2. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall make copies of the list available to the public for a reasonable sum fixed by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.~~



~~—3. In preparing the list, the Legislative Counsel shall, if a)~~

(c) *If a* standing or special committee of the Legislature requests a *legislative* measure on behalf of a Legislator or organization, *the list must* include ~~[the]~~ :

(1) *The* name of the standing or special committee ; and ~~[the]~~

(2) *The* name of the Legislator or organization on whose behalf the *legislative* measure was originally requested.

4. Upon the request of a Legislator who has requested the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of a *legislative* measure, the Legislative Counsel shall add the name of one or more *other* Legislators from either or both Houses ~~[of the Legislature]~~ as joint requesters ~~[.]~~ *of the legislative measure*. The Legislative Counsel ~~[shall]~~ :

(a) *Shall* not add the name of a joint requester to the list until the Legislative Counsel has received confirmation of the joint request from the primary requester of the *legislative* measure and from the Legislator to be added as a joint requester. ~~[The Legislative Counsel shall]~~

(b) *Shall* remove the name of a joint requester upon receipt of a request to do so made by the primary requester or the joint requester. ~~[The]~~

(c) *Shall cause the* names ~~[must]~~ *to* appear on the list in the order in which the names were received by the Legislative Counsel beginning with the primary requester. ~~[The Legislative Counsel shall]~~

(d) *Shall* not act upon the direction of a joint requester to withdraw the requested *legislative* measure or modify its substance until the Legislative Counsel has received confirmation of the withdrawal or modification from the primary requester.

5. If the primary requester of a *legislative* measure will not be returning to the Legislature for the ~~[legislative]~~ *regular* session in which the *legislative* measure is to be considered ~~[, the]~~ :

(a) *The* primary requester may authorize a Legislator who will be serving during that *regular* session to become the primary sponsor of the *legislative* measure, either individually or as the chair on behalf of a standing committee. ~~[If the]~~

(b) A Legislator who ~~[will be serving during that session]~~ agrees to become or have the committee become the primary sponsor of the *legislative* measure ~~[, that Legislator]~~ shall notify the Legislative Counsel of that fact.

(c) Upon receipt of such notification, the Legislative Counsel shall list the name of that Legislator or the name of the committee as the primary requester of the *legislative* measure on the list.



6. For the purposes of all limitations on the number of legislative measures that may be requested by a Legislator, a legislative measure with joint requesters must only be counted as a request of the primary requester.

Sec. 91. NRS 218D.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.135 1. If a Legislator asks whether a request for ~~{proposed legislation}~~ *a legislative measure* relating to a specific topic has been submitted to the Legislative Counsel for ~~{preparation,}~~ *a regular session*, the Legislative Counsel shall disclose to that Legislator whether such a request has been submitted.

2. Upon receipt of a request for the ~~{preparation}~~ *drafting* of a *legislative* measure ~~{to be submitted to the Legislature}~~ which duplicates or closely resembles a request previously submitted for the same ~~{legislative}~~ *regular* session, the Legislative Counsel shall, to the extent practicable, notify the Legislator or other requester submitting the duplicative request of that fact and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, ask the Legislator or other requester to withdraw the request. If the request is not withdrawn, the Legislative Counsel shall inform the previous requester of the fact that a duplicative request has been made. If the request is submitted by a Legislator on the Legislator's own behalf, and the previous request was submitted by a Legislator who is a member of the other House, ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ the Legislative Counsel shall inform the second requester of the fact that the request is duplicative.

Sec. 92. 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 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 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.}~~

(b) Incumbent member of the Senate may request the drafting of not more than 12 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 10 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 5 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 10 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 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 December 15 preceding ~~{the commencement of the next regular legislative}~~ *that regular* session the drafting of the remaining number of the legislative measures allowed for the respective standing committee that were not requested by the previous chair or designee.

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

Sec. 93. NRS 218D.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

(b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Minority Leader of the Senate may each request before the date of the general election preceding ~~{the commencement of}~~ the next regular



~~[legislative]~~ session, without limitation, the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures for that *regular* session.

(c) A person designated after a general election as the Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Assembly or the Minority Leader of the Senate for the next regular ~~[legislative]~~ session may request before the ~~[commencement of the next regular legislative]~~ *first day of that regular* session the drafting of the remaining number of the legislative measures allowed for the respective officer that were not requested by the previous officer.

2. The Legislative Counsel, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly may request before or during a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session, without limitation, the drafting of as many legislative measures as are necessary or convenient for the proper exercise of their duties.

Sec. 94. NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures before ~~[the commencement of]~~ *the first day of* a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session, with the approval of the *Legislative* Commission, which relate to the affairs of the Legislature or its employees, including *legislative* measures requested by the legislative staff.

2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before ~~[the commencement of a regular legislative]~~ *the first day of a regular* session, with the approval of the Committee, which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

3. Except as otherwise provided by *a* specific statute , *joint rule* or concurrent resolution : ~~[of the Legislature:]~~

(a) Any ~~[other]~~ legislative committee created by *a* statute , *other than an interim legislative committee*, may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the committee.

(b) ~~[An interim committee which conducts a study or investigation]~~ *Any committee or subcommittee established by an order of the Legislative Commission* pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that such a committee *or subcommittee* 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 *or investigation* may request the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study ~~[.]~~ *or investigation*.

↳ ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218E.205, measures]~~ *The requests* 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. 95. NRS 218D.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.175 1. ~~[The]~~ *For a regular session, the* Governor or the Governor's designated representative may ~~[transmit to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular legislative session]~~ *request the drafting of* not more than 100 ~~[requests for the drafting of]~~ legislative measures *which have been approved by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative* on behalf of ~~[state]~~ *the officers, agencies, boards [and], commissions, departments and other units* of the Executive ~~[Branch of the State Government pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 218D.105.] Department. The requests must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.~~

2. The Department of Administration may request on or before the 19th day of ~~[the legislative]~~ *a regular* session, without limitation, the drafting of as many legislative measures as 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 5 legislative measures on or before the 19th day of ~~[the legislative]~~ *a regular* session to propose the Governor's legislative agenda.

3. ~~[The]~~ *For a regular session, the* following constitutional officers may request *, without the approval of the Governor or the Governor's designated representative,* the drafting of not more than the following numbers of legislative measures *, which must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel* on or before September 1 preceding ~~[a regular legislative]~~ *the regular* session:



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

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

Sec. 96. NRS 218D.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.190 1. ~~[The Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall prepare and assist in the preparation of legislative measures at the request of]~~ *For a regular session*, the Supreme Court ~~[if the]~~ *may request the drafting of not more than 10* legislative measures ~~[are transmitted]~~ *which have been approved by the Supreme Court on behalf of the Judicial Department. The requests must be submitted* to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the ~~[commencement of the next]~~ regular session . ~~[of the Legislature. The Supreme Court may transmit to the Legislative Counsel pursuant to this section not more than 10 legislative measures on behalf of the Supreme Court.]~~

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

~~—3.]~~ 2. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The *legislative* measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before December 15 preceding the regular session. A *legislative* measure that is not prefiled on or before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

Sec. 97. NRS 218D.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.205 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4 and 5,]~~ *For a regular session*, each board of county commissioners, board of trustees of a school district and city council may request the ~~[Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare any legislative measure which has been approved]~~ *drafting of not more than the numbers of legislative measures set forth in this section if the requests are:*



(a) *Approved* by the governing body of the county, school district or city at a public hearing before ~~[its]~~ *their* submission to the Legislative Counsel ~~[Bureau.]~~; and

(b) *Submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.*

2. The Legislative Counsel shall notify the requesting county, school district or city if its request substantially duplicates a request previously submitted by another county, school district or city.

3. The board of county commissioners of a county whose population:

(a) Is 400,000 or more ~~[shall not]~~ *may* request the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of *not* more than 4 legislative measures ~~[pursuant to subsection 1]~~ for a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session.

(b) Is 100,000 or more but less than 400,000 ~~[shall not]~~ *may* request the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of *not* more than 2 legislative measures ~~[pursuant to subsection 1]~~ for a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session.

(c) Is less than 100,000 ~~[shall not]~~ *may* request the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of *not* more than 1 legislative measure ~~[pursuant to subsection 1]~~ for a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session.

4. The board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population:

(a) Is 400,000 or more ~~[shall not]~~ *may* request the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of *not* more than 2 legislative measures ~~[pursuant to subsection 1]~~ for a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session.

(b) Is less than 400,000 ~~[shall not]~~ *may* request the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of *not* more than 1 legislative measure ~~[pursuant to subsection 1]~~ for a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session.

5. The city council of a city whose population:

(a) Is 100,000 or more ~~[shall not]~~ *may* request the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of *not* more than 3 legislative measures ~~[pursuant to subsection 1]~~ for a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session.

(b) Is less than 100,000 ~~[shall not]~~ *may* request the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of *not* more than 1 legislative measure ~~[pursuant to subsection 1]~~ for a regular ~~[legislative]~~ session.

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

7. As used in this section, "population" means the current population estimate for that city or county as determined and



published by the Department of Taxation and the demographer employed pursuant to NRS 360.283.

Sec. 98. NRS 218D.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.210 1. ~~[An]~~ *For a regular session, an* association of counties or cities may ~~[directly request the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare no]~~ *request the drafting of not* more than 5 legislative measures . ~~[for a regular legislative session-~~

~~2.- A request for the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant to this section]~~ *The requests* must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the ~~[commencement of a]~~ regular session . ~~[of the Legislature-~~

~~3.]~~ 2. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The *legislative* measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before December 15 preceding the regular session. A *legislative* measure that is not prefiled on or before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

Sec. 99. NRS 218D.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.215 1. ~~[Each]~~ *For a regular session, each* mental health consortium established pursuant to NRS 433B.333 may ~~[directly request the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare]~~ *request the drafting of* not more than ~~[one]~~ 1 legislative measure . ~~[for a regular legislative session-~~

~~2.- A request for the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant to this section]~~ *The request* must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the ~~[commencement of a]~~ regular session . ~~[of the Legislature-~~

~~3.]~~ 2. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The *legislative* measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before December 15 preceding the regular session. A *legislative* measure that is not prefiled on or before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

Sec. 100. NRS 218D.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.250 If a standing or special committee of the Legislature requests the ~~[preparation]~~ *drafting* of a *legislative* measure on behalf of a Legislator or an organization, the *legislative* measure must indicate the name of the standing or special committee and the Legislator or organization on whose behalf the *legislative* measure was originally requested.



Sec. 101. NRS 218D.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.270 If any provision contained in a legislative measure will have the effect of requiring one or more local governments to establish, provide or increase a program or service which is estimated to cost in excess of \$5,000 per local government and a specified source for the additional revenue to pay the expense is not authorized by a specific statute, the face of the *legislative* measure must indicate:

1. That the *legislative* measure contains an unfunded mandate; and
2. Whether the *legislative* measure was requested by or on behalf of one or more of the local governments that will be required by the *legislative* measure to establish, provide or increase the program or service.

Sec. 102. NRS 218D.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.310 1. Before a legal description of land is submitted to the Legislature or the Legislative Counsel Bureau by any state agency or department in connection with a proposed legislative measure for the acquisition or disposition of state lands, the State Land Registrar shall attach a certificate verifying the completeness and accuracy of the description.

2. The certificate ~~{shall}~~ *must* include the statement, “The attached or foregoing description has been verified as being a complete and accurate legal description of the land involved in the proposed transaction.” The certificate ~~{shall}~~ *must* be signed by the person who actually examined and verified the description as well as by the Administrator ~~{ }~~ *of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.*

3. The Legislative Counsel shall note in the summary of the ~~{bill}~~ *legislative measure* that the description is verified or report this fact specially to the Legislative Commission.

Sec. 103. NRS 218D.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.330 ~~{Every}~~

1. Each law and joint resolution passed by the Legislature becomes effective on October 1 following its passage, unless the law or joint resolution specifically prescribes a different effective date.

2. Each law and joint resolution passed by the Legislature which expires by limitation on a specific date remains effective



until the last moment of the day on which it expires by limitation, unless the law or joint resolution specifically provides otherwise.

Sec. 104. NRS 218D.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.355 1. Any state legislation enacted on or after July 1, 2009, which authorizes or requires the Commission on Economic Development to approve any abatement of taxes or increases the amount of any abatement of taxes which the Commission is authorized or required to approve:

(a) Expires by limitation 10 years after the effective date of that legislation.

(b) Does not apply to:

(1) Any taxes imposed pursuant to NRS 374.110 or 374.190;
or

(2) Any entity that receives:

(I) Any funding from a governmental entity, other than any private activity bonds as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 141; or

(II) Any real or personal property from a governmental entity at no cost or at a reduced cost.

(c) Requires each recipient of the abatement to submit to the Department of Taxation, on or before the last day of each even-numbered year, a report on whether the recipient is in compliance with the terms of the abatement. The Department of Taxation shall establish a form for the report and may adopt such regulations as it determines to be appropriate to carry out this paragraph. The report must include, without limitation:

(1) The date the recipient commenced operation in this State;

(2) The number of employees actually employed by the recipient and the average hourly wage of those employees;

(3) An accounting of any fees paid by the recipient to the State and to local governmental entities;

(4) An accounting of the property taxes paid by the recipient and the amount of those taxes that would have been due if not for the abatement;

(5) An accounting of the sales and use taxes paid by the recipient and the amount of those taxes that would have been due if not for the abatement;

(6) An accounting of the total capital investment made in connection with the project to which the abatement applies; and

(7) An accounting of the total investment in personal property made in connection with the project to which the abatement applies.



2. On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of Taxation shall:

(a) Based upon the information submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1, prepare a written report of its findings regarding whether the costs of the abatement exceed the benefits of the abatement; and

(b) Submit the report to the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ for transmittal to the Legislature.

Sec. 105. NRS 218D.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.430 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the Fiscal Analysis Division shall obtain a fiscal note on:

(a) Any bill or joint resolution which creates or increases any fiscal liability or decreases any revenue which appears to be in excess of \$2,000; and

(b) Any bill or joint resolution which increases or newly provides for a term of imprisonment in the state prison or makes release on parole or probation from the state prison less likely, before a vote is taken on such a bill or joint resolution by a committee of the Assembly or the Senate.

2. The fiscal note must contain a reliable estimate of the anticipated change in appropriation authority, fiscal liability or state revenue under the bill or joint resolution, including, to the extent possible, a projection of such changes in future biennia.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218D.400 to 218D.495, inclusive, or ~~[in the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly,]~~ *a joint rule*, the estimates must be made by the affected agency or agencies.

4. The fiscal note is not required on any bill or joint resolution relating exclusively to the proposed executive budget.

Sec. 106. NRS 218D.475 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.475 1. Whenever a bill or joint resolution is submitted to an agency for a fiscal note, the agency shall prepare the fiscal note and return it to the Fiscal Analysis Division within 5 working days. The Fiscal Analysis Division may extend the period for not more than 10 additional working days if the matter requires extended research.

2. Whenever a bill or joint resolution is submitted to a local government for a fiscal note, the local government shall:

(a) Review the provisions of the bill or joint resolution to determine whether the bill or joint resolution reduces the revenues or increases the expenditures of the local government; and



(b) If the local government determines that the bill or joint resolution reduces the revenues or increases the expenditures of the local government, prepare a fiscal note for that bill or *joint* resolution and return it to the Fiscal Analysis Division within 8 working days.

Sec. 107. NRS 218D.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.480 1. As soon as practicable after a fiscal note is received from an agency, the Fiscal Analysis Division shall send a copy of the fiscal note to the chair of the standing committee or committees to which the bill or joint resolution has been referred. The Fiscal Analysis Division shall retain the original fiscal note.

2. Upon expiration of the period prescribed in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 218D.475, the Fiscal Analysis Division shall prepare a single consolidated fiscal note into which any information submitted by a local government regarding a bill or joint resolution must be incorporated. If, upon the expiration of that period, the Fiscal Analysis Division determines that no local governments have submitted information regarding the fiscal impact of a bill or joint resolution, the Fiscal Analysis Division shall prepare a fiscal note indicating that local governments have reported no decreases in revenues or increases in expenditures resulting from the bill or joint resolution. The Fiscal Analysis Division shall send to the chair of the standing committee or committees to which the bill or joint resolution has been referred a copy of a fiscal note prepared pursuant to this subsection. The Fiscal Analysis Division shall retain the original fiscal note and any fiscal notes submitted by local governments for the bill or *joint* resolution.

3. If a local government wishes to submit a fiscal note for a bill or joint resolution after the expiration of the period prescribed in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 218D.475, the local government must submit the fiscal note to the chair of the committee or committees to which the bill or joint resolution has been referred, and a copy of the fiscal note to the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division shall retain the copy of the fiscal note provided by the local government.

Sec. 108. NRS 218D.495 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.495 1. Agencies and local governments may use the bills and joint resolutions submitted to them *pursuant to NRS 218D.400 to 218D.495, inclusive*, for official purposes only.

2. A person shall not copy or otherwise disseminate information concerning any bill or joint resolution *which has been*



submitted to the person ~~[which has not been]~~ pursuant to NRS 218D.400 to 218D.495, inclusive, unless:

(a) *The bill or joint resolution has been prefiled pursuant to NRS 218D.580, introduced in the Legislature ~~[without]~~ or otherwise lawfully released to the public; or*

(b) *The person has obtained* the consent of the requester.

3. ~~[Any]~~ A person who knowingly disseminates information in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 109. NRS 218D.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.550 1. Before introduction, each bill ~~[shall]~~ *must* be delivered to the Legislative Council for the purpose of determining if the bill is in the proper form as prescribed by law or rule of the Houses. The Legislative Council ~~[shall have authority]~~ *is authorized* to correct any clerical error such as orthography, adding or correcting the enacting clause, mistakes in numbering sections and references thereto, and in any other particular wherein the bill does not comply in form with law or rule of the Houses.

2. If, in the opinion of the Legislative Council, any correction made by the Legislative Council ~~for the Legal Division of the Legislative Council Bureau~~ under the authority of this section should in any manner be construed to be a change in the bill other than a change in form, the Legislative Council shall obtain the consent of the author of the bill before making such change.

Sec. 110. NRS 218D.555 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.555 1. The Legislative Council shall print ~~[as many]~~ copies of ~~[every bill, resolution or]~~ *each legislative measure and each* fiscal note *prepared* for ~~[any bill introduced in either House of the Legislature as are]~~ *a legislative measure in the quantity* authorized by the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

2. In printing ~~[bills and resolutions,]~~ *each legislative measure*, the Legislative Council is authorized:

(a) To set the style and form of the printing.

(b) To correct all errors in spelling or punctuation in the copy furnished to the Legislative Council.

(c) To supply the enacting clause if omitted.

3. ~~[No change may be made]~~ *The Legislative Council is not authorized to make any change* which in any way varies the apparent meaning of ~~[a bill or resolution,]~~ *the legislative measure.*



Sec. 111. NRS 218D.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.575 1. ~~[Any]~~ *A Legislator who will be a* member of the next ~~[succeeding]~~ regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ may request the Legislative Counsel to prefile any ~~[legislative]~~ bill or joint resolution that was requested by that Legislator for introduction in the next ~~[succeeding]~~ regular session . ~~[of the Legislature.]~~

2. A ~~[person]~~ *Legislator* designated as a chair of a standing committee for the next ~~[succeeding]~~ regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ may request the Legislative Counsel to prefile on behalf of the committee any ~~[legislative]~~ bill or joint resolution within the jurisdiction of the committee for introduction in the next ~~[succeeding]~~ regular session . ~~[of the Legislature.]~~

3. ~~[Measures]~~ *The bills and joint resolutions* submitted for prefiling pursuant to NRS 218D.175 to 218D.215, inclusive, must be ~~[randomly]~~ :

(a) *Randomly* divided in equal amounts between the Senate and the Assembly and prefiled on behalf of the appropriate standing committee.

~~[4.—Such bills and joint resolutions must be in such]~~

(b) *Prepared in* final and correct form for introduction in the Legislature as required by the Nevada Constitution and this chapter.

~~[5.]~~ 4. The Legislative Counsel shall not prefile a bill or joint resolution requested by:

(a) A ~~[member of the Legislature]~~ *Legislator* who is not a candidate for reelection until after the general election immediately preceding the regular session . ~~[of the Legislature.]~~

(b) A ~~[member of the Legislature]~~ *Legislator* who is elected or reelected to legislative office at the general election immediately preceding the regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ until the ~~[member]~~ *Legislator* is determined to have received the highest number of votes pursuant to the canvass of votes required by NRS 293.395.

Sec. 112. NRS 218D.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.580 1. The Legislative Counsel shall, upon receipt of requests for prefiling bills and joint resolutions ~~[.]~~ *for introduction in the next regular session*, transmit those bills and *joint* resolutions that may be prefiled to the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, as appropriate. The Secretary or Chief Clerk shall number the *prefiled* bills and joint resolutions consecutively in the same manner as during regular sessions ~~[of the Legislature]~~ and is responsible for the safekeeping of such *prefiled* bills and joint resolutions.



2. After a *prefiled* bill or joint resolution has been properly numbered, the Legislative Counsel shall cause the *prefiled* bill or joint resolution to be printed in the same manner as during regular sessions . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ The *prefiled* bill or joint resolution must contain:

- (a) The name of the introducer;
- (b) The date on which it was prefiled;
- (c) If it was not requested by a ~~{member of the Legislature,}~~ *Legislator*, the name of the entity that requested the preparation of the *prefiled* bill or joint resolution; and
- (d) The standing committee of the Senate or *the* Assembly to which the *prefiled* bill or joint resolution is proposed to be referred.

3. The number of copies to be printed must be determined by the Legislative Counsel, and the expenses of printing and mailing must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

4. The Legislative Counsel shall release copies of a prefiled bill or joint resolution to the public.

Sec. 113. NRS 218D.585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.585 Upon the convening of the next ~~{succeeding}~~ regular session , ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ all prefiled bills and joint resolutions must be introduced and referred to a standing committee in the order in which they are numbered.

Sec. 114. NRS 218D.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.600 1. ~~{All bills and resolutions}~~ *Each bill and resolution* must be introduced in duplicate and one copy of each bill ~~{or}~~ *and* resolution must be marked “original” and one must be marked “duplicate.”

2. The copy marked “duplicate” must be referred to the Legislative Counsel for photocomposition and filing.

Sec. 115. NRS 218D.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.605 1. Upon receipt of the printed copies of each bill and resolution, the Legislative Counsel shall cause one copy to be designated as the original and bound in a cover, which copy must be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

2. The Legislative Counsel shall ~~{determine}~~ :

(a) *Determine* an appropriate method for designating the original ~~{bills and resolutions}~~ *of each bill and resolution* to ensure that the authenticity of the original is preserved ; and ~~{shall notify}~~



(b) *Notify* the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the Secretary of State of the method selected.

Sec. 116. NRS 218D.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.610 1. ~~[All bills and resolutions of both Houses]~~ *Each bill and resolution* designated for reprinting, engrossment, reengrossment and enrollment ~~[shall]~~ *must* be routed directly through the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

2. As directed by the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, the Legislative Counsel shall immediately insert all ~~[bill and resolution amendments adopted]~~ *amendments made to a bill or resolution* by the respective Houses preparatory to reprinting, engrossment, reengrossment and enrollment.

Sec. 117. NRS 218D.615 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.615 1. ~~[Whenever]~~ *When* a bill or resolution which ~~[shall have been]~~ *has* passed in one House ~~[shall be]~~ *is* amended in the other, it ~~[shall]~~ *must* immediately be reprinted as amended by the House making ~~[such]~~ *the* amendment. ~~[for amendments.]~~

2. ~~[Such amendment or amendments shall]~~ *The amendment:*

(a) *Must* be attached to the bill or resolution so amended and endorsed "adopted"; and ~~[such amendment or amendments, if]~~

(b) *If* concurred in by the House in which ~~[such]~~ *the* bill or resolution originated, ~~[shall]~~ *must* be endorsed "concurred ~~[in] and such]~~ *in.*"

3. *Each* endorsement ~~[shall]~~ *must* be signed by the Secretary of the Senate or ~~[by the]~~ Chief Clerk of the Assembly, ~~[as the case may be.]~~ *or an authorized assistant.*

Sec. 118. NRS 218D.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.630 1. When ~~[any]~~ *a* bill or resolution is passed by both Houses, the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit the ~~[same]~~ *bill or resolution* to the Legislative Counsel to be enrolled ~~[, and shall]~~ *and* take a receipt therefor. The receipt ~~[shall]~~ *must* bear the date of delivery and ~~[shall]~~ give the bill or resolution number.

2. The fact that the bill or resolution was received by the Legislative Counsel ~~[shall]~~ *must* be noted as a part of the history of the bill or resolution.

3. When ~~[the same shall have been duly and regularly]~~ *a bill is* enrolled and delivered to the Governor ~~[, as provided by]~~ *pursuant to* NRS 218D.660, ~~[in all cases where it is required to be so delivered,]~~ the fact of such delivery and the date ~~[thereof shall also]~~



of such delivery must be noted, over the signature of the Legislative Counsel, as a part of the history of the bill. ~~[or resolution.]~~

Sec. 119. NRS 218D.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.635 1. The Legislative Counsel shall transmit ~~[copies]~~ *a copy* of *each* passed ~~[bills or resolutions without delay.]~~ *bill and resolution* in the order of ~~[their]~~ *its* receipt, to the State Printer ~~[, taking]~~ *and take* a receipt therefor. The receipt must bear the date of delivery and give the bill or resolution number.

2. The State Printer shall ~~[without delay enroll (print) the bills or resolutions]~~ *print each bill and resolution*, in the order of ~~[their]~~ *its* receipt, ~~[and they must be printed]~~ in enrolled form, retaining *the* symbols indicating *the* amendments to existing law. ~~[only.]~~

3. In printing *an* enrolled ~~[bills amending]~~ *bill which amends* existing law, the State Printer, in cooperation with the Legislative Counsel, shall cause to be printed ~~[between:]~~ :

(a) *Between* brackets *and in strike out type* the words, phrases or provisions of the existing law, if any, which have been stricken out or eliminated by the ~~[adoption]~~ *passage* of the ~~[amendment, and shall cause to be printed in]~~ *bill; and*

(b) *In* italics all new words, phrases or provisions, if any, which have been inserted into or added to the *existing* law by the passage of ~~[such amendment. —3.]~~ *the bill.*

4. In ascertaining the correct reading, status and interpretation of an enrolled bill ~~[amending]~~ *which amends* existing law ~~[, the:]~~ :

(a) *The* matter ~~[inserted within]~~ *printed between* brackets *and in strike out type* must be omitted ~~[, and the:]~~ ; *and*

(b) *The* matter *printed* in italics must be read and interpreted as part of the enrolled bill.

~~[4.]~~ 5. The Legislative Counsel shall carefully compare the enrolled copy with the official engrossed copy, and if the enrolled copy is found to be correct, the Legislative Counsel shall present it to the proper officers for their signatures. When the officers sign their names ~~[thereon,]~~ *on the enrolled copy*, as required by law, it is enrolled. The official engrossed copy may by resolution be used as the enrolled bill.

Sec. 120. NRS 218D.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.640 ~~[Every]~~ *Each* bill and joint resolution passed by both Houses ~~[shall]~~ *must* be signed after enrollment ~~[,]~~ by the respective presiding officers ~~[thereof]~~ *of each House* and by the



Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly ~~[]~~, *or an authorized assistant.*

Sec. 121. NRS 218D.655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.655 The official engrossed bill ~~[shall]~~ *must* be delivered ~~[to the Secretary of State]~~ by the Legislative Counsel, or by such person as the Legislative Counsel ~~[shall]~~ *designates* in writing ~~[designate-], to the Secretary of State.~~

Sec. 122. NRS 218D.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.660 *1.* An enrolled bill must be delivered by the Legislative Counsel, or *by* such person as the Legislative Counsel designates in writing, to the Governor for action . ~~[, who may authorize a member of his or her]~~

2. The Governor shall authorize one or more members of the Governor's staff to receive and give a receipt for [the same in his or her] an enrolled bill in the Governor's name. During a regular or special session, at least one such member of the Governor's staff must be available in Carson City to receive enrolled bills:

(a) During all hours that state offices are regularly open for the transaction of business pursuant to NRS 281.110; and

(b) During other hours if the Legislative Counsel, or such person as the Legislative Counsel designates in writing, provides reasonable notice, orally or in writing, to the Governor or a member of the Governor's staff that an enrolled bill will be delivered at a time when state offices are not regularly open for the transaction of business.

Sec. 123. NRS 218D.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.675 *1.* As soon as an enrolled bill is delivered to the Governor ~~[, any person duly]~~ *for action, the Governor or an authorized member of the Governor's staff* shall ~~[endorse]~~ :

(a) Endorse by stamp, on the back of the enrolled ~~[copy of such]~~ bill, over the Governor's signature, from whom and which House the bill was received, the date and hour of receipt ~~[,]~~ and the number of pages comprising the bill ~~[, and shall compute]~~ ; *and*

(b) Compute and note thereon the time limit for action by the Governor, excluding the day of receipt and Sundays, which must not exceed the constitutional limit for such action.

2. [Within such time limit, the bill must, if approved, be signed by] To approve the bill, the Governor [immediately after] must sign the bill, within the constitutional limit for such action, following the signatures of the officials of both Houses as follows:



State of Nevada
Executive Department
Approved

.....a.m.....p.m.
.....(month).....(day).....(year)
.....(Governor)

3. Immediately ~~[following]~~ *after* such approval, ~~[without alteration or correction, the bill must be deposited with]~~ *the Governor shall direct a member of the Governor's staff to deliver the bill to the Secretary of State, who shall [endorse] :*

(a) Endorse on the back ~~[thereof,] of the bill,~~ following the endorsement ~~[of such duly authorized person:] made on the bill pursuant to subsection 1:~~

Received and filed.
.....(hour)
.....(month).....(day).....(year)
.....(Secretary of State)

(b) Give a receipt for the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.700.

Sec. 124. NRS 218D.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.680 1. If ~~[the Governor does not approve a bill within 5 days, Sundays excepted, after it has been presented to the Governor, the]~~ *a bill becomes a law without the Governor's signature [unless the Governor has returned it to the House in which it originated, with the Governor's objections thereto, which must be entered in its journal.*

~~—2.— Such House shall thereupon proceed to reconsider the vetoed bill and if thereafter it again passes both Houses by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each House, the]~~ *pursuant to Section 35 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution, the Governor shall direct a member of the Governor's staff to deliver the bill to the Secretary of State, who shall:*

(a) Endorse the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.675; and

(b) Give a receipt for the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.700.

2. *If a bill becomes a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor [and must be delivered by] pursuant to Section 35 of*



Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution, the Legislative Counsel ~~{directly}~~, or such person as the Legislative Counsel designates in writing, shall deliver the bill to the Secretary of State, ~~{for filing}~~ who shall :

(a) *Endorse the bill in the manner required by NRS 218D.675; and*

(b) *Give a receipt ~~{to the Legislative Counsel therefor}~~ for the bill with the information required by NRS 218D.700.*

Sec. 125. NRS 218D.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.700 1. The Secretary of State, or such deputy or clerk as the Secretary of State designates in writing, shall *give a* receipt to the Governor for all bills received. ~~{noting}~~

2. *The receipt must include* the number of ~~{such}~~ *the* bill, the House wherein the bill originated, the number of pages contained ~~{therein}~~ *in the bill* and the hour and date *the bill was* received. ~~{Such}~~

3. *The* receipt must be retained in the Governor's Office for at least 6 years.

Sec. 126. NRS 218D.705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.705 1. The Secretary of State shall, after the final adjournment of each *regular and special* session, ~~{of the Legislature}~~ cause all ~~{legislative}~~ bills deposited with the Secretary of State ~~{after approval by the Governor}~~ *which have become laws* and all joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and memorials to be bound in a substantial and suitable book or books, together with an index ~~{thereof}~~ *of all such legislative measures.*

2. The expenses incurred in such work must be paid by the State in the manner directed by the State Board of Examiners.

Sec. 127. NRS 218D.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.720 1. The Legislative Commission ~~{shall have the authority}~~ *is authorized* to correct typographical and clerical errors in the style and manner of printing contained in enrolled bills after ~~{such}~~ *the* bills are signed by the Governor *or otherwise become a law* and after the Legislature has adjourned.

2. ~~{A decision by the}~~ *The* Legislative Commission *may make the decision* to correct typographical and clerical errors ~~{shall be made}~~ only upon a unanimous vote of all members present at the meeting, but no such decision shall be made at any meeting attended by less than seven members.



3. The Legislative Commission may be called into session for this purpose by the Chair at the request of the Governor, or by the Chair in the Chair's discretion, or by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Legislative Commission.

4. All members of the Senate and *the* Assembly ~~[shall]~~ *must* be given written notice of all such meetings of the Legislative Commission at least 10 days prior ~~[thereto.]~~ *to a meeting*. The notice ~~[shall]~~ *must* contain a description of the typographical and clerical errors proposed to be corrected.

Sec. 128. NRS 218D.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.800 1. ~~[An]~~ *After its first approval by the Legislature, an* enrolled joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nevada must be delivered with the official engrossed copy ~~[thereof]~~ to the Secretary of State or such deputy or clerk as the Secretary of State designates in writing.

2. The Secretary of State shall cause the enrolled *joint* resolution and ~~[the]~~ engrossed copy ~~[thereof]~~ to be filed in the Secretary of State's office ~~[.]~~ and shall deliver them to the presiding officer of the House in which the proposed amendment originated at the next ~~[ensuing]~~ *regular* session of the Legislature ~~[. The]~~ *unless, before that regular session, the Governor makes the proposed amendment a matter of legislative business at a special session.*

3. *After they have been returned by the Secretary of State, the* enrolled *joint* resolution ~~[accompanied by the]~~ *and* engrossed copy ~~[thereof must thereupon]~~ *must* be laid before the House *of origin* for action, and if approved by ~~[a majority of the members elected thereto.]~~ *the Legislature a second time pursuant to Section 1 of Article 16 of the Nevada Constitution, the enrolled joint resolution and engrossed copy* must again be deposited with and filed by the Secretary of State so that ~~[it]~~ *the proposed amendment* may be placed upon the ballot at the next ~~[ensuing]~~ general election ~~[—3.]~~ *or at a special election authorized by the Legislature for that purpose.*

4. The history of the joint resolution ~~[containing]~~ *, including* a notation that it has been returned to the House of ~~[its]~~ origin by the Secretary of State *, must be noted on both the enrolled copy and engrossed copy .* ~~[of the resolution, and must likewise appear upon the enrolled copy thereof.]~~

5. The enrolled copy must bear the original signatures of the presiding officers *of the Houses* and *the* Secretary *of the Senate* and Chief Clerk of the ~~[respective Houses]~~ *Assembly, or an authorized*



assistant, for both sessions of the Legislature at which the proposed amendment to the Constitution was considered.

~~[4.]~~ 6. The Secretary of State shall cause all proposed amendments to the Constitution to be published in the printed volume of the statutes for each ~~[year when they]~~ *session at which the proposed amendments* have been considered by the Legislature.

Sec. 129. NRS 218D.810 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.810 1. As used in this section, “first committee of reference” means the committee to which a bill or joint resolution was first referred in the House ~~[of the Legislature into]~~ *in* which it was introduced.

2. Upon request from the first committee of reference, the Legal, Research and Fiscal Analysis Divisions ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ shall prepare, for any proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure which, if approved by the Legislature, would be submitted to a vote of the people:

(a) A condensation of the proposal into a question to be placed on the ballot;

(b) An explanation of the proposal, including arguments for and against the proposal;

(c) If the Legislature rejects a statewide measure proposed by initiative, proposes a different measure on the same subject which the Governor approves and includes the measure on the ballot with the statewide measure proposed by initiative, rebuttals to each argument for and against the proposal; and

(d) A fiscal note for the proposal, including an explanation of any anticipated financial effects on state and local governments.

3. The condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note must be of reasonable length and written in easily understood language.

4. After the bill or joint resolution has been approved by both Houses, ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ the first committee of reference shall request the preparation of the condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note, if it has not already done so, and shall review the draft and approve such changes as it deems necessary.

5. The first committee of reference shall submit the condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note, in the form of a simple resolution, to the members of the House in which the proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure was introduced. After that resolution is approved, it must be entered in the journal in its entirety and the enrolled resolution delivered to



the Secretary of State to accompany the bill or joint resolution to which it relates.

6. If the Legislature adjourns before the procedures set forth in subsections 4 and 5 have been completed, the Legislative Commission shall review, revise and approve the condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note for delivery to the Secretary of State on or before July 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held.

7. In the case of a joint resolution which proposes a constitutional amendment, the condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note must be treated in the same manner when the proposal is before the Legislature for its second approval as when the proposal was first approved.

8. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall distribute copies of the condensations, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes to ~~{members of the Legislature,}~~ *Legislators*, public libraries, newspapers and broadcasters.

Sec. 130. NRS 218D.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.900 1. All requests for mailing or distribution of ~~{bills and}~~ legislative *measures or* publications must be filed with the Director . ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.}~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218D.900 to 218D.915, inclusive, no ~~{bill or other}~~ legislative *measure or* publication may be distributed without payment ~~{therefor}~~ of a sum fixed by the Director . ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.}~~

3. Any person, office or organization, except for those for which provision is otherwise made in NRS 218D.900 to 218D.915, inclusive, may receive upon request free of charge in any 1 calendar year a maximum of two copies of each individual bill or resolution specified by bill or resolution number or of each daily history, daily journal or index.

4. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall fix}~~ *shall:*

(a) *Fix* the cost of such ~~{bills}~~ *legislative measures* and publications, including postage . ~~{, and such money as may be}~~

(b) *Remit any money* received by the Director ~~{must be remitted}~~ *for such legislative measures and publications* to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for deposit in the Legislative Fund.

(c) Before each *regular or special* session , ~~{of the State Legislature, the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall}~~ reanalyze the cost of such ~~{bills}~~ *legislative measures* and publications, including postage, and establish a cost schedule that,



as nearly as practicable, reflects the estimated cost to be incurred during the *regular or special* session.

5. The costs of such distributions, including postage, must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 131. NRS 218D.905 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.905 There is no limit upon the number of ~~bills or other~~ legislative *measures or* publications that may be distributed free of charge to:

1. ~~Members of the Legislature,~~ *Legislators*, except as may be otherwise provided by *a* joint rule or by *a* rule of either House for its members.

2. The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the proper functioning of their respective Houses.

3. The Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Sec. 132. NRS 218D.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.910 1. The following persons are entitled to receive free of charge in any 1 calendar year any bill, resolution, daily history, daily journal or index, in the number of copies shown, upon verification of their wishes to receive the *legislative measure or* publication:

(a) Justices and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, one copy;

(b) County clerks and district attorneys, one copy;

(c) A judge and clerk of a district court in a judicial district having one judge, one copy; and

(d) The judges and the administrator or clerk of a district court in a judicial district having more than one judge, two copies.

2. Upon approval of the committee of the Senate or the Assembly which has jurisdiction of issues relating to legislative functions, additional copies must be provided to these persons without charge, except for the cost of handling and postage as determined by the Director . ~~of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.~~

Sec. 133. NRS 218D.915 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.915 1. The following persons, offices or organizations, upon request, are entitled to receive free of charge in any 1 calendar year one copy of any bill, resolution, daily history, daily journal or index:

(a) Elected state officers.

(b) Offices of all state departments and agencies.

(c) County clerks, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors, recorders and auditors.



- (d) Offices of other county officials.
- (e) Municipal officers.
- (f) Districts and other governmental agencies.
- (g) Justices of the peace.
- (h) The State Library and Archives.
- (i) County and city libraries and libraries of the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- (j) Accredited members of the press.

2. Upon approval of the committee of the Senate or the Assembly which has jurisdiction of issues relating to legislative functions, additional copies must be provided to these persons, offices or organizations without charge, except for the cost of any handling and postage as determined by the Director . ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.}~~

3. Township, school and municipal officials may have distributed, free of charge, the number of copies of any ~~{bill or other}~~ legislative *measure or* publication that is approved by the ~~{Committee on Legislative Functions}~~ *committee* of the Senate or *the* Assembly ~~{ }~~ *which has jurisdiction of issues relating to legislative functions.*

Sec. 134. NRS 218D.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.930 1. During each *regular and special* session , ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ the State Printer shall print daily in separate book form a sufficient number of copies of the journal of the previous day's proceedings of each House to supply the members and officers of both Houses. The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall determine the number of copies necessary for their respective Houses.

2. One copy of the daily journal of each House, upon its approval by the House, must be authenticated as so approved by the presiding officer and the Secretary or Chief Clerk . ~~{as the case may be.}~~ Upon final adjournment of the Legislature, the authenticated copies of the daily journal of each House for the entire *regular or special* session must be properly bound in separate volumes and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State as the official journals of both Houses . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~

Sec. 135. NRS 218D.935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.935 1. At the end of each *regular or special* session , ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ the journals must be printed, indexed and bound in book form in the same style as those of the 1927 Session of the Legislature. The journal of each House must be bound separately.



2. The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall direct the compilation of the journal indexes for their respective Houses and shall deliver the completed journal indexes to the State Printer.

3. The bound volumes must be delivered to the Legislative Counsel Bureau and constitute the journals of the Senate and the Assembly.

4. Each ~~{member of the Legislature of}~~ *Legislator who served during the regular or special session for* which such journals are the record is entitled to one copy of the Senate Journal and one copy of the Assembly Journal.

Sec. 136. NRS 218D.940 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.940 1. Each House shall cause to be printed once every legislative day during ~~{the}~~ *a regular or special* session a complete history of all bills and ~~{joint, concurrent and House}~~ resolutions originating in or acted upon by the respective Houses. The history ~~{shall}~~ *must* show the action taken upon each *legislative* measure up to and including the legislative day preceding its issuance.

2. A daily file of bills ready for consideration ~~{shall}~~ *must* be printed each legislative day for each House, along with the daily history.

3. The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall determine the form and the number of copies for their respective Houses.

4. Upon final adjournment of the Legislature, one of the final copies of the daily history of bills for each House ~~{shall}~~ *must* be authenticated by the presiding officer and Secretary or Chief Clerk, ~~{as the case may be,}~~ and the final copies ~~{shall}~~ *must* be properly bound in separate volumes and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State as the official histories of bills of both Houses . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~

Sec. 137. NRS 218D.955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.955 1. The Secretary of State shall, within 3 days after receiving them, furnish to the State Printer a copy of all acts, ~~{joint and concurrent resolutions,}~~ *resolutions* and memorials passed at each *regular or special* session.

2. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ shall:

(a) Distribute one copy of each act as printed to each county clerk, district judge, district attorney and justice of the peace in the State.



(b) Immediately upon the adjournment of the *regular or special* session, collect and have printed and bound advance sheets of all acts, resolutions and memorials passed at the *regular or special* session.

(c) Distribute one copy of the advance sheets, without charge, to each justice of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, the State Public Defender, and to each county clerk, district judge, district attorney, county public defender, justice of the peace, city attorney and municipal judge in the State, deliver to the Supreme Court Law Library a number of copies appropriate to secure the exchange of similar publications from other states, and establish the price at which the advance sheets must be sold to other persons.

3. The Legislative Counsel shall, immediately upon the adjournment of the *regular or special* session, prepare statutory tables and an index of all acts, resolutions and memorials passed at the *regular or special* session.

4. The State Printer, upon receipt of the statutory tables and index, shall prepare bound volumes of the Statutes of Nevada as provided in NRS 218D.960.

Sec. 138. NRS 218D.960 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.960 1. A number of copies of the statutes of each Legislature, sufficient in the opinion of the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ to meet the requirements for free distribution and for sale, must be printed and appropriately bound.

2. The bound volumes must contain:

(a) The laws, resolutions and memorials passed and adopted at each ~~{legislative}~~ *regular or special* session, stating the number of the bill, resolution or memorial, and the name of the person who introduced it.

(b) The statutory tables and index as prepared by the Legislative Counsel.

3. The bound volumes containing the statutes of ~~{legislative sessions held in odd-numbered years}~~ *regular sessions* must contain, in addition to the items required by subsection 2 : ~~{of this section:}~~

(a) The Constitution of the United States.

(b) The Constitution of the State of Nevada.

4. Other than those *items* specified in subsections 2 and 3, no other reports, documents or things whatever may be bound with the Statutes of Nevada.



Sec. 139. NRS 218D.965 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.965 1. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ is authorized to set the style and form of the printing of the bound volumes of the Statutes of Nevada.

2. In printing the section or part of the law reenacted in an amendatory law, the Director shall cause to be printed ~~{between}~~ :

(a) *Between* brackets ~~{or}~~ *and* in strike out type the words, phrases or provisions of the existing law, if any, which have been stricken out or eliminated by the ~~{adoption of the amendments as the same appears in the enrolled bill. The Director shall cause to be printed in}~~ *passage of the amendatory law; and*

(b) *In* italics all new words, phrases or provisions, if any, which have been inserted into or added to the *existing* law by *the* passage of ~~{such amendment}~~ *the amendatory law.*

3. In ascertaining the correct reading, status and interpretation of an amendatory law ~~{, the}~~ :

(a) *The matter printed between brackets and in strike out type must be omitted; and*

(b) *The* matter *printed* in italics ~~{shall}~~ *must* be read and interpreted as part of the *amendatory* law.

Sec. 140. NRS 218E.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.010 1. As used in NRS 218E.010 to 218E.095, inclusive, *unless the context otherwise requires*, “committee” means ~~{a}~~ :

(a) *Any* committee of either ~~{the Senate or the Assembly, a}~~ *House;*

(b) *Any* joint committee of both Houses ~~{, or, when any of the foregoing committees is authorized to create subcommittees,}~~ ; *or*

(c) *Any other committee or commission created or authorized by the Legislature to perform legislative functions at the direction of the Legislature.*

2. *The term includes, without limitation,* a subcommittee.

Sec. 141. NRS 218E.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.015 The Assembly, *the* Senate and committees ~~{thereof}~~ may conduct investigations into any matter which is pertinent to possible future legislative action.

Sec. 142. NRS 218E.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.030 1. The Assembly, *the* Senate and committees , ~~{thereof,}~~ pursuant to their investigative powers, may issue



subpoenas for the production of material witnesses and relevant evidence. Such subpoenas may be issued by the President of the Senate, *the* Speaker of the Assembly, or the chair of a committee with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the committee.

2. Except in cases of impeachment as provided by Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, a subpoena ~~[shall]~~ *must* not be issued to:

- (a) The Governor or any of the Governor's immediate staff.
- (b) Any justice of the Supreme Court or judge of a district court.

Sec. 143. NRS 218E.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.035 1. A subpoena is sufficient if it:

- (a) States whether the proceeding is before the Senate, *the* Assembly ~~[;]~~ or a committee;
- (b) Is addressed to the witness;
- (c) Requires the attendance of the witness at a time and place certain;
- (d) States reasons making the testimony sought, or evidence requested, pertinent to possible future legislative action; and

(e) Is signed by the President of the Senate, *the* Speaker of the Assembly or *the* chair of the committee before whom attendance of the witness or production of evidence is desired . ~~[, as the case may be.]~~

2. The service of a subpoena may be made by any person over 18 years of age.

Sec. 144. NRS 218E.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.040 The members of the Senate ~~[and]~~ , *the* Assembly or a committee ~~[thereof]~~ may administer oaths to witnesses.

Sec. 145. NRS 218E.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.045 1. ~~[If any witness neglects]~~ *A witness commits contempt if the witness:*

- (a) *Neglects* or refuses to obey a subpoena ~~[, or after]~~ ;
- (b) *After* appearing , neglects or refuses to testify as to any relevant matter ; ~~[;]~~ or

(c) *Neglects or refuses* to produce , upon reasonable notice , any relevant evidence ~~[, if the evidence is]~~ in the possession or under the control of the witness . ~~[, the witness has committed a contempt. —2. The]~~

2. *If a witness commits contempt, the* district court of any county ~~[, or the judge thereof,]~~ shall, on application of the President



of the Senate, *the* Speaker of the Assembly or *the* chair of the committee, ~~[as the case may be,]~~ compel *the witness's* obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

Sec. 146. NRS 218E.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.050 1. If the witness was required to attend before ~~[the]~~ :

(a) *The* Senate or *the* Assembly, any member of the House may offer a resolution to have the witness cited to show cause why the witness should not be imprisoned for contempt. ~~[If the witness was required to attend before a]~~

(b) A committee while the Legislature is in *regular or special* session, any member of the committee may ~~[be authorized by majority vote of the committee to]~~ offer a resolution in the House of which the Legislator is a member to have the witness ~~[so cited.]~~ *cited to show cause why the witness should not be imprisoned for contempt, but only if the resolution is first approved by a majority vote of the committee.*

2. If the resolution is adopted ~~[, a citation]~~ *by the House, the House* shall issue ~~[]~~ *a citation*, signed by the presiding officer of the House:

(a) Directing the recusant witness to appear before the House at a time and place specified in the citation to show cause, if any, why the witness should not be imprisoned for contempt; and

(b) Accompanied by a copy of the original subpoena if the witness failed to appear, or stating briefly the questions which the witness failed to answer or the evidence which the witness failed to produce. ~~[, as the case may be.]~~

3. The time and place stated in the citation ~~[shall]~~ *for the hearing must* afford the recusant witness a reasonable opportunity to prepare ~~[a]~~ *an appropriate* defense.

4. The citation ~~[shall]~~ *must* be served personally upon the recusant witness ~~[]~~ and may be served by any peace officer or by the Sergeant at Arms or any regularly appointed Assistant Sergeant at Arms of the House.

Sec. 147. NRS 218E.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.055 The recusant witness is entitled at the hearing:

1. To the assistance of counsel.

2. To ~~[produce]~~ *present* witnesses and offer evidence ~~[in his or her]~~ *on the recusant witness's* behalf.



3. To argue orally, in person or by counsel, within *such* reasonable limits *as may be* imposed by the presiding officer ~~[]~~ *of the House*, and to ~~[present]~~ *submit* written arguments.

Sec. 148. NRS 218E.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.060 1. If the House finds by resolution that the recusant witness has in fact committed ~~[a]~~ contempt:

(a) The ~~[witness may be required]~~ *House may require the witness* to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, as fixed by the resolution, for each day the witness remains in contempt.

(b) ~~[A]~~ *The House shall issue a* warrant for the arrest of the witness ~~[must be issued]~~ if the House finds that the witness should be imprisoned.

2. A warrant issued *for the arrest of the witness* pursuant to subsection 1 must ~~[be]~~ :

(a) *Be* signed by the presiding officer ~~[, be]~~ ;

(b) *Be* directed to the Sergeant at Arms *or any regularly appointed Assistant Sergeant at Arms* of the House or any peace officer ~~[, and order]~~ ; and

(c) *Order* the Sergeant at Arms , *Assistant Sergeant at Arms* or peace officer to arrest the contemner and deliver the contemner to the Sheriff of Carson City or a designated county for imprisonment in the jail.

3. A copy of the warrant must be delivered with the contemner ~~[]~~ *to the designated sheriff* and must fix the ~~[time]~~ *term* of imprisonment as:

(a) The remaining duration of the ~~[legislative]~~ *regular or special* session; or

(b) A specified ~~[time,]~~ *term*, unless the Legislature ~~[sooner adjourns-
→]~~ *adjourns sine die before the completion of that term.*

4. The warrant may provide for the release of the contemner before the expiration of the ~~[period]~~ *term* of imprisonment if the contemner testifies or produces evidence as originally required.

Sec. 149. NRS 218E.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.080 1. Each House ~~[of the Legislature]~~ may provide ~~[by appropriate rules for formal hearings-
→]~~

~~2. Every]~~ *for hearings and proceedings.*

2. A person who appears and is sworn as a witness before ~~[either House of the Legislature, or any committee thereof, convened for formal hearing,]~~ *a House or committee for a hearing*



or proceeding and who willfully misrepresents any fact *when testifying in the hearing or proceeding* is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 150. NRS 218E.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.085 1. A witness is absolutely privileged to publish defamatory matter as part of a ~~[legislative]~~ *hearing or proceeding before a House or committee* in which the witness is testifying or in communications to a Legislator preliminary to ~~[the]~~ *that hearing or proceeding*, if the matter has some relation to the *hearing or proceeding*.

2. ~~[It is unlawful to misrepresent]~~ *A person who knowingly misrepresents* any fact ~~[knowingly]~~ when testifying ~~[or otherwise communicating to]~~ *in a hearing or proceeding before a House or committee or in communications to* a Legislator ~~[]~~ *preliminary to that hearing or proceeding is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

Sec. 151. NRS 218E.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.090 1. An employee of a state agency who testifies before a House or committee ~~[of the Legislature]~~ on the employee's own behalf and not on behalf of ~~[his or her employer]~~ *the state agency* shall, before commencing such testimony, state that fact clearly on the record.

2. It is unlawful for a state agency which is the employer of an employee who complies with subsection 1 and testifies or seeks to testify before a House or committee ~~[of the Legislature]~~ on the employee's own behalf to:

(a) Deprive the employee of ~~[his or her]~~ employment *with the state agency* or to take any reprisal or retaliatory action against the employee as a consequence of the testimony or potential testimony;

(b) Threaten the employee that the testimony or potential testimony will result in the termination of ~~[his or her]~~ employment *with the state agency* or in any reprisal or retaliatory action against the employee; or

(c) Directly or indirectly intimidate, threaten, coerce, command or influence or attempt to intimidate, threaten, coerce, command or influence the employee in an effort to interfere with or prevent the testimony of the employee.

3. It is unlawful for a state agency to:

(a) Deprive or threaten to deprive an employee of ~~[his or her]~~ employment ~~[]~~ *with the state agency*;

(b) Take or threaten to take any reprisal or retaliatory action against the employee; or



(c) Directly or indirectly intimidate, threaten, coerce, command or influence or attempt to intimidate, threaten, coerce, command or influence the employee,

↳ in an attempt to affect the behavior of another employee who is testifying or seeks to testify before a House or committee ~~[of the Legislature]~~ on the other employee's own behalf.

4. The provisions of this section do not apply to an employee in the classified service who has not completed ~~[his or her]~~ *the employee's* probationary period.

5. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Reprisal or retaliatory action" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 281.611.

(b) "State agency" means an agency, bureau, board, commission, department, division, officer, employee or agent or any other unit of the Executive Department . ~~[of the State Government.]~~

Sec. 152. NRS 218E.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.095 ~~[Every person duly summoned]~~

1. If a person is subpoenaed to attend as a witness before ~~[either House of the Legislature, or any committee thereof authorized to summon witnesses, who shall refuse]~~ *a House or committee, the person shall not:*

(a) *Refuse* or neglect, without lawful excuse, to attend pursuant to ~~[such summons, or who shall willfully]~~ *the subpoena; or*

(b) *Willfully* refuse to be sworn or to affirm , ~~[or]~~ to answer any material or proper question , or to produce, upon reasonable notice, any material or proper books, papers or documents in the possession or under the control of the person . ~~[, shall be]~~

2. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 153. NRS 218E.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.150 1. There is hereby created in the Legislative Counsel Bureau a Legislative Commission consisting of 12 members.

2. At each regular session ~~[of the Legislature held in odd-numbered years, the] :~~

(a) *The* Senate shall, by resolution, designate six Senators as regular members of the Legislative Commission and six Senators as alternates ~~[, and the]~~ ; *and*

(b) *The* Assembly shall, by resolution, designate six members of the Assembly as regular members of the Legislative Commission and six members of the Assembly as alternates.



3. The Legislature shall determine by *a* joint rule at each regular session : ~~{of the Legislature in odd-numbered years:}~~

(a) The method of determining the majority party and the minority party regular and alternate membership on the Legislative Commission.

(b) The method of filling vacancies on the Legislative Commission.

(c) The method of selecting the Chair.

(d) The term of office of the Chair.

4. The members of the Legislative Commission serve until their successors are appointed by resolution as provided in this section, except that the membership of any member who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection ~~{terminates} :~~

(a) *Terminates* on the day next after the general election ; and ~~{the}~~

(b) *The* vacancy must be filled as provided by the joint rule adopted pursuant to subsection 3.

Sec. 154. NRS 218E.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.155 1. The members of the Legislative Commission shall meet at such times and at such places as ~~{shall be}~~ *is* specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the *Legislative* Commission.

2. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary ~~{-}~~ *of the Legislative Commission.*

3. The *Legislative* Commission shall prescribe rules ~~{and regulations}~~ for its own management and government.

4. Seven members of the *Legislative* Commission ~~{shall}~~ constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the *Legislative* Commission.

~~{2-}~~ 5. If any regular member of the Legislative Commission ~~{is}~~ *informs the Secretary that the member will be* unable to attend a scheduled meeting of the *Legislative* Commission : ~~{-and notifies the Secretary of the Commission, the}~~

(a) *The* Secretary shall notify the proper alternate member ~~{- Such}~~ ; and

(b) *The* alternate member may then replace the regular member at that meeting only , with all the duties, rights and privileges of the replaced member.



Sec. 155. NRS 218E.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.160 1. Except during a regular or special session, ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ for each ~~[day's]~~ *day* or portion of a ~~[day's attendance at each meeting]~~ *day during which a member* of the *Legislative* Commission or ~~[its]~~ *the* Audit Subcommittee ~~[, if a member of the Subcommittee, or if]~~ *attends a meeting or is otherwise* engaged in the official business of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the ~~[members of the Legislative Commission are]~~ *member is* entitled to receive ~~[the]~~ :

(a) *The* compensation provided for a majority of the ~~[members of the Legislature]~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding *regular* session ; ~~[, and the]~~

(b) *The* per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~[the]~~

(c) *The* travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

2. An alternate member of the Legislative Commission who ~~[replaces]~~ :

(a) *Replaces* a regular member at a meeting of the *Legislative* Commission or on official business of the Legislative Counsel Bureau is entitled to receive the same ~~[salary and]~~ *compensation, per diem allowances and travel* expenses as a regular member for the same service. ~~[An alternate member who attends]~~

(b) *Attends* a meeting of the *Legislative* Commission but does not replace a regular member is entitled to the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

3. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 156. NRS 218E.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.175 1. The general objectives and functions of the Legislative Commission are to:

(a) Assist the Legislature in retaining status coordinate with the Executive and Judicial ~~[Branches of State Government.]~~ *Departments.*

(b) Investigate and inquire into subjects upon which the Legislature may act by the enactment or amendment of statutes, governmental problems, important issues of public policy or questions of statewide interest.

(c) Assure that the most effective use is made of the audit, fiscal, legal and research services and facilities provided by the Legislative Counsel Bureau to the Legislature and its members.



(d) Coordinate and oversee interim studies and other legislative committees meeting in the interim between regular ~~[legislative]~~ sessions.

2. In addition to the powers ~~[and duties elsewhere]~~ conferred and *duties* imposed ~~[upon]~~ *by this title or any law or resolution*, the Legislative Commission, ~~[in chapters 218A to 218H, inclusive, of NRS,]~~ in order to carry out its general objectives and functions ; ~~[the Legislative Commission:]~~

(a) Shall receive recommendations and suggestions for legislation or investigation from:

(1) Members of the Legislative Commission and other ~~[members of the Legislature;]~~ *Legislators*; and

(2) Any board, commission, department or officer of the ~~[State Government]~~ *Executive or Judicial Department* or any local government.

(b) May receive recommendations and suggestions for legislation or investigation from:

(1) Bar associations, chambers of commerce, labor unions and other organized associations and groups; and

(2) Individual citizens.

(c) May hold hearings on any subject or matter which is a proper subject for legislative action or which concerns governmental problems, important issues of public policy or questions of statewide interest, whenever it considers such hearings necessary or desirable in the performance of its duties or the exercise of its powers.

Sec. 157. NRS 218E.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.180 The Legislative Commission may:

1. Carry forward the participation of the State of Nevada as a member of the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures, and may pay annual dues to those organizations out of the Legislative Fund. The Legislative Commission is designated as Nevada's Commission on Interstate Cooperation.

2. Encourage and assist the government of this State to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence, by conference, and otherwise, with the other states, with the Federal Government and with local units of government.

3. Establish such delegations and committees as official agencies of the Legislative Counsel Bureau as may be deemed advisable to confer with similar delegations and committees from other states concerning problems of mutual interest. The



membership of those delegations and committees must be designated by the Legislative Commission and may consist of Legislators and employees of the State other than members of the *Legislative* Commission. ~~[Members]~~ *For each day or portion of a day during which members* of those delegations and committees ~~[shall]~~ *attend meetings or are otherwise engaged in the business of those delegations and committees, the members:*

(a) *Shall* serve without salary. ~~[, but they are]~~

(b) *Are* entitled to receive out of the Legislative Fund ~~[the]~~ :

(1) *The* per diem ~~[expense]~~ allowance provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~[the]~~

(2) *The* travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

4. Endeavor to advance cooperation between this State and other units of government whenever it seems advisable to do so by ~~[formulating]~~ :

(a) *Formulating* proposals for interstate compacts and reciprocal or uniform legislation ~~[, and by facilitating]~~ ; and

(b) *Facilitating* the adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules and regulations, informal cooperation of governmental offices, personal cooperation among governmental officials and employees, interchange and clearance of research and information and any other suitable process.

5. Supervise the functions assigned to the Divisions of the *Legislative Counsel* Bureau ~~[in chapters 218A to 218H, inclusive, of NRS:]~~ *by this title or any law or resolution.*

6. Authorize the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ to enter into agreements for the acquisition of property it deems necessary to support the Legislature and its staff. The Director may expend money from the Legislative Fund for this purpose.

Sec. 158. NRS 218E.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.185 1. In the discharge of any duty imposed or power conferred by ~~[chapters 218A to 218H, inclusive, of NRS,]~~ *this title or any law or resolution*, the Legislative Commission has the authority to:

(a) Administer oaths. ~~[, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, department records, documents and testimony. The Legislative Commission may issue subpoenas compelling the attendance of witnesses before, or the production of any papers, books, accounts, department records, documents and testimony to, a subcommittee or interim or special committee established pursuant to NRS 218E.200.]~~



(b) Cause the deposition of witnesses, ~~either~~ residing *either* within or without the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts.

(c) Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, accounts, department records and other documents before the Legislative Commission or a subcommittee or interim or special committee established pursuant to NRS 218E.200.

2. The Legislative Commission may delegate its authority pursuant to subsection 1 to a subcommittee or interim or special committee established pursuant to NRS 218E.200.

3. ~~In case of disobedience on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in behalf of the Legislative Commission or a subcommittee or interim or special committee, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which the witness may be lawfully interrogated, the district court of any county, or the judge thereof, shall, on application of~~ *If any witness fails or refuses to attend or testify or to produce the books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents required by a subpoena, the Chair of the Legislative Commission or the subcommittee or interim or special committee that issued the subpoena* ~~[, compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.~~

~~—4.] may report the failure or refusal to the district court by a petition which:~~

(a) Sets forth that:

(1) Due notice has been given of the time and place of the attendance of the witness or the production of the required books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents;

(2) The witness has been subpoenaed by the Legislative Commission or the subcommittee or interim or special committee pursuant to this section; and

(3) The witness has failed or refused to attend or testify or to produce the books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents required by the subpoena before the Legislative Commission or the subcommittee or interim or special committee named in the subpoena; and

(b) Asks for an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or to produce the required books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents before the



Legislative Commission or the subcommittee or interim or special committee named in the subpoena.

4. Upon such a petition, the court shall:

(a) Enter an order directing the witness:

(1) To appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order; and

(2) To show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the required books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents before the Legislative Commission or the subcommittee or interim or special committee named in the subpoena; and

(b) Serve a certified copy of the order upon the witness.

5. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Legislative Commission or the subcommittee or interim or special committee, the court shall enter an order that the witness:

(a) Must appear before the Legislative Commission or the subcommittee or interim or special committee named in the subpoena at the time and place fixed in the order;

(b) Must testify or produce the required books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents; and

(c) Upon failure to obey the order, must be dealt with as for contempt of court.

6. Each witness who appears before the Legislative Commission or a subcommittee or interim or special committee by its order, ~~[other than]~~ except a state officer or employee, ~~[shall]~~ is entitled to receive for such attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in the courts of record ~~[which]~~ of this State. The fees and mileage must be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper claims sworn to by the witness and approved by the Secretary and Chair of the Legislative Commission.

Sec. 159. NRS 218E.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.200 1. The Legislative Commission may conduct studies or investigations concerning governmental problems, important issues of public policy or questions of statewide interest.

2. The Legislative Commission may establish subcommittees and interim or special committees as official agencies of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to conduct such studies or investigations or otherwise to deal with such governmental problems, important issues of public policy or questions of statewide interest.



3. The membership of those subcommittees and interim or special committees ~~{must}~~ :

(a) *Must* be designated by the Legislative Commission ; and ~~{may}~~

(b) *May* consist of members of the Legislative Commission and Legislators other than members of the *Legislative* Commission, employees of the State of Nevada or citizens of the State of Nevada.

4. ~~{Members}~~ *For each day or portion of a day during which members* of those subcommittees and interim or special committees who are not Legislators ~~{shall}~~ *attend meetings or are otherwise engaged in the business of those subcommittees and interim or special committees, the members:*

(a) *Shall* serve without salary . ~~{, but they are}~~

(b) *Are* entitled to receive out of the Legislative Fund the per diem ~~{expense}~~ allowances and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

5. Except during a regular or special session ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ , *for each day or portion of a day during which members of those subcommittees and interim or special committees who are Legislators attend meetings of those subcommittees and interim or special committees or are otherwise engaged in the business of those subcommittees and interim or special committees, the members* are entitled to receive out of the Legislative Fund ~~{the}~~ :

(a) *The* compensation provided for a majority of the ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding *regular* session ~~{for each day or portion of a day of attendance, and the}~~ ;

(b) *The* per diem ~~{expense allowances}~~ *allowance* provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~{the}~~

(c) *The* travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

Sec. 160. NRS 218E.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.205 1. ~~{The}~~ *Between regular sessions, the* Legislative Commission ~~{shall, between sessions of the Legislature,}~~ :

(a) *Shall* fix the work priority of all studies and investigations assigned to it by *a* concurrent ~~{resolutions of the Legislature,}~~ *resolution* or directed by an order of the Legislative Commission, within the limits of available time, money and staff. ~~{The Legislative Commission shall}~~

(b) *Shall* not make studies or investigations directed by ~~{resolutions}~~ *a resolution* of only one House ~~{of the Legislature}~~ or



studies or investigations proposed but not approved during the preceding ~~[legislative]~~ *regular* session.

2. All requests for the drafting of ~~[legislation]~~ *legislative measures* to be recommended as the result of a study or investigation ~~[, except a study or investigation directed by an order of the Legislative Commission,]~~ must be made ~~[before July 1 of the year preceding a legislative session,]~~ *in accordance with NRS 218D.160.*

3. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 218E.210, between *regular* sessions ~~[of the Legislature no]~~, *a* study or investigation may *not* be initiated or continued by the Fiscal Analysts, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Counsel or the Research Director and their staffs, except studies and investigations which have been specifically authorized by *a* concurrent ~~[resolutions of the Legislature]~~ *resolution* or by an order of the Legislative Commission.

4. ~~[No]~~ *A* study or investigation may *not* be carried over from one *regular* session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ to the next without additional authorization by a concurrent resolution, ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ except audits in progress ~~[,]~~ whose carryover has been approved by the Legislative Commission.

5. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not serve as primary administrative or professional staff for a committee unless the chair of the committee is required by statute or resolution to be a Legislator.

6. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program and any changes to the budget or work program for each study or investigation conducted by the Legislative Commission or a committee or subcommittee established by the Legislative Commission.

7. A committee or subcommittee established to conduct a study or investigation assigned to the Legislative Commission by *a* concurrent resolution ~~[of the Legislature]~~ or directed by *an* order of the Legislative Commission must, unless otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, meet not earlier than January 1 of the even-numbered year and not later than June 30 of that year.

Sec. 161. NRS 218E.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.210 1. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall, after every regular session, ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ conduct a study of the newly enacted statutes to determine whether any of those statutes:

(a) Patently treats the sexes differently; or



(b) Upon application, may affect women more adversely than it affects men.

2. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall compile and publish the results of the study. The publication must contain an index.

Sec. 162. NRS 218E.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.240 1. There is hereby created an Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission consisting of five members.

2. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall ~~appoint~~ :

(a) *Appoint* the members of the *Audit* Subcommittee from among the members of the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee ; and ~~shall designate~~

(b) *Designate* one of the members of the *Audit* Subcommittee as Chair.

3. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall designate five Legislators from among the members of the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee to serve as alternates for the members of the Audit Subcommittee.

4. The Legislative Auditor or a member of the staff of the Audit Division appointed by the Legislative Auditor shall serve as Secretary of the *Audit* Subcommittee.

5. The *Audit* Subcommittee shall meet at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair.

6. Three members of the *Audit* Subcommittee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise ~~any~~ *all the* power ~~or~~ *and* authority conferred on the *Audit* Subcommittee.

Sec. 163. NRS 218E.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.255 1. There is hereby created a Budget Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission.

2. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall appoint to the *Budget* Subcommittee ~~the~~ :

(a) *The* persons designated by the Speaker designate of the Assembly to be members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means *for the next regular session*; and ~~the~~

(b) *The* persons designated by the Majority Leader designate of the Senate to be members of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance for the next ~~ensuing~~ *regular* session . ~~of the Legislature.~~

3. The Budget Subcommittee shall conclude its activities before the next regular ~~legislative~~ session is convened.

4. The Budget Subcommittee shall consider fiscal issues that may require consideration by the Legislature at the next ~~ensuing~~ *regular* session.



Sec. 164. NRS 218E.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.270 If the Governor elects to communicate the message required pursuant to Section 10 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution before the commencement of a regular session , ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ the Chair of the Legislative Commission may, on behalf of the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200, appoint a special committee to receive that message. A special committee appointed pursuant to this section:

1. Must consist of all persons elected or appointed to serve as ~~{a Senator, Assemblywoman or Assemblyman}~~ **Legislators** during the next ~~{ensuing}~~ regular session . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~
2. Must be chaired by the Speaker designate of the Assembly.
3. Shall receive the Governor's message and conclude its activities upon the completion of that message.

Sec. 165. NRS 218E.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.275 The Legislative Commission may, pursuant to NRS 218E.200, appoint one or more special committees before the commencement of a regular session . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ Each special committee appointed pursuant to this section:

1. Must consist of all persons designated by the:
 - (a) Speaker designate of the Assembly to serve as members of an Assembly Standing Committee, other than the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means, for the next ~~{ensuing}~~ regular session ; ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ or
 - (b) Majority Leader designate of the Senate to serve as members of a Senate Standing Committee, other than the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, for the next ~~{ensuing}~~ regular session . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~

2. May meet to consider issues that may require consideration during the next ~~{ensuing}~~ **regular** session by the standing committee upon which the members of the special committee have been designated to serve.

3. Shall conclude its activities before the commencement of the next ~~{ensuing}~~ **regular** session.

Sec. 166. NRS 218E.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.300 The Legislature finds that:

1. The discharge of its duties to provide for the prosecution of public offenses and the defense of indigent persons charged with public offenses requires the collection of statistical information upon the operation of the several district attorneys' and public



defenders' offices which are reasonably accurate and are comparable from county to county.

2. There exists no agency outside the Legislative Department ~~{of the State Government}~~ which is appropriate for the collection of such information.

Sec. 167. NRS 218E.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.400 1. There is hereby created in the Legislative Counsel Bureau an Interim Finance Committee. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Interim Finance Committee is composed of the members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance during the current or immediately preceding *regular* session . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance is the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee for the period ending with the convening of each even-numbered regular session . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ The immediate past Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means is the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee during the next legislative interim, and the position of Chair alternates between the Houses ~~{of the Legislature}~~ according to this pattern. The term of the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee terminates if a new Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means or the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, as the case may be, is designated for the next regular session , ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ in which case that person so designated serves as the Chair of the *Interim Finance* Committee until the convening of that regular session.

3. If any regular member of the Interim Finance Committee informs the Secretary that the member will be unable to attend a particular meeting, the Secretary shall notify the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, as the case may be, to appoint an alternate for that meeting from the same House and political party as the absent member.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the term of a member of the Interim Finance Committee expires upon the convening of the next regular session ~~{of the Legislature}~~ unless the member is replaced by the appointing authority. If the Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate designates members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means or the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, as applicable, for the next ~~{ensuing}~~ regular session , ~~{of the~~



~~Legislature,]~~ the designated members become members of the Interim Finance Committee. A member may be reappointed.

5. The membership of any member who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the case may be, shall appoint an alternate to fill the vacancy on the Interim Finance Committee. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each alternate serves on the *Interim Finance Committee*:

(a) If the alternate is a member of the Assembly, until the Speaker designate of the Assembly designates the members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means for the next ~~[ensuing]~~ regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ or appoints a different alternate.

(b) If the alternate is a member of the Senate, until the Majority Leader designate of the Senate designates the members of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance for the next ~~[ensuing]~~ regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ or appoints a different alternate.

6. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ shall act as the Secretary of the Interim Finance Committee.

7. A majority of the members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and a majority of the members of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, jointly, may call a meeting of the Interim Finance Committee if the Chair does not do so.

8. In all matters requiring action by the Interim Finance Committee, the vote of the Assembly *members* and *the* Senate members must be taken separately. No action may be taken unless it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the Assembly members and a majority of the Senate members.

9. Except during a regular or special session ~~[of the Legislature, each]~~, *for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Interim Finance Committee and appointed alternate attends a meeting of the Interim Finance Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Interim Finance Committee, the member or appointed alternate* is entitled to receive ~~[the]~~ :

(a) *The* compensation provided for a majority of the ~~[members of the Legislature]~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session ~~[for each day or portion of a day during which the member or alternate attends a Committee meeting or is otherwise engaged in Committee work plus the]~~ ;



(b) *The* per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~the~~

(c) *The* travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

10. All such compensation , *per diem allowances and travel expenses* must be paid from the Contingency Fund in the State Treasury.

Sec. 168. NRS 218E.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.405 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Interim Finance Committee may exercise the powers conferred upon it by law only when the Legislature is not in *a* regular or special session.

2. During a regular or special session, the Interim Finance Committee may also perform the duties imposed on it by subsection 5 of NRS 284.115, NRS 284.1729, subsection 2 of NRS 321.335, NRS 322.007, subsection 2 of NRS 323.020, NRS 323.050, subsection 1 of NRS 323.100, subsection 3 of NRS 341.090, NRS 341.142, subsection 6 of NRS 341.145, NRS 353.220, 353.224, 353.2705 to 353.2771, inclusive, 353.288, 353.335, 353C.226, paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NRS 407.0762, NRS 428.375, 439.620, 439.630, 445B.830 and 538.650. In performing those duties, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means may meet separately and transmit the results of their respective votes to the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee to determine the action of the Interim Finance Committee as a whole.

3. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may appoint a subcommittee consisting of six members of the Committee to review and make recommendations to the Committee on matters of the State Public Works Board that require prior approval of the Interim Finance Committee pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 341.090, NRS 341.142 and subsection 6 of NRS 341.145. If the Chair appoints such a subcommittee:

(a) The Chair shall designate one of the members of the subcommittee to serve as the chair of the subcommittee;

(b) The subcommittee shall meet throughout the year at the times and places specified by the call of the chair of the subcommittee; and

(c) The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording secretary of the subcommittee.



Sec. 169. NRS 218E.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.420 1. There is hereby created an Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee of the Legislature to ~~review~~:

(a) *Review* the operation of the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Judicial Retirement System established pursuant to chapter 1A of NRS and the Public Employees' Benefits Program ; and ~~to make~~

(b) *Make* recommendations to the Public Employees' Retirement Board and the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program, the Legislative Commission and the Legislature.

2. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee consists of six members appointed as follows:

(a) Three members of the Senate, one of whom is the Chair of the Committee on Finance during the preceding *regular* session and two of whom are appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.

(b) Three members of the Assembly, one of whom is the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means *during the preceding regular session* and two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

~~[2.]~~ 3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

~~[3.]~~ 4. The immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance is the Chair of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee for the period ending with the convening of each odd-numbered *regular* session . ~~[of the Legislature.]~~ The immediate past Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means is the Chair of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee during the next legislative interim, and the position of Chair alternates between the Houses ~~[of the Legislature]~~ according to this pattern.

~~[4.]~~ 5. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee may exercise the powers conferred on it by law only when the Legislature is not in *a* regular or special session and shall meet at the call of the Chair.

~~[5.]~~ 6. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ shall provide a Secretary for the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee.

~~[6.—The]~~

7. *For each day or portion of a day during which* members of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee *attend a meeting of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee or are otherwise*



engaged in the business of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee, the members are entitled to receive ~~{the}~~ :

(a) *The* compensation provided for a majority of the ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding *regular* session ~~{, the}~~ ;

(b) *The* per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~{the}~~

(c) *The* travel expenses provided ~~{by}~~ *pursuant to* NRS 218A.655 . ~~{for each day of attendance at a meeting of the Committee and while engaged in the business of the Committee. Per diem allowances,}~~

8. *All such* compensation , *per diem allowances* and travel expenses ~~{of the members of the Committee}~~ must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 170. NRS 218E.435 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.435 As used in NRS 218E.435 to 218E.460, inclusive, *unless the context otherwise requires*, “committee” means a legislative committee for the fundamental review of the base budgets of state agencies.

Sec. 171. NRS 218E.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.440 1. If:

(a) The Legislature, by concurrent resolution, during a regular ~~{legislative}~~ session; or

(b) The Interim Finance Committee, by resolution, while the Legislature is not in *a* regular session,

↪ determines that the performance of a fundamental review of the base budget of a particular agency is necessary, the Interim Finance Committee shall create a legislative committee for the fundamental review of the base budgets of state agencies.

2. The Interim Finance Committee ~~{may}~~ :

(a) *May* create more than one such committee if the number of agencies designated for review warrants additional committees ~~{-If}~~ ; and

(b) *If* more than one such committee is created, ~~{the Interim Finance Committee}~~ shall determine which agencies are to be reviewed by the respective committees.

~~{2. Each}~~

3. *For each* such committee ~~{must consist of an equal number of members of the Senate and the Assembly. The}~~ , *the* Interim Finance Committee shall ~~{appoint}~~ :

(a) *Appoint all* the members ~~{of a committee. At}~~ ;



(b) Appoint an equal number of members from the Senate and the Assembly;

(c) Appoint at least a majority of the members ~~{of a committee must be members of}~~ from the Interim Finance Committee ~~[. The Interim Finance Committee shall designate]~~ ; and

(d) Designate the chair . ~~{of a committee.~~

~~—3.]~~ *4. Any member of a committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session ~~{of the Legislature}~~ convenes.*

~~[4.]~~ *5. Vacancies on a committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.*

~~[5.]~~ *6. A majority of the members appointed to a committee constitutes a quorum.*

~~[6.]~~ *7. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ shall assign employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to provide such technical, clerical and operational assistance to a committee as the functions and operations of the committee may require.*

Sec. 172. NRS 218E.445 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.445 1. The members of a committee shall meet throughout each year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the committee. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or a person he or she has designated}~~ *or the Director's designee* shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

2. Except during a regular or special session ~~{of the Legislature, members of a committee are}~~ , *for each day or portion of a day during which a member of a committee attends a meeting of the committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the committee, the member is* entitled to receive ~~{the}~~ :

(a) The compensation provided for a majority of the ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session ~~{for each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a meeting of the committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the committee plus the}~~ ;

(b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~{the}~~

(c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

3. ~~{The salaries and}~~ *All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel* expenses ~~{of a committee}~~ must be paid from the Legislative Fund.



Sec. 173. NRS 218E.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.450 1. A committee shall, during the legislative interim, perform a fundamental review of the base budget of each state agency assigned to it for review.

2. A committee may request the state agency under review and any other agency to submit information, analyses and reports which are pertinent to the reviews conducted pursuant to this section. Each agency of the State shall cooperate fully and provide the material requested within the period specified by a committee.

3. A committee shall, before the convening of the next regular session, ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ transmit a report of each review conducted pursuant to this section, and any related recommendations, to the Interim Finance Committee and the Legislative Commission.

Sec. 174. NRS 218E.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.455 1. In conducting the investigations and hearings of a committee:

(a) The secretary of the committee or, in the secretary's absence, any member designated by the committee may administer oaths.

(b) The secretary or chair of the committee may cause the deposition of witnesses, residing either within or ~~[outside of]~~ *without* the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts.

(c) The chair of the committee may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance *and testimony* of witnesses and the production of books, *papers, accounts, department records* and ~~[papers:]~~ *other documents*.

2. If any witness *fails or* refuses to attend or testify or *to* produce ~~[any books and papers as]~~ *the books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents* required by the subpoena, the chair of the committee may report *the failure or refusal* to the district court by *a* petition ~~[, setting]~~ *which:*

(a) *Sets* forth that:

~~[(a)]~~ (1) Due notice has been given of the time and place of *the* attendance of the witness or the production of the *required* books ~~[and papers;~~

~~—(b)]~~, *papers, accounts, department records or other documents;*

(2) The witness has been subpoenaed by the committee pursuant to this section; and

~~[(c)]~~ (3) The witness has failed or refused to attend or *testify or to* produce the books, ~~[and]~~ *papers, accounts, department records*



or other documents required by the subpoena before the committee ~~{which is}~~ named in the subpoena ~~[-, or has refused to answer questions propounded to the witness, and asking] ; and~~

(b) *Asks* for an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or *to* produce the *required* books , ~~{and}~~ papers , *accounts, department records or other documents* before the committee.

3. Upon such a petition, the court shall ~~{enter}~~ :

(a) *Enter* an order directing the witness ~~{to}~~ :

(1) *To* appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order ~~{;}~~ ; and ~~{to}~~

(2) *To* show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the *required* books , ~~{or}~~ papers , *accounts, department records or other documents* before the committee ~~[-, A]~~ ; and

(b) *Serve a* certified copy of the order ~~{must be served}~~ upon the witness.

4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the committee, the court shall enter an order that the witness :

(a) *Must* appear before the committee at the time and place fixed in the order ~~{and}~~ ;

(b) *Must* testify or produce the required books ~~{or papers. Failure}~~ , *papers, accounts, department records or other documents; and*

(c) *Upon failure* to obey the order ~~{constitutes}~~ , *must be dealt with as for* contempt of court.

Sec. 175. NRS 218E.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.505 As used in NRS 218E.500 to 218E.535, inclusive, *unless the context otherwise requires*, “Committee” means the Legislative Committee on Public Lands.

Sec. 176. NRS 218E.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.510 1. There is hereby established a Legislative Committee on Public Lands consisting of four members of the Senate, four members of the Assembly and one elected officer representing the governing body of a local political subdivision, appointed by the Legislative Commission with appropriate regard for their experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands. The members who are ~~{State}~~ Legislators must be



appointed to provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

3. The members of the Committee shall select a Chair from one House ~~[of the Legislature]~~ and a Vice Chair from the other ~~[]~~ *House*. Each ~~[such officer shall hold]~~ *Chair and Vice Chair holds* office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the members of the Committee shall select a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4. Any member of the Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ convenes.

5. Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

6. The Legislative Commission may appoint alternates for members of the Committee. The Chair of the Committee ~~[may]~~ :

(a) *May* designate an alternate appointed by the Legislative Commission to serve in place of a regular member who is unable to attend a meeting ~~[. The Chair shall]~~ ; *and*

(b) *Shall* appoint an alternate who is a member of the same House and political party as the regular member to serve in place of the regular member if one is available.

Sec. 177. NRS 218E.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.515 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than November 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Research Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or a person he or she has designated]~~ *or the Research Director's designee* shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

3. The Committee shall prescribe rules for its own management and government.

4. Five members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.



5. Except during a regular or special session ~~{of the Legislature, the}~~ , *for each day or portion of a day during which* members of the Committee who are ~~{State}~~ Legislators *attend a meeting of the Committee or are otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the members* are entitled to receive ~~{the}~~ ;

(a) *The* compensation provided for a majority of the ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding *regular* session ~~{, the}~~ ;

(b) *The* per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~{the}~~

(c) *The* travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655 . ~~{for each day of attendance at a meeting of the Committee and while engaged in the business of the Committee. Per diem allowances,}~~

6. *All such* compensation , *per diem allowances* and travel expenses ~~{of the legislative members of the Committee}~~ must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

~~{6.}~~ 7. The member of the Committee who represents a local political subdivision is entitled to receive the subsistence allowances and travel expenses provided by law for his or her position for each day of attendance at a meeting of the Committee and while engaged in the business of the Committee, to be paid by the local political subdivision.

Sec. 178. NRS 218E.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.525 1. The Committee shall:

(a) Actively support the efforts of state and local governments in the western states regarding public lands and state sovereignty as impaired by federal ownership of land.

(b) Advance knowledge and understanding in local, regional and national forums of Nevada's unique situation with respect to public lands.

(c) Support legislation that will enhance state and local roles in the management of public lands and will increase the disposal of public lands.

2. The Committee:

(a) Shall review the programs and activities of:

(1) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada;

(2) All public water authorities, districts and systems in the State of Nevada, including, without limitation, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Virgin Valley Water District, the Carson Water Subconservancy District,



the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; and

(3) All other public or private entities with which any county in the State has an agreement regarding the planning, development or distribution of water resources, or any combination thereof;

(b) Shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ for transmittal to the Legislature a report concerning the review conducted pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(c) May review and comment on other issues relating to water resources in this State, including, without limitation:

(1) The laws, regulations and policies regulating the use, allocation and management of water in this State; and

(2) The status of existing information and studies relating to water use, surface water resources and groundwater resources in this State.

Sec. 179. NRS 218E.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.530 1. In conducting the investigations and hearings of the Committee:

(a) The Secretary of the Committee ~~[]~~ or , in the Secretary's absence , any member of the Committee ~~[]~~ may administer oaths.

(b) The Secretary or Chair of the Committee may cause the deposition of witnesses, residing either within or without the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts.

(c) The Secretary or Chair of the Committee may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance *and testimony* of witnesses and the production of books , *papers, accounts, department records* and ~~[papers.] other documents.~~

2. If any witness *fails or* refuses to attend or testify or *to* produce ~~[any books and papers as]~~ *the books, papers, accounts, department records or other documents* required by the subpoena, the Secretary or Chair of the Committee may report *the failure or refusal* to the district court by *a* petition ~~[, setting]~~ *which:*

(a) *Sets* forth that:

~~[(a)]~~ (1) Due notice has been given of the time and place of *the* attendance of the witness or the production of the *required* books ~~[and papers;~~

~~—(b)]~~ , *papers, accounts, department records or other documents;*

(2) The witness has been subpoenaed by the Committee pursuant to this section; and



~~[(e)]~~ (3) The witness has failed or refused to attend or *testify or to produce the books , ~~[and]~~ papers , accounts, department records or other documents* required by the subpoena before the Committee ~~[which is]~~ named in the subpoena ~~[- or has refused to answer questions propounded to the witness, - and asking] ; and~~

(b) *Asks* for an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or *to* produce the *required* books , ~~[and]~~ papers , *accounts, department records or other documents* before the Committee.

3. Upon such *a* petition, the court shall ~~[enter] :~~

(a) *Enter* an order directing the witness ~~[to] :~~

(1) *To* appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days ~~[from]~~ *after* the date of the order ~~[- and then and there] ; and~~

(2) *To* show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the *required* books , ~~[or]~~ papers , *accounts, department records or other documents* before the Committee ~~[- A]~~ ; and

(b) *Serve a* certified copy of the order ~~[shall be served]~~ upon the witness.

4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Committee, the court shall enter an order that the witness :

(a) *Must* appear before the Committee at the time and place fixed in the order ~~[and] ;~~

(b) *Must* testify or produce the required books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~[papers, and upon]~~ *other documents; and*

(c) *Upon* failure to obey the order ~~[the witness shall]~~ , *must* be dealt with as for contempt of court.

Sec. 180. NRS 218E.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.535 1. Each witness who appears before the Committee by its order, except a state officer or employee, is entitled to receive for such attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in the courts of record of this State.

2. The fees and mileage ~~[shall]~~ *must* be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper claims sworn to by the witness and approved by the Secretary and Chair of the Committee.



Sec. 181. NRS 218E.555 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.555 1. There is hereby created the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System consisting of three members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly, appointed by the Legislative Commission with appropriate regard for their experience with and knowledge of matters relating to the management of natural resources. The members must be appointed to provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

3. The members of the Committee shall elect a Chair from one House ~~{of the Legislature}~~ and a Vice Chair from the other House. Each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

4. Any member of the Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session ~~{of the Legislature}~~ convenes.

5. Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

6. The Committee shall report annually to the Legislative Commission concerning its activities and any recommendations.

Sec. 182. NRS 218E.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.560 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than November 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or a person he or she designates}~~ *or the Director's designee* shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

3. The Committee shall adopt rules for its own management and government.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, four members of the Committee constitute a quorum ~~{ }~~ *, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.*



5. Any recommended legislation proposed by the Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and by a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the Committee.

6. ~~Each member of the Committee, except~~ *Except* during a regular or special session ~~of the Legislature,~~ , *for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member* is entitled to receive ~~the~~ :

(a) *The* compensation provided for a majority of the ~~members of the Legislature~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session ~~for each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee plus the~~ ;

(b) *The* per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally ; and ~~the~~

(c) *The* travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655. ~~The salaries~~

7. *All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses* ~~paid pursuant to this subsection~~ and any other expenses of the Committee must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 183. NRS 218E.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.575 1. In conducting the investigations and hearings of the Committee:

(a) Any member of the Committee may administer oaths.

(b) The Chair of the Committee may cause the deposition of witnesses, residing either within or ~~outside of~~ *without* the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts.

(c) The Chair may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance *and testimony* of witnesses and the production of books, papers ~~or~~ , *accounts, department records and other* documents.

2. If ~~a~~ *any* witness *fails or* refuses to attend or testify or to produce *the* books, papers , *accounts, department records* or *other* documents ~~as~~ required by the subpoena, the Chair may report *the failure or refusal* to the district court by *a* petition ~~, setting forth:~~

~~(a) That due~~ *which:*

(a) *Sets forth that:*

(1) *Due* notice has been given of the time and place of *the* attendance of the witness or the production of the *required* books, papers , *accounts, department records* or *other* documents;

~~(b) That the~~



(2) *The* witness has been subpoenaed by the Committee pursuant to this section; and

~~[(c) That the]~~

(3) *The* witness has failed or refused to attend *or testify* or to produce the books, papers, *, accounts, department records* or *other* documents required by the subpoena before the Committee ~~[that is]~~ named in the subpoena ~~[-, or has refused to answer questions propounded to the witness, and asking]~~; and

(b) *Asks* for an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or to produce the *required* books, papers, *, accounts, department records* or *other* documents before the Committee.

3. Upon such a petition, the court shall ~~[enter]~~:

(a) *Enter* an order directing the witness ~~[to]~~:

(1) *To* appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order ~~[-, and to]~~; and

(2) *To* show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the books, papers, *, accounts, department records* or *other* documents before the Committee ~~[-, A]~~; and

(b) *Serve a* certified copy of the order ~~[must be served]~~ upon the witness.

4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Committee, the court shall enter an order that the witness:

(a) *Must* appear before the Committee at the time and place fixed in the order ~~[and]~~;

(b) *Must* testify or produce the required books, papers, *, accounts, department records* or *other* documents ~~[-, Failure]~~; and

(c) *Upon failure* to obey the order ~~[constitutes]~~, *must be dealt with as for* contempt of court.

Sec. 184. NRS 218E.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.605 1. The Legislative Committee on Education, consisting of eight legislative members, is hereby created. The membership of the Committee consists of:

(a) Four members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the minority political party.

(b) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, at least one of whom must be a member of the minority political party.



2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

3. The Legislative Commission shall select the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee from among the members of the Committee. Each ~~[of those officers holds the position]~~ *Chair and Vice Chair holds office* for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The ~~[position]~~ *office* of Chair of the Committee must alternate each biennium between the Houses . ~~[of the Legislature.]~~ If a vacancy occurs in the *office of* Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4. A member of the Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ convenes.

5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment ~~[]~~ *for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

Sec. 185. NRS 218E.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.610 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than November 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her]~~ *or the Director's* designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.

3. Five members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session , ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the ~~[work]~~ *business* of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the ~~[members of the Legislature]~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

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



(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

~~{→The}~~

5. All *such* compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses ~~{of the members of the Committee}~~ must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 186. NRS 218E.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.620 1. If the Committee conducts investigations or holds hearings pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 218E.615:

(a) The Secretary of the Committee or, in the Secretary's absence, a member designated by the Committee may administer oaths.

(b) The Secretary or Chair of the Committee may cause the deposition of witnesses, residing either within or ~~{outside of this}~~ *without the* State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts.

(c) The Chair of the Committee may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance *and testimony* of witnesses and the production of books , *papers, accounts, department records* and ~~{papers.}~~ *other documents.*

2. If ~~{a}~~ *any* witness *fails or* refuses to attend or testify or *to* produce *the* books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~{papers as}~~ *other documents* required by the subpoena, the Chair of the Committee may report *the failure or refusal* to the district court by a petition which ~~{sets}~~ :

(a) *Sets* forth that:

~~{(a)}~~ (1) Due notice has been given of the time and place of *the* attendance of the witness or the production of the *required* books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~{papers;~~
—~~{b)}~~ *other documents;*

(2) The witness has been subpoenaed by the Committee pursuant to this section; and

~~{(c)}~~ (3) The witness has failed or refused to attend or *testify or to* produce the books , ~~{or}~~ *papers , accounts, department records or other documents* required by the subpoena before the Committee ~~{that is}~~ named in the subpoena ~~{, or has refused to answer questions propounded to the witness.~~

~~→The petition may request}~~ ; and

(b) *Asks for* an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or *to* produce the *required* books , ~~{and}~~ *papers , accounts, department records or other documents* before the Committee.



3. Upon such a petition, the court shall ~~enter~~ :

(a) *Enter* an order directing the witness ~~to~~ :

(1) *To* appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order ~~[-and to]~~ ; and

(2) *To* show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the *required* books , ~~for~~ papers , *accounts, department records or other documents* before the Committee ~~[-A]~~ ; and

(b) *Serve a* certified copy of the order ~~[must be served]~~ upon the witness.

4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Committee, the court shall enter an order that the witness :

(a) *Must* appear before the Committee at the time and place fixed in the order ~~[and]~~ ;

(b) *Must* testify or produce the required books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~[papers.—Failure]~~ *other documents; and*

(c) *Upon failure* to obey the order ~~[constitutes]~~ , *must be dealt with as for* contempt of court.

Sec. 187. NRS 218E.625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.625 1. The Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation is hereby created within the Fiscal Analysis Division . ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.]~~ The Fiscal Analysts shall appoint to the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation a Chief and such other personnel as the Fiscal Analysts determine are necessary for the Bureau to carry out its duties pursuant to this section.

2. The Bureau shall, as the Fiscal Analysts determine is necessary or at the request of the Committee:

(a) Collect and analyze data and issue written reports concerning:

(1) The effectiveness of the provisions of NRS 385.3455 to 385.391, inclusive, in improving the accountability of the schools of this State;

(2) The statewide program to reduce the ratio of pupils per class per licensed teacher prescribed in NRS 388.700, 388.710 and 388.720;

(3) The statewide program to educate persons with disabilities that is set forth in chapter 395 of NRS;



(4) The results of the examinations of the National Assessment of Educational Progress that are administered pursuant to NRS 389.012; and

(5) Any program or legislative measure, the purpose of which is to reform the system of education within this State.

(b) Conduct studies and analyses to evaluate the performance and progress of the system of public education within this State. Such studies and analyses may be conducted:

(1) As the Fiscal Analysts determine are necessary; or

(2) At the request of the Legislature.

↪ This paragraph does not prohibit the Bureau from contracting with a person or entity to conduct studies and analyses on behalf of the Bureau.

(c) On or before December 31 of each even-numbered year, submit a written report of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) to the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ for transmission to the next regular session . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ The Bureau shall, on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year, submit a written report of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) to the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ for transmission to the Legislative Commission.

3. The Bureau may, pursuant to NRS 218F.620, require a school, a school district, the Nevada System of Higher Education or the Department of Education to submit to the Bureau books, papers, records and other information that the Chief of the Bureau determines are necessary to carry out the duties of the Bureau pursuant to this section. An entity whom the Bureau requests to produce records or other information shall provide the records or other information in any readily available format specified by the Bureau.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection ~~{or}~~ and NRS 239.0115, any information obtained by the Bureau pursuant to this section shall be deemed a work product that is confidential pursuant to NRS 218F.150. The Bureau may, at the discretion of the Chief and after submission to the Legislature or Legislative Commission, as appropriate, publish reports of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 2.

5. This section does not prohibit the Department of Education or the State Board of Education from conducting analyses, submitting reports or otherwise reviewing educational programs in this State.



Sec. 188. NRS 218E.705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.705 1. The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice is hereby created. The membership of the Committee consists of three members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly, appointed by the Legislative Commission.

2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

3. The Legislative Commission shall select the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee from among the members of the Committee. After the initial selection ~~[of those officers, each of those officers holds the position]~~ , *each Chair and Vice Chair holds office* for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The ~~[position]~~ *office* of Chair of the Committee must alternate each biennium between the Houses . ~~[of the Legislature.]~~ If a vacancy occurs in the ~~[position]~~ *office* of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4. A member of the Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ convenes.

5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment ~~[]~~ *for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

Sec. 189. NRS 218E.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.710 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than November 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her]~~ *or the Director's* designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.

3. Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session , ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ for each day or portion of a day during which a



member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the ~~{work}~~ *business* of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the ~~{members-of-the-Legislature}~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

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

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

~~{→The}~~

5. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses ~~{of-the-members-of-the-Committee}~~ must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 190. NRS 218E.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.720 1. The Committee may:

(a) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to NRS 218E.715;

(b) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee; and

(c) Propose recommended legislation concerning child welfare and juvenile justice to the Legislature.

2. The Committee shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director ~~{of-the-Legislative-Counsel-Bureau}~~ for transmittal to the Legislature a report concerning the evaluation and review conducted pursuant to NRS 218E.715.

Sec. 191. NRS 218E.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.725 1. If the Committee conducts investigations or holds hearings pursuant to NRS 218E.720:

(a) The Chair of the Committee or, in the Chair's absence, a member designated by the Committee may administer oaths. ~~{;}~~

(b) The Chair of the Committee may cause the deposition of witnesses, residing *either* within or ~~{outside-of-this}~~ *without the* State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts. ~~{;and}~~

(c) The Chair of the Committee may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance *and testimony* of witnesses and the production of books, *, papers, accounts, department records* and ~~{papers;}~~ *other documents.*

2. If any witness *fails or* refuses to attend or testify or *to* produce ~~{any-books-and-papers-as}~~ *the books, papers, accounts,*



department records or other documents required by the subpoena, the Chair of the Committee may report *the failure or refusal* to the district court by *a* petition ~~[, setting]~~ *which*:

(a) *Sets* forth that:

~~[(a)]~~ (1) Due notice has been given of the time and place of *the* attendance of the witness or the production of the *required* books ~~[and papers;~~

~~—(b)]~~, *papers, accounts, department records or other documents*;

(2) The witness has been subpoenaed by the Committee pursuant to this section; and

~~[(e)]~~ (3) The witness has failed or refused to attend *or testify* or *to* produce the books , ~~[and]~~ *papers, accounts, department records or other documents* required by the subpoena before the Committee ~~[which is]~~ named in the subpoena ~~[, or has refused to answer questions propounded to the witness, and asking]~~ ; and

(b) *Asks* for an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or *to* produce the *required* books , ~~[and]~~ *papers, accounts, department records or other documents* before the Committee.

3. Upon such petition, the court shall ~~[enter]~~ :

(a) *Enter* an order directing the witness ~~[to]~~ :

(1) *To* appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order ~~[, and then and there]~~ ; and

(2) *To* show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the *required* books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~[papers]~~ *other documents* before the Committee ~~[.A]~~ ; and

(b) *Serve a* certified copy of the order ~~[must be served]~~ upon the witness.

4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Committee, the court shall enter an order that the witness :

(a) *Must* appear before the Committee at the time and place fixed in the order ~~[and]~~ ;

(b) *Must* testify or produce the required books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~[papers, and upon]~~ *other documents*; and

(c) *Upon* failure to obey the order, ~~[the witness shall]~~ *must* be dealt with as for contempt of court.



Sec. 192. NRS 218E.750 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.750 1. The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs, consisting of six members, is hereby created. The membership of the Committee consists of:

(a) Three members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the minority political party; and

(b) Three members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, at least one of whom must be a member of the minority political party.

2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

3. The Legislative Commission shall select the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee from among the members of the Committee. After the initial selection ~~{of those officers, each of those officers holds the position}~~ , *each Chair and Vice Chair holds office* for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The ~~{position}~~ *office* of Chair of the Committee must alternate each biennium between the Houses . ~~{of the Legislature.}~~ If a vacancy occurs in the ~~{position}~~ *office* of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4. A member of the Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session ~~{of the Legislature}~~ convenes.

5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 193. NRS 218E.755 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.755 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than November 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or by a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her}~~ *or the Director's* designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.



3. Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session , ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the ~~{work}~~ *business* of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ *Legislators* during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

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

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.
~~{→ The}~~

5. *All such* compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses ~~{of the members of the Committee}~~ must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 194. NRS 218E.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.760 1. The Committee may review, study and comment upon issues relating to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs, including, without limitation:

(a) Initiatives to ensure the financial and physical wellness of senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs;

(b) The abuse, neglect, isolation and exploitation of senior citizens and adults with special needs;

(c) Public outreach and advocacy;

(d) Programs for the provision of services to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs in this State and methods to enhance such programs to ensure that services are provided in the most appropriate setting;

(e) Programs that provide services and care in the home which allow senior citizens to remain at home and live independently instead of in institutional care;

(f) The availability of useful information and data as needed for the State of Nevada to effectively make decisions, plan budgets and monitor costs and outcomes of services provided to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs;

(g) Laws relating to the appointment of a guardian and the improvement of laws for the protection of senior citizens and adults with special needs who have been appointed a guardian, including,



without limitation, the improvement of investigations relating to guardianships and systems for monitoring guardianships; and

(h) The improvement of facilities for long-term care in this State, including, without limitation:

(1) Reducing the number of persons placed in facilities for long-term care located outside this State;

(2) Creating units for acute care and long-term care to treat persons suffering from dementia who exhibit behavioral problems;

(3) Developing alternatives to placement in facilities for long-term care, including, without limitation, units for long-term care located in other types of facilities, and ensuring that such alternatives are available throughout this State for the treatment of persons with psychological needs; and

(4) Creating a program to provide follow-up care and to track the ongoing progress of residents of facilities for long-term care.

2. The Committee may:

(a) Review, study and comment upon matters relating to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs;

(b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to this section;

(c) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and studies of the Committee; and

(d) Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs.

3. The Committee shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ for transmittal to the next regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ a report concerning the study conducted pursuant to subsection 1.

4. As used in this section, "facility for long-term care" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 427A.028.

Sec. 195. NRS 218E.765 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.765 1. If the Committee conducts investigations or holds hearings pursuant to NRS 218E.760:

(a) The Secretary of the Committee or, in the Secretary's absence, a member designated by the Committee may administer oaths.

(b) The Chair of the Committee may cause the deposition of witnesses, residing *either* within or ~~[outside this]~~ *without the* State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by rule of court for taking depositions in civil actions in the district courts.



(c) The Chair of the Committee may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance *and testimony* of witnesses and the production of books , *papers, accounts, department records* and ~~{papers:}~~ *other documents*.

2. If ~~{a}~~ *any* witness *fails or* refuses to attend or testify or *to* produce *the* books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~{papers-as}~~ *other documents* required by the subpoena, the Chair of the Committee may report *the failure or refusal* to the district court by a petition which ~~{sets}~~ :

(a) *Sets* forth that:

~~{(a)}~~ (1) Due notice has been given of the time and place of *the* attendance of the witness or the production of the books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~{papers;~~
~~—(b)}~~ *other documents;*

(2) The witness has been subpoenaed by the Committee pursuant to this section; and

~~{(e)}~~ (3) The witness has failed or refused to attend or *testify or to* produce the books , ~~{or}~~ *papers, accounts, department records or other documents* required by the subpoena before the Committee ~~{that-is}~~ named in the subpoena ~~{,or has refused to answer questions propounded to the witness.~~

~~→ The petition may request} ; and~~

(b) *Asks for* an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or *to* produce the *required* books , ~~{and}~~ *papers, accounts, department records or other documents* before the Committee.

3. Upon such a petition, the court shall ~~{enter}~~ :

(a) *Enter* an order directing the witness ~~{to}~~ :

(1) *To* appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order ~~{,and-to}~~ ; and

(2) *To* show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the *required* books , ~~{or}~~ *papers, accounts, department records or other documents* before the Committee ~~{-A}~~ ; and

(b) *Serve a* certified copy of the order ~~{must be served}~~ upon the witness.

4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Committee, the court shall enter an order that the witness :

(a) *Must* appear before the Committee at the time and place fixed in the order ~~{and}~~ ;



(b) *Must* testify or produce the required books , *papers, accounts, department records* or ~~[papers.—Failure]~~ *other documents; and*

(c) *Upon failure* to obey the order ~~[constitutes]~~ , *must be dealt with as for* contempt of court.

Sec. 196. NRS 218F.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.020 As used in this chapter, *unless the context otherwise requires*, “agency of the State” includes all offices, departments, boards, commissions and institutions of the State.

Sec. 197. NRS 218F.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.110 1. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,]~~ *serves* as *the* executive head of the Legislative Counsel Bureau ~~[,]~~ *and* shall direct and supervise all *of* its administrative and technical activities. The ~~[Fiscal Analysts, Legislative Auditor, Research Director and]~~ *chiefs of the divisions of the* Legislative Counsel *Bureau* shall perform the respective duties assigned to them by law under the administrative supervision of the Director.

2. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ shall, consistent with the budget approved by the Legislative Commission and within the limits of legislative appropriations and other available funds, employ and fix the salaries of or contract for the services of such professional, technical, clerical and operational personnel and consultants as the execution of the Director’s duties and the operation of the Legislative Counsel Bureau may require.

3. All of the personnel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau are ~~[exempt]~~ :

(a) *Exempt* from the provisions of chapter 284 of NRS. ~~[They are entitled]~~

(b) *Entitled* to such leaves of absence as the Legislative Commission shall prescribe.

Sec. 198. NRS 218F.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.120 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS ~~[218A.530 and 218A.560,]~~ *218A.510 and 218A.540*, between *regular* sessions , ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ the Director , ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,]~~ with the approval of the Legislative Commission, may appoint such technical, clerical and operational staff as the functions and operations of the Legislature may require.

2. Salaries and related costs must be paid from the Legislative Fund.



Sec. 199. NRS 218F.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.150 1. The Director ~~[]~~ *and* other officers and employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not:

(a) Oppose or urge legislation, except as the duties of the Director, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Counsel, the Research Director and the Fiscal Analysts require them to make recommendations to the Legislature.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, NRS 218D.130, 218D.135, 218D.250 and 353.211, disclose to any person outside the Legislative Counsel Bureau the contents or nature of any matter, unless the person entrusting the matter to the Legislative Counsel Bureau so requests or consents.

2. The nature or content of any work previously done by the ~~[personnel]~~ *officers and employees* of the Research Division ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ may be disclosed if or to the extent that the disclosure does not reveal the identity of the person who requested it or include any material submitted by the requester which has not been published or publicly disclosed.

3. The *nature and* content of the work product of the *officers and employees of the* Legal *Division* and *the* Fiscal Analysis ~~[Divisions is]~~ *Division are* confidential and not subject to subpoena only if at the time of creation a representation of confidentiality is made.

~~[3-]~~ 4. When a statute has been enacted or a resolution adopted, the Legislative Counsel shall upon request disclose to any person the state or other jurisdiction from whose law it appears to have been adopted.

~~[4-]~~ 5. The records of the travel expenses of Legislators and officers and employees of the *Legislature and the* Legislative Counsel Bureau are available for public inspection at such reasonable hours and under such other conditions as the Legislative Commission prescribes.

Sec. 200. NRS 218F.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.200 1. Money to carry out the functions of the Legislative Counsel Bureau must be provided by legislative appropriation from the State General Fund to the Legislative Fund.

2. All claims must be approved by the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her]~~ *or the Director's* designee before they are paid.



Sec. 201. NRS 218F.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.210 1. A Special Account for Intergovernmental Activities is hereby created.

2. The Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ shall deposit all money which the Director receives as contributions for intergovernmental activities into the Account.

3. The money in the Account may only be used for intergovernmental activities.

4. Each use for the money must be authorized by the Legislative Commission and each check must be signed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission or ~~{his or her}~~ *the Chair's* designee and the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her}~~ *or the Director's* designee.

Sec. 202. NRS 218F.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.220 1. A petty cash account of the Legislative Counsel Bureau is hereby created:

(a) For each building in which offices of employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau are located; and

(b) In any division approved for the sale of souvenirs pursuant to NRS 218F.430,

↳ in the sum of not more than \$1,000 each for the minor expenses of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

2. Each account must be kept in the custody of an employee designated by the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ and must be replenished periodically from the Legislative Fund upon approval of expenditures and submission of vouchers or other documents to indicate payment.

Sec. 203. NRS 218F.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.230 1. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall maintain a checking account in any qualified bank or credit union for the purposes of ~~{providing}~~ :

(a) *Providing* advance money and reimbursement to Legislators and *officers and* employees for travel expenses ~~{paying}~~ ;

(b) *Paying* the salaries of persons on the payroll of the Legislative ~~{Branch of Government}~~ *Department and any* related payroll costs ~~{}~~ ; and

(c) *Paying* other expenses which may or must be paid from the Legislative Fund and any other expenses directed by the Legislative Commission.



2. The *checking* account must be secured by a depository bond to the extent the account is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or a private insurer approved pursuant to NRS 678.755.

3. All checks written on ~~{this}~~ *the checking* account must be signed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission and the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her}~~ *or the Director's* designee, except that during a regular session, ~~{of the Legislature,}~~ the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall sign the checks.

~~{2.}~~ 4. A request for advance money for travel constitutes a lien in favor of the Legislative Fund upon the accrued salary, subsistence allowance and travel expenses of the Legislator or *officer or* employee in an amount equal to the sum advanced.

~~{3. The}~~

5. A Legislator or *officer or* employee ~~{is}~~ *who receives advance money for travel:*

(a) *Is* entitled to receive upon request any authorized travel expenses in excess of the amount advanced. ~~{The Legislator or employee shall}~~

(b) *Shall* reimburse the Legislative Fund any amount advanced that is not used for reimbursable travel expenses.

Sec. 204. NRS 218F.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.300 1. All administrative services necessary to the operation of the Legislature during and between *regular and special* sessions ~~{shall}~~ *must* be provided by the Legislative Counsel Bureau at the expense of the Legislative Fund.

2. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall be responsible for the care, custody, acquisition and inventory of legislative supplies, furniture, artwork and equipment between *regular* sessions. ~~{of the Legislature.}~~

3. At the beginning of each *regular* session, the Director ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau}~~ shall submit a report to the Legislature detailing all supplies, furniture and equipment acquired to meet the needs of the ~~{current}~~ *regular* session and detailing all supplies, furniture and equipment on hand.

Sec. 205. NRS 218F.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.310 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and paper products it uses. This subsection does not apply to



confidential documents if there is an additional cost for recycling those documents.

2. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ may apply to the Legislative Commission for a waiver from the requirements of subsection 1. The Legislative Commission shall grant a waiver if it determines that the cost to recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and paper products used by the *Legislative Counsel Bureau* is unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the operations of the *Legislative Counsel Bureau*.

3. The Legislative Commission shall, after consulting with the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, adopt regulations which prescribe the procedure for the disposition of the paper and paper products to be recycled. The Legislative Commission may prescribe a procedure for the recycling of other waste materials produced on the premises of the Legislative Building.

4. Any money received by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for recycling or causing to be recycled the paper and paper products it uses must be paid by the Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ to the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

5. As used in this section:

(a) “Paper” includes newspaper, high-grade office paper, fine paper, bond paper, offset paper, xerographic paper, mimeo paper, duplicator paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.

(b) “Paper product” means any paper article or commodity, including, but not limited to, paper napkins, towels, cardboard, construction material, paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.

Sec. 206. NRS 218F.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.320 1. The Legislative Counsel Bureau may contract for the establishment of an on-site child care facility for children of employees of the Legislative ~~[Branch of Government.]~~ *Department*. No money appropriated to the Legislative Fund or the Legislative Counsel Bureau may be used to pay the cost of establishing and operating the facility.



2. All employees of the child care facility shall be deemed employees of the State for the purposes of NRS 41.0305 to 41.039, inclusive.

3. The Legislative Counsel Bureau may use the property described in NRS 331.135 for a child care facility established pursuant to this section.

4. As used in this section, “on-site child care facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432A.0275.

Sec. 207. NRS 218F.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.400 1. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall compile and publish a Legislative Manual containing information concerning the Legislature and other information appropriate for Legislators.

2. The costs of compilation and publication ~~[shall]~~ **must** be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 208. NRS 218F.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.410 The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ may fix reasonable fees for the sale of studies, audit reports, bulletins and miscellaneous materials of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and those fees must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 209. NRS 218F.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.420 1. With the approval of the Legislative Commission, the Legislative Counsel may compile and publish manuals or handbooks containing selected portions of Nevada Revised Statutes.

2. Such manuals and handbooks must be sold at a price fixed by the Director, ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ and all money received for the sale of such publications must be deposited in the Legislative Fund in the State Treasury.

Sec. 210. NRS 218F.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.440 1. The Director ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau]~~ may:

(a) Upon the request of any person, government, governmental agency or political subdivision, conduct searches by computer of the text of the publications of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and any other information the Director deems appropriate which may be accessible by a computer operated by the Legislative Counsel Bureau.



(b) Make any information described in paragraph (a) available for access by computer to any person, government, governmental agency or political subdivision.

2. The Director shall prescribe a reasonable fee for these services.

Sec. 211. NRS 218F.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.510 1. The Chief of the Administrative Division is ex officio Legislative Fiscal Officer. As such Officer, the Chief shall keep a complete, accurate and adequate set of accounting records and reports for all legislative operations, including any records and reports required by the Federal Government for the administration of federal revenue and income tax laws.

2. The Chief shall ~~{withhold}~~ :

(a) *Withhold* from the pay of each Legislator, employee of the Legislature and employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau the amount of tax specified by the Federal Government ; and ~~{shall transmit}~~

(b) *Transmit* the amount deducted to the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury.

3. The Chief shall, upon receipt of information from the Public Employees' Benefits Program specifying amounts of premiums or contributions for coverage by the Program ~~{, withhold}~~ :

(a) *Withhold* from the pay of each employee of the Legislature and employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau who participates in the Public Employees' Benefits Program those amounts ; and ~~{pay}~~

(b) *Pay* those amounts to the Program.

4. The Chief ~~{may}~~ :

(a) *May* provide for the purchase of United States savings bonds or similar United States obligations by salary deduction for any Legislator, ~~{legislative}~~ employee *of the Legislature* or employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau who submits a written request for these deductions and purchases. ~~{The Chief shall}~~

(b) *Shall* provide forms authorizing deductions for and purchases of these United States obligations.

5. The Chief may ~~{withhold}~~ :

(a) *Withhold* from the pay of a Legislator, employee of the Legislature or employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau such amount as the claimant specifies in writing for payment to the claimant's credit union. Any money which is withheld must be transmitted by the Chief in accordance with the claimant's written instructions. ~~{The Chief may adopt}~~



(b) Adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

Sec. 212. NRS 218F.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.520 1. The Administrative Division shall preserve order and security on the grounds surrounding the Legislative Building and within the Legislative Building.

2. When the Legislature is in *a regular or special* session, the Administrative Division shall assist the Sergeant at Arms of either House, upon request, in preserving order in the chambers and private lounges of the respective Houses.

Sec. 213. NRS 218F.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.600 1. The Fiscal Analysis Division consists of the Senate Fiscal Analyst, the Assembly Fiscal Analyst and such additional staff as the performance of their duties may require.

2. The Fiscal Analysis Division shall:

(a) Thoroughly examine all agencies of the State with special regard to their activities and the duplication of efforts between them.

(b) Recommend to the Legislature any suggested changes looking toward economy and the elimination of inefficiency in government.

(c) Ascertain facts and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the budget of the State and the estimates of the expenditure requirements of the agencies of the State.

(d) Make projections of future public revenues for the use of the Legislature.

(e) Analyze the history and probable future trend of the State's financial position in order that a sound fiscal policy may be developed and maintained for the State of Nevada.

(f) Analyze appropriation bills, revenue bills ~~[]~~ and bills having a fiscal impact upon the operation of the government of the State of Nevada or its political subdivisions.

(g) Advise the Legislature and ~~[the]~~ *its* members and committees ~~[thereof]~~ regarding matters of a fiscal nature.

(h) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to the Fiscal Analysis Division by the Legislature, the Legislative Commission or the Director. ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.]~~

Sec. 214. NRS 218F.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.610 1. The Office of Financial Analysis and Planning is hereby created within the Fiscal Analysis Division. ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.]~~ The Senate Fiscal Analyst and the



Assembly Fiscal Analyst shall appoint such personnel as the Fiscal Analysts determine are necessary for the office to carry out the duties of the office.

2. The Office of Financial Analysis and Planning shall assist the Legislature in long-term financial analysis and planning, including, without limitation, long-term economic planning and forecasting of future state revenues.

Sec. 215. NRS 218F.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.620 1. Upon the request of a Fiscal Analyst or his or her ~~[duly]~~ authorized representative, every elective state officer in the State of Nevada, every board or commission provided for by the laws of the State of Nevada, every head of each ~~[and every]~~ department in the State of Nevada, every officer of the Judicial ~~[Branch of the State Government,]~~ *Department*, and every employee or agent thereof, acting by, for, or on account of any such office, board, commission or officer receiving, paying or otherwise controlling any public funds in the State of Nevada, in whole or in part, whether the funds are provided by the State of Nevada, received from the Federal Government of the United States or any branch, bureau ~~[,]~~ or agency thereof, or received from private or other sources, shall make available, provide or prepare all books, papers, information and records under their control necessary or convenient to the proper discharge of the duties of the Fiscal Analysis Division pursuant to chapters 218A to 218H, inclusive, of NRS.

2. Any such officer, board, commission, department or employee who receives a request pursuant to subsection 1 shall make available, provide or prepare any information requested by the Fiscal Analysis Division within the period specified in the request.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other specific statute, the information requested by the Fiscal Analysis Division may include information considered confidential for other purposes.

Sec. 216. NRS 218F.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.700 The Legislative Counsel ~~[-]~~

~~1. Must be an~~ *must be:*

1. An attorney admitted to practice law in one of the United States ; and ~~[be versed]~~

2. Knowledgeable in some or all of the following:

(a) Political science ~~[-, parliamentary practice, legislative procedure, and the]~~ ;

(b) Parliamentary practice;



(c) *Legislative procedure; and*

(d) *The* methods of research, statutory revision and bill drafting.

~~[2. Shall perform the duties required by chapters 218A to 218H, inclusive, and chapter 220 of NRS.]~~

Sec. 217. NRS 218F.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.710 1. The Legislative Counsel ~~[-~~

~~1. Has the] has:~~

(a) *The* powers and duties assigned ~~[in chapters 218A to 218H, inclusive, and chapters 219 and 220 of NRS, and such]~~ *by this title and any law or resolution; and*

(b) *Such* other powers and duties as may be assigned by the Director , ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,]~~ the Legislature and the Legislative Commission.

2. ~~[Shall, upon]~~ *Upon* the request of any member or committee of the Legislature or the Legislative Commission, *the Legislative Counsel shall* give ~~[his or her]~~ *an* opinion in writing upon any question of law, including existing law and suggested, proposed and pending legislation which has become a matter of public record.

Sec. 218. NRS 218F.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.720 1. When deemed necessary or advisable to protect the official interests of the Legislature ~~[-, one or more Houses of the Legislature or one or more agencies, members, officers or employees of the Legislature, the Legislative Counsel Bureau or the Legislative Department of State Government,]~~ *in any action or proceeding,* the Legislative Commission, or the Chair of the Legislative Commission in cases where action is required before a meeting of the Legislative Commission is scheduled to be held, may direct the Legislative Counsel and ~~[his or her staff]~~ *the Legal Division* to appear in, commence, prosecute, defend or intervene in any action or proceeding before any court, agency or officer of the United States, this State or any other jurisdiction, or any political subdivision thereof. In any such action or proceeding, the Legislature ~~[-, the Houses of the Legislature and the agencies, members, officers and employees of the Legislature, the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Legislative Department of State Government]~~ may not be assessed or held liable for:

(a) Any filing or other court *or agency* fees; or

(b) The attorney's fees or *any* other fees, costs or expenses of any other parties.

2. If a party to any action or proceeding before any court, agency or officer:



(a) Alleges that the Legislature, by its actions or failure to act, has violated the Constitution, treaties or laws of the United States or the Constitution or laws of this State; or

(b) Challenges, contests or raises as an issue, either in law or in equity, in whole or in part, or facially or as applied, the meaning, intent, purpose, scope, applicability, validity, enforceability or constitutionality of any law, resolution, initiative, referendum or other legislative or constitutional measure, including, without limitation, on grounds that ~~[the law, resolution, initiative, referendum or other legislative or constitutional measure]~~ *it* is ambiguous, unclear, uncertain, imprecise, indefinite or vague, is preempted by federal law or is otherwise inapplicable, invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional,

↳ the Legislature may elect to intervene in the action or proceeding by filing a motion or request to intervene in the form required by the rules, laws or regulations applicable to the action or proceeding. The motion or request to intervene must be accompanied by an appropriate pleading, brief or dispositive motion setting forth the Legislature's arguments, claims, objections or defenses, in law or fact, or by a motion or request to file such a pleading, brief or dispositive motion at a later time.

3. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, upon the filing of a motion or request to intervene pursuant to subsection 2, the Legislature has an unconditional right and standing to intervene in the action or proceeding and to present its arguments, claims, objections or defenses, in law or fact, whether or not the Legislature's interests are adequately represented by existing parties and whether or not the State or any agency, officer or employee of the State is an existing party. If the Legislature intervenes in the action or proceeding, the Legislature has all the rights of a party.

4. The provisions of this section do not make the Legislature a necessary or indispensable party to any action or proceeding unless the Legislature intervenes in the action or proceeding, and no party to any action or proceeding may name the Legislature as a party or move to join the Legislature as a party based on the provisions of this section.

5. The Legislative Commission may authorize payment of the expenses and costs incurred pursuant to this section from the Legislative Fund.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Action or proceeding" means any action, suit, matter, cause, hearing, appeal or proceeding.



(b) "Agency" means any agency, office, department, division, *bureau, unit*, board, commission, authority, *institution*, committee, subcommittee or other similar body or entity, including, without limitation, any body or entity created by an interstate, cooperative, joint or interlocal agreement or compact.

(c) "*Legislature*" means:

(1) *The Legislature or either House; or*

(2) *Any current or former agency, member, officer or employee of the Legislature, the Legislative Counsel Bureau or the Legislative Department.*

Sec. 219. NRS 218F.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.730 **1.** The Legislative Counsel is authorized to secure copyright under the laws of the United States in all publications issued by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. ~~[, the copyright to]~~

2. *Each copyright must* be secured in the name of the State of Nevada.

Sec. 220. NRS 218F.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.800 The Research Director:

1. Must have a graduate degree from an accredited college or university and *must* be ~~[versed]~~ *knowledgeable* in some or all of the following:

- (a) Research techniques;
- (b) Information sources;
- (c) Strategic planning;
- (d) Program and personnel management;
- (e) Writing and communication techniques;
- (f) Governmental organization and functions; and
- (g) Budgeting.

2. Shall administer and manage the duties, programs, responsibilities and staff operations of the Research Division.

Sec. 221. NRS 218F.810 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.810 The Research Division shall:

1. Provide ~~[to]~~ the Legislature and ~~[the]~~ *its* members and committees ~~[thereof,]~~ *with* research, information and assistance concerning public policy, including, but not limited to, proposed or possible legislation, and national, state and local issues of interest to the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions.

2. Provide necessary personnel to standing and interim committees as assigned by the Director, the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.



3. Provide the Legislature and its members and committees with comprehensive accurate reports and background information on subjects of legislative interest.

4. Analyze, compare and evaluate the programs and statutory provisions of the State of Nevada and other states, upon request of a member or committee of the Legislature.

5. Advise the Legislature and its members and committees regarding matters relating to the resources and procedures necessary to conduct research.

6. Prepare publications relating to the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

7. Maintain the library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

8. Provide information and assistance to the Legislature and ~~{the}~~ *its* members and committees ~~{thereof}~~ concerning the apportionment of legislative districts and any other political districts the boundaries of which are determined by the Legislature.

9. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Legislature, the Legislative Commission or the Director . ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.}~~

Sec. 222. NRS 218G.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.030 As used in this chapter, *unless the context otherwise requires*, “agency of the State” includes all offices, departments, boards, commissions and institutions of the ~~{State}~~ *Executive Department* and the Judicial Department , ~~{of the State.}~~ but does not include the Legislative ~~{Branch of Government.}~~ *Department*.

Sec. 223. NRS 218G.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.110 1. The Legislative Auditor shall:

(a) Perform postaudits as provided by law;

(b) Establish procedures, methods and standards of auditing for the Audit Division;

(c) Recommend to the Legislature the enactment or amendment of statutes based upon the results of the postaudit; and

(d) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Legislature, the Legislative Commission or the Director . ~~{of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.}~~

2. The Legislative Auditor may:

(a) Within budgetary limitations, contract for the services of consultants or other professional or technical personnel as the Legislative Auditor’s duty to perform postaudits may require, or to conduct a review of the operation of the Legislative Auditor’s



office, and fix their fees in an amount which is reasonable and customary for such services; and

(b) With the approval of the Legislative Commission, contract with federal agencies or state departments to perform audits required by federal or state law, if the Division may be reimbursed for such audits. Any money received by the Division for such audits must be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Legislative Fund.

3. A postaudit must be conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards for governmental and other audits.

Sec. 224. NRS 218G.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.140 1. If the Legislative Auditor finds, in the course of an audit, evidence of improper practices of financial administration or inadequacy of fiscal records, the Legislative Auditor shall report these practices immediately to the Governor, each ~~member of the Legislature~~ **Legislator** and the head of the agency affected.

2. If the Legislative Auditor finds evidence of illegal transactions, the Legislative Auditor shall forthwith report these transactions to the Governor, each ~~member of the Legislature~~ **Legislator** and the Attorney General.

Sec. 225. NRS 218G.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.160 1. The Legislative Auditor shall prepare a biennial report for the Governor and ~~members of the Legislature,~~ **Legislators** and submit the report before December 31 of each even-numbered year. Copies of the report must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

2. The biennial report must contain, among other things:

(a) Copies of, or the substance of, reports made to the various agencies of the State and a summary of changes made in the system of accounts and records thereof;

(b) A list of those agencies on which audit reports were issued during the biennium which had not carried out a system of internal accounting and administrative control pursuant to NRS 353A.020; and

(c) Specific recommendations to the Legislature for the amendment of existing laws or the enactment of new laws designed to improve the functioning of the agencies of the State.

Sec. 226. NRS 218G.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.230 1. The Legislative Auditor or the Legislative Auditor's ~~designated~~ **authorized** representative shall furnish a copy of the preliminary report of the audit to the head of the audited



agency and discuss the report with the head of the agency. The head of the agency shall submit to the Legislative Auditor, within 10 days after the discussion, a written statement of explanation or rebuttal concerning any of the findings, and the Legislative Auditor shall include in the final report the officer's explanation or rebuttal to any of the findings contained in the final report.

2. When the Legislature is in *a regular session*, the Legislative Auditor shall notify the Chair of the Legislative Commission or the Chair of the Audit Subcommittee, immediately following this 10-day period, that an audit report is ready for presentation to the Legislative Commission.

3. If, within 5 days after notification, the Chair of the Legislative Commission does not call a meeting of the *Legislative Commission* or the Chair of the Audit Subcommittee does not call a meeting of the *Audit Subcommittee*, the Legislative Auditor shall distribute the report and any statement received from the agency to each ~~{member of the Legislature.}~~ *Legislator*.

Sec. 227. NRS 218G.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.240 1. The Legislative Auditor shall present a final written report of each audit to the Legislative Commission and furnish copies to all ~~{members of the Legislature.}~~ *Legislators*, other appropriate state officers and the head of the agency audited.

2. The Legislative Commission may by regulation provide for the:

(a) Presentation of the final written report of each audit to the Audit Subcommittee before the report is presented to the Legislative Commission.

(b) Distribution of copies of the final written report of an audit to each member of the Legislative Commission or Audit Subcommittee, or both, before the report is presented to the Legislative Commission.

(c) Distribution of copies of the final written report or a summary of the final report to all ~~{members of the Legislature.}~~ *Legislators*, other appropriate state officers and the head of the agency audited after the final report is presented to the Audit Subcommittee.

3. Except as otherwise provided by chapters 218A to 218H, inclusive, of NRS, the Legislative Auditor shall not disclose the content of any audit before it is presented to the:

(a) Audit Subcommittee, if the final written report is presented to the Audit Subcommittee pursuant to regulations adopted by the Legislative Commission.



(b) Legislative Commission, if the final written report is not presented to the Audit Subcommittee pursuant to regulations adopted by the Legislative Commission.

Sec. 228. NRS 218G.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.250 1. The Legislative Commission or the Audit Subcommittee shall notify an agency of the State of its acceptance of a final written report of an audit by the Legislative Auditor that concerns the agency and contains any recommendations for corrective action. Within 60 working days after the receipt of notification, if corrective action is recommended for:

(a) The Judicial Department , ~~{of the State.}~~ the Court Administrator shall submit a plan for corrective action to the Legislative Auditor and a copy of the plan to the Director of the Department of Administration.

(b) An elected officer of the State, the officer shall submit a plan for corrective action to the Legislative Auditor and a copy of the plan to the Director of the Department of Administration.

(c) Any other agency of the State, the agency shall submit a plan for corrective action to the Director of the Department of Administration and a copy of the plan to the Legislative Auditor. The agency shall commence corrective action pursuant to the plan immediately after its submission.

2. The Legislative Auditor shall notify the:

(a) Audit Subcommittee, if the final written report was first presented to the Audit Subcommittee pursuant to regulations adopted by the Legislative Commission; or

(b) Legislative Commission, if the final written report was first presented to the Legislative Commission,

↳ of any failure to submit a plan pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 229. NRS 218G.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.270 1. Each person who submits a plan pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 218G.250 shall, within 6 months after submission of the plan, submit to the Legislative Auditor a report specifying the extent to which the recommendations of the Legislative Auditor have been carried out, the extent to which the recommendations have not been carried out and the reasons for any failure to carry out the recommendations.

2. The Director of the Department of Administration shall, within 6 months after the period for submission of plans pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 218G.250, submit to the Legislative Auditor a report specifying the extent to which the



recommendations of the Legislative Auditor have been carried out, the extent to which the recommendations have not been carried out and the reasons for any failure to carry out the recommendations.

3. The Legislative Auditor shall submit each report received pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 to the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee. If the Legislature is in *a regular* session, the Legislative Auditor shall also submit the reports to each member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance. The Legislative Commission may review the reports, conduct hearings to examine any justification for a failure to carry out the recommendations of the Legislative Auditor and report its findings to the Legislature.

4. The Legislative Auditor shall notify the:

(a) Audit Subcommittee, if so authorized by regulations adopted by the Legislative Commission; or

(b) Legislative Commission,

↳ of any failure to submit a report pursuant to subsection 1 or 2.

5. The Legislative Commission may by regulation:

(a) Provide that reports received by the Legislative Auditor pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 must be submitted to the Audit Subcommittee before they are submitted to the Legislative Commission.

(b) Authorize the Audit Subcommittee to:

(1) Review the reports;

(2) Conduct hearings to examine any justification for a failure to carry out the recommendations of the Legislative Auditor; and

(3) Report its findings to the Legislative Commission.

Sec. 230. NRS 218G.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218G.350 1. The Audit Subcommittee shall confer with the Legislative Auditor to establish standards of performance to be required of a firm chosen to perform an audit. The Audit Subcommittee shall conduct negotiations with each of the firms recommended for consideration by the Legislative Auditor and shall select the firm or firms which, in the judgment of the Audit Subcommittee, are best qualified to meet the standards of performance established. During the negotiations and in making its selection, the Audit Subcommittee shall consider:

(a) The competency of the firms being considered;

(b) The estimated cost of the services required to conduct the audit; and

(c) The scope and complexity of the services required.



2. Each contract for an audit must be signed by the Legislative Auditor and an authorized representative of the firm selected to perform the audit. The Legislative Auditor shall periodically inspect the performance of the firm performing the audit to ensure that the terms of the contract are being complied with.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 218G.330, 218G.340, the officers and employees of a firm performing an audit shall keep information disclosed by an audit in strict confidence and shall not disclose the contents of an audit before it is presented to the Audit Subcommittee or submitted to the appropriate federal agency or an entity designated by the federal agency. The officers and employees of the firm have the same rights of access to books, accounts, records, files, correspondence or other documents that the Legislative Auditor has.

4. At the conclusion of the audit, the firm or firms which have performed the audit shall submit a written report of the audit to the Legislative Auditor. The Legislative Auditor shall follow the procedures set forth in NRS 218G.230, concerning preliminary audit reports and shall attend, or have a member of the Legislative Auditor's staff attend, the discussion held pursuant to that section.

5. The Legislative Commission may by regulation provide for the distribution of copies of the written report submitted to the Legislative Auditor pursuant to subsection 4, to each member of the Audit Subcommittee before the report is presented to the Audit Subcommittee pursuant to subsection 6.

6. The Legislative Auditor shall present the final audit report to the Audit Subcommittee and thereafter distribute the report or a summary of the report to ~~{members of the Legislature,}~~ **Legislators**, other appropriate state officers and the head of the agency audited. If federal law requires the Legislative Auditor to submit the final audit report to a federal agency or an entity designated by the federal agency, the Legislative Auditor may submit the report to the federal agency or entity before the Legislative Auditor presents it to the Audit Subcommittee.

Sec. 231. NRS 218H.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.020 The Legislature declares that the operation of responsible representative government requires that the fullest opportunity be afforded to the people to petition their government for the redress of grievances and to express freely to individual ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ **Legislators** and to **legislative** committees ~~{of the Legislature}~~ their opinions on legislation.



Sec. 232. NRS 218H.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.030 As used in this chapter, *unless the context otherwise requires*, the *words and* terms defined in NRS ~~[218H.040]~~ *218H.050* to 218H.100, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 233. NRS 218H.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.050 “Expenditure” means any advance, conveyance, deposit, distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, pledge or subscription of money or anything of value, including cost of entertainment, except the payment of a membership fee otherwise exempted pursuant to NRS 218H.400, and any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure while the Legislature is in *a regular or special* session.

Sec. 234. NRS 218H.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.070 “Legislative action” means introduction, sponsorship, debate, voting and any other official action on any bill, resolution, amendment, nomination, appointment, report and any other matter pending or proposed in a legislative committee or in either House, ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ or on any matter which may be the subject of action by the Legislature.

Sec. 235. NRS 218H.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.080 1. “Lobbyist” means, except as limited by subsection 2, a person who:

(a) Appears in person in the Legislative Building or any other building in which the Legislature or any of its standing committees hold meetings; and

(b) Communicates directly with a member of the Legislative Branch on behalf of someone other than himself or herself to influence legislative action whether or not any compensation is received for the communication.

2. “Lobbyist” does not include:

(a) Persons who confine their activities to formal appearances before legislative committees and who clearly identify themselves and the interest or interests for whom they are testifying.

(b) Employees of a bona fide news medium who meet the definition of “lobbyist” only in the course of their professional duties and who contact ~~[members of the Legislature]~~ *Legislators* for the sole purpose of carrying out their news gathering function.



(c) Employees of departments, divisions or agencies of the state government who appear before legislative committees only to explain the effect of legislation related to their departments, divisions or agencies.

(d) Employees of the Legislature, Legislators, legislative agencies or legislative commissions.

(e) Elected officers of this State and its political subdivisions who confine their lobbying activities to issues directly related to the scope of the office to which they were elected.

(f) Persons who contact the ~~{members of the Legislature}~~ *Legislators* who are elected from the district in which they reside.

Sec. 236. NRS 218H.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.090 “Member of the Legislative Branch” means any ~~{member of the Legislature,}~~ *Legislator, any* member of the Legislator’s staff ~~{,}~~ *or any* assistant, employee or other person employed with reference to the legislative duties of the Legislator.

Sec. 237. NRS 218H.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.210 The registration statement of a lobbyist must contain the following information:

1. The registrant’s full name, permanent address, place of business and temporary address while lobbying.

2. The full name and complete address of each person, if any, by whom the registrant is retained or employed or on whose behalf the registrant appears.

3. A listing of any direct business associations or partnerships involving any current ~~{member of the Legislature}~~ *Legislator* and the registrant or any person by whom the registrant is retained or employed. The listing must include any such association or partnership constituting a source of income or involving a debt or interest in real estate required to be disclosed in a statement of financial disclosure made by a candidate for public office or a public officer pursuant to NRS 281A.620.

4. The name of any current ~~{member of the Legislature}~~ *Legislator* for whom:

(a) The registrant; or

(b) Any person by whom the registrant is retained or employed,
↳ has, in connection with a political campaign of the Legislator, provided consulting, advertising or other professional services since the beginning of the preceding regular ~~{legislative}~~ session.

5. A description of the principal areas of interest on which the registrant expects to lobby.



6. If the registrant lobbies or purports to lobby on behalf of members, a statement of the number of members.

7. A declaration under penalty of perjury that none of the registrant's compensation or reimbursement is contingent, in whole or in part, upon the production of any legislative action.

Sec. 238. NRS 218H.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.400 1. Each registrant shall file with the Director ~~{within}~~:

(a) *Within* 30 days after the close of ~~{the legislative}~~ *a regular or special* session, a final report signed under penalty of perjury concerning the registrant's lobbying activities ~~{. In addition, each registrant shall file with the Director between}~~; and

(b) *Between* the 1st and 10th day of the month after each month that the Legislature is in *a regular or special* session, a report concerning the registrant's lobbying activities during the previous month, whether or not any expenditures were made.

2. Each report must ~~{be}~~:

(a) *Be* on a form prescribed by the Director; and ~~{must include}~~

(b) *Include* the total of all expenditures, if any, made by the registrant on behalf of a Legislator or an organization whose primary purpose is to provide support for Legislators of a particular political party and House, including expenditures made by others on behalf of the registrant if the expenditures were made with the registrant's express or implied consent or were ratified by the registrant.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~{4.}~~ 6, the report ~~{must identify}~~:

(a) *Must identify* each Legislator and each organization whose primary purpose is to provide support for Legislators of a particular political party and House on whose behalf expenditures were made ~~{and must}~~;

(b) *Must* be itemized with respect to each such Legislator and organization ~~{. An}~~; and

(c) *Does not have to include any* expenditure *made* on behalf of a person other than a Legislator or an organization whose primary purpose is to provide support for Legislators of a particular political party and House, ~~{need not be reported pursuant to this section}~~ unless the expenditure is made for the benefit of a Legislator or such an organization.

~~{2.}~~ 4. If expenditures made by or on behalf of a registrant during the previous month exceed \$50, the report must include a compilation of expenditures, itemized in the manner required by the



regulations of the Legislative Commission, in the following categories:

- (a) Entertainment;
- (b) Expenditures made in connection with a party or similar event hosted by the organization represented by the registrant;
- (c) Gifts and loans, including money, services and anything of value provided to a Legislator, to an organization whose primary purpose is to provide support for Legislators of a particular political party and House, or to any other person for the benefit of a Legislator or such an organization; and
- (d) Other expenditures directly associated with legislative action, not including personal expenditures for food, lodging and travel expenses or membership dues.

~~[3-]~~ 5. The Legislative Commission may authorize an audit or investigation by the Legislative Auditor that is proper and necessary to verify compliance with the provisions of this section. *If the Legislative Commission authorizes such an audit or investigation:*

(a) A lobbyist shall make available to the Legislative Auditor all books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers and other records requested by the Legislative Auditor in connection with any such audit or investigation.

(b) The Legislative Auditor shall confine ~~[his or her]~~ requests for such records to those which specifically relate to the lobbyist's compliance with the reporting requirements of this section.

~~[4-]~~ 6. A report filed pursuant to this section must not itemize with respect to each Legislator an expenditure if the expenditure is the cost of a function to which every Legislator was invited. For the purposes of this subsection, "function" means a party, meal or other social event.

Sec. 239. NRS 218H.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.500 1. The Legislative Commission ~~[shall]~~ :

(a) *Shall* adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter. ~~[, may, except]~~

(b) *Except* as otherwise provided in ~~[this—subsection,]~~ *subsection 2, may* require fees for registration, payable into the Legislative Fund, and may classify lobbyists for this purpose.

2. A veteran who does not receive compensation for the veteran's lobbying activities is not required to pay any fee established for registration if the veteran provides proof of the veteran's discharge or release from the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard under honorable conditions.



~~[2-]~~ 3. The Director shall:

(a) Prepare and furnish forms for the statements and reports required to be filed.

(b) Prepare and publish uniform methods of accounting and reporting to be used by persons required to file such statements and reports, including guidelines for complying with the reporting requirements of this chapter.

(c) Accept and file any information voluntarily supplied that exceeds the requirements of this chapter.

(d) Develop a filing, coding and cross-indexing system consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

(e) Make the statements and reports available for public inspection during regular office hours.

(f) Preserve the statements and reports for a period of 5 years from the date of filing.

(g) Compile and keep current an alphabetical list of registrants, ~~[including their]~~ *which must include each registrant's* address, the name and address of each person for whom the registrant is lobbying and the principal areas of interest on which the registrant expects to lobby. A copy of the list must be furnished to each Legislator, to the clerks of the respective counties for preservation and public inspection, and to any person who requests a copy and pays the cost of reproduction.

Sec. 240. NRS 218H.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.530 1. The Director shall:

(a) Make investigations on the Director's own initiative with respect to any irregularities which the Director discovers in the statements and reports filed and with respect to the failure of any person to file a required statement or report and shall make an investigation upon the written complaint of any person alleging a violation of any provision of this chapter.

(b) Report suspected violations of law to the:

(1) Legislative Commission; and

(2) Attorney General, who shall investigate and take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

2. If an investigation by the Director reveals a violation of any provision of this chapter by a lobbyist, the Director may suspend the lobbyist's registration for a specified period or revoke the lobbyist's registration. The Director shall cause notice of such action to be given to each person who employs or uses the lobbyist.

3. A lobbyist whose registration is suspended or revoked by the Director may:



(a) Request a hearing on the matter before the Director;
(b) Appeal to the Legislative Commission from any adverse decision of the Director; and

(c) If the lobbyist's registration is suspended, renew the lobbyist's registration if the Legislature is still in *a regular or special* session following the period of suspension.

4. A lobbyist whose registration is revoked may, with the consent of the Director, renew the lobbyist's registration if the lobbyist:

(a) Files a registration statement in the form required by NRS 218H.200;

(b) Pays any fee for late filing owed pursuant to NRS 218H.410, plus the fee for registration prescribed by the Legislative Commission; and

(c) If the revocation occurred because of the lobbyist's failure to file an activity report, files that report.

Sec. 241. NRS 218H.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.930 1. A lobbyist shall not knowingly or willfully make any false statement or misrepresentation of facts:

(a) To any member of the Legislative Branch in an effort to persuade or influence the member in his or her official actions.

(b) In a registration statement or report concerning lobbying activities filed with the Director.

2. A lobbyist shall not give to a member of the Legislative Branch or a member of his or her staff or immediate family gifts that exceed \$100 in value in the aggregate in any calendar year.

3. A member of the Legislative Branch or a member of his or her staff or immediate family shall not solicit anything of value from a registrant or accept any gift that exceeds \$100 in aggregate value in any calendar year.

4. A person who employs or uses a lobbyist shall not make that lobbyist's compensation or reimbursement contingent in any manner upon the outcome of any legislative action.

5. Except during the period permitted by NRS 218H.200, a person shall not knowingly act as a lobbyist without being registered as required by that section.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a member of the Legislative or Executive Branch of the State Government and an elected officer or employee of a political subdivision shall not receive compensation or reimbursement other than from the State or the political subdivision for personally engaging in lobbying.



7. An elected officer or employee of a political subdivision may receive compensation or reimbursement from any organization whose membership consists of elected or appointed public officers.

8. A lobbyist shall not instigate the introduction of any legislation for the purpose of obtaining employment to lobby in opposition ~~[thereto.]~~ *to that legislation.*

9. A lobbyist shall not make, commit to make or offer to make a monetary contribution to a ~~[member of the Legislature,]~~ *Legislator*, the Lieutenant Governor, the Lieutenant Governor-elect, the Governor or the Governor-elect during the period beginning:

(a) Thirty days before a regular session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ and ending 30 days after the final adjournment of a regular session ; ~~[of the Legislature,]~~

(b) Fifteen days before a special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ is set to commence and ending 15 days after the final adjournment of a special session , ~~[of the Legislature,]~~ if the Governor sets a specific date for the commencement of the special session that is more than 15 days after the Governor issues the proclamation calling for the special session; or

(c) The day after the Governor issues a proclamation calling for a special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ and ending 15 days after the final adjournment of a special session ~~[of the Legislature]~~ if the Governor sets a specific date for the commencement of the special session that is 15 or fewer days after the Governor issues the proclamation calling for the special session.

Sec. 242. NRS 218H.960 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218H.960 ~~[Any]~~ *A* person *who is* subject to any ~~[of the provisions contained]~~ *provision* in NRS *218H.900 or* 218H.930 *and* who *violates or otherwise* refuses or fails to comply ~~[therewith]~~ *with the provision* is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 243. NRS 219.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

219.020 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 219.025, the Commissioners are:

(a) The Legislative Counsel;

(b) Two members of the faculty of the William S. Boyd School of Law of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and

(c) Not more than four attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada appointed by the Legislative Commission.

2. The Legislative Commission shall appoint:

(a) Attorneys who are ~~[members of the Legislature]~~ *Legislators* to fill the appointive positions created pursuant to paragraph (c) of



subsection 1 if attorneys are available in the Legislature to fill those positions.

(b) Two members of the faculty of the William S. Boyd School of Law of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, from a list submitted to the Legislative Commission by the Dean of the Law School. Each member so appointed serves for a term of 4 years.

3. The Legislative Counsel may appoint not more than two additional Commissioners from the attorneys employed by the Legislative Counsel Bureau, upon approval of the Legislative Commission.

4. The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws is hereby declared to be a joint governmental agency of this State.

5. It is a function of the Commissioners to carry forward the participation of the State of Nevada in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Annual dues must be paid to that organization out of the Legislative Fund.

6. The Legislative Counsel shall notify the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws whenever a Commissioner is appointed pursuant to this section.

Sec. 244. NRS 219.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

219.027 1. A Commissioner who continues to serve or resumes service as a Commissioner pursuant to the provisions of NRS 219.025 and who attends an annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws is entitled to receive reimbursement from the Legislative Fund for expenses incurred to attend the annual meeting if the Commissioner, at least 10 days before the annual meeting, provides to the Director ~~of the Legislative Counsel Bureau~~ written notice stating that the Commissioner will actively participate and carry out the duties set forth in NRS 219.030 and 219.040.

2. Each Commissioner appointed by the Legislative Commission pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 219.020 is entitled to receive reimbursement from the William S. Boyd School of Law for any expenses incurred in carrying out the Commissioner's duties as a Commissioner, including travel and per diem expenses.

Sec. 245. NRS 219.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

219.040 1. The Commissioners shall:

(a) Keep a record of all their transactions.

(b) At each ~~legislative~~ **regular** session, make a report of their transactions to the Legislature.



(c) At each ~~[Legislative]~~ *regular* session, make recommendations to the Legislature.

2. The Commissioners may, at any time other than that specified in subsection 1, make reports and recommendations to the Legislature.

Sec. 246. NRS 220.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

220.040 The Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division ~~[of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall]~~ have the powers and duties prescribed in this chapter.

Sec. 247. NRS 220.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

220.120 1. In preparing the annotations and keeping Nevada Revised Statutes current, the Legislative Counsel is authorized:

(a) To adopt such system of numbering as the Legislative Counsel deems practical.

(b) To cause the revision to be published in a number of volumes deemed convenient.

(c) To cause the volumes to be bound in loose-leaf binders of good, and so far as possible, permanent quality.

2. The pages of Nevada Revised Statutes must conform in size and printing style to the pages of the Statutes of Nevada, and roman type must be used.

3. The Legislative Counsel shall classify and arrange the entire body of statute laws in logical order throughout the volumes, the arrangement to be such as will enable subjects of a kindred nature to be placed under one general head, with necessary cross references.

4. Notes of decisions of the Supreme Court, historical references and other material must be printed and arranged in such manner as the Legislative Counsel finds will promote the usefulness thereof.

5. The Legislative Counsel in keeping Nevada Revised Statutes current shall not alter the sense, meaning or effect of any legislative act, but may renumber sections and parts of sections thereof, change the wording of headnotes, rearrange sections, change reference numbers or words to agree with renumbered chapters or sections, substitute the word “chapter” for “article” and the like, substitute figures for written words and vice versa, change capitalization for the purpose of uniformity, correct inaccurate references to the titles of officers, the names of departments or other agencies of the State, local governments, or the Federal Government, and such other name changes as are necessary to be consistent with the laws of this state and correct manifest clerical or typographical errors.

6. The Legislative Counsel may ~~[create]~~ :



(a) *Create* new titles, chapters and sections of Nevada Revised Statutes, or otherwise revise the title, chapter and sectional organization of Nevada Revised Statutes, all as may be required from time to time, to effectuate the orderly and logical arrangement of the statutes. Any new titles, chapters, sections and organizational revisions have the same force and effect as the 58 titles originally enacted and designated as the Nevada Revised Statutes pursuant to chapter 2, Statutes of Nevada 1957.

(b) *Add, revise, move or remove nonsubstantive definitions in titles, chapters and sections of Nevada Revised Statutes to effectuate the orderly and logical arrangement of the statutes, improve readability or reduce repetitious or lengthy words or phrases.*

7. If the Legislative Counsel rennumbers any section of Nevada Revised Statutes because the section has been moved, divided or combined with another section during the reorganization of the statutes or for any other reason, the citation to the previously assigned number in any legal document, publication, signage or in any other place shall be deemed to have the same meaning and legal effect as if the citation were to the new number, regardless of how long it has been since the new number was assigned and regardless of any revisions made to the section after the assignment of the new number, unless another intent is otherwise specified.

8. The Legislative Counsel shall assign NRS numbers to such new permanent and general laws enacted at any ~~Legislative~~ *regular or special* session.

9. The Legislative Counsel shall resolve all nonsubstantive conflicts between multiple laws enacted at any ~~Legislative~~ *regular or special* session as if made by a single enactment. If multiple amendments to a single section of NRS are made during a ~~Legislative~~ *regular or special* session, such amendments are all effective and must be compiled in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the Legislature as determined by the Legislative Counsel.

10. The Legislative Counsel shall substitute the name of any agency, officer or instrumentality of the State or of a political subdivision whose name is changed by law or to which powers, duties and responsibilities have been transferred by law, for the name which the agency, officer or instrumentality previously used or which was previously vested with the same powers and charged with the same duties and responsibilities.



Sec. 248. NRS 220.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

220.160 1. Upon the completion of Nevada Revised Statutes with annotations, the Legislative Counsel shall prepare and have printed or reproduced such replacement and supplementary pages for such laws and annotations as may, from time to time, be necessary and may create or cause to be created reproductions of the replacement and supplementary pages, alone or in combination with any other legal publications, on electronic discs or any other available medium. In any event, the Legislative Counsel shall prepare replacement and supplementary pages made necessary by ~~{the sessions of the Legislature}~~ *a regular or special session* as soon as possible after each *such* session.

2. The intent of this section is that Nevada Revised Statutes be kept current insofar as may be possible. To that end, the provisions of this chapter, and in particular NRS 220.120, apply to the preparation and printing or reproduction of such replacement and supplementary pages.

3. Prices must be set by the Legislative Commission as near as possible to the cost of preparing, printing and reproduction. All money received for the sale of such replacement and supplementary pages must be deposited to the credit of the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 249. NRS 220.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

220.165 The Legislative Counsel shall provide:

1. A complete set of Nevada Revised Statutes with annotations to each person who becomes a ~~{member of the Legislature}~~ *Legislator* upon payment by the ~~{member}~~ *Legislator* to the Legislative Counsel Bureau of the sum of \$50; and

2. Sets of replacement or supplementary pages, as issued, without charge, to each Legislator during the Legislator's term of office if the Legislator has acquired a set of Nevada Revised Statutes pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 250. NRS 218A.430, 218A.530, 218A.560, 218C.060, 218D.685 and 218H.040 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 251. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

