

**Amendment No. 151**

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 251

(BDR 18-745)

**Proposed by:** Senate Committee on Government Affairs**Amends:** Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

ASSEMBLY ACTION		Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION		Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) ***green bold italic underlining*** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ***red strikethrough*** is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ***purple double strikethrough*** is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) ***orange double underlining*** is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) ***green bold underlining*** is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/11/2011

S.B. No. 251—Creates the Nevada Sunset Commission to evaluate certain governmental programs and services. (BDR 18-745)

## SENATE BILL NO. 251—SENATOR KIECKHEFER

MARCH 17, 2011

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Sunset Commission to evaluate certain governmental programs and services. (BDR 18-745)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

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AN ACT relating to commissions; creating the Nevada Sunset Commission; providing for its membership; requiring the Commission to evaluate the necessity and efficacy of all governmental programs and services provided in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1           **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

2           Section 3 of this bill creates the Nevada Sunset Commission and sets forth the details  
3           regarding the members of the Commission, who are appointed by seven different appointing  
4           authorities. Section 5 of this bill sets forth the duties of the Commission which include,  
5           without limitation, reviewing and evaluating all governmental programs and services in this  
6           State for necessity and efficacy and for duplication by other programs and services offered by  
7           the Federal Government, this State or local governments in this State. Section 4 of this bill  
8           requires the Commission to meet at least bimonthly and to annually report its findings and  
9           recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. Section 6 of this bill authorizes the  
10          Commission, with limited exception, to apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions or  
            other money to carry out its duties.

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

1           **Section 1.** Title 18 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new  
2           chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

3           **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,*  
4           *"Commission" means the Nevada Sunset Commission created by section 3 of this*  
5           *act.*

6           **Sec. 3. 1. The Nevada Sunset Commission is hereby created.**

7           **2. The Commission consists of ~~1~~ seven members of the general public:**

8           **(a) One member appointed by the Governor;**

9           **(b) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;**

10          **(c) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;**

11          **(d) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;**

1                   (e) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;  
2                   (f) One member appointed by the Nevada League of Cities and  
3                   Municipalities; and

4                   (g) One member appointed by the Nevada Association of Counties.

5                   3. All members appointed pursuant to subsection 2 must:

6                   (a) Be versed in the operation or management of state or local governments;  
7                   and

8                   (b) Demonstrate the knowledge, judgment and experience to perform the  
9                   duties of the Commission.

10                  4. An elected officer may not be appointed or serve as a member of the  
11                  Commission.

12                  ~~4.~~ 5. The member of the Commission appointed by the Governor serves,  
13                  ex officio, as the Chair of the Commission.

14                  ~~5.~~ 6. Each member of the Commission serves at the pleasure of the  
15                  appointing authority who appointed the member.

16                  ~~6.~~ 7. After the initial terms, each member of the Commission serves for a  
17                  term of 3 years. Each member of the Commission continues in office until the  
18                  member's successor is appointed. Any member of the Commission may be  
19                  reappointed.

20                  ~~7.~~ 8. A vacancy in the membership of the Commission must be filled in  
21                  the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired  
22                  term.

23                  ~~8.~~ 9. The members of the Commission serve without compensation. If  
24                  sufficient money is available, the members of the Commission are entitled to  
25                  receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and  
26                  employees generally while engaged in the business of the Commission.

27                  Sec. 4. 1. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair as  
28                  frequently as required to perform its duties, but no less often than every other  
29                  month.

30                  2. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for  
31                  the transaction of business, and a majority of those present at any meeting is  
32                  sufficient for any official action taken by the Commission.

33                  3. The Commission shall, on or before January 1 of each year, submit a  
34                  report to the Governor and the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session,  
35                  to the Legislative Commission, summarizing the Commission's findings and  
36                  activities for the previous year. In each report submitted on or before January 1  
37                  of each odd-numbered year, the Commission shall include any recommendations  
38                  for legislation based on its review of governmental programs and services for the  
39                  previous biennium.

40                  Sec. 5. The Commission shall continuously review all governmental  
41                  programs and services provided in this State. Such review must include, without  
42                  limitation:

43                  1. An evaluation of whether the program or service is effectively serving the  
44                  purpose for which it was created;

45                  2. An evaluation of the necessity of the program or service, including,  
46                  without limitation, a consideration of any change in state or federal law since the  
47                  time the program or service was created; and

48                  3. An examination of other programs and services provided by the Federal  
49                  Government, this State and local governments in this State to determine if any  
50                  other provided programs or services duplicate those provided by the program or  
51                  service.

52                  Sec. 6. ~~The~~

1       1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Commission may apply  
2       for and receive gifts, grants, contributions or other money from governmental  
3       and private agencies, affiliated associations and other persons for the purposes of  
4       carrying out the provisions of this chapter and for defraying expenses incurred by  
5       the Commission in the discharge of its duties.

6       2. The Commission may not receive any gift, grant, contribution or other  
7       money from a governmental agency that the Commission is reviewing, examining  
8       or evaluating.

9       **Sec. 7.** As soon as practicable after July 1, 2011:

10      1. The Governor, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader  
11      of the Senate shall each appoint one member of the Nevada Sunset Commission  
12      created by section 3 of this act to a term that expires on July 1, 2013; and

13      2. The Speaker of the Assembly, the Minority Leader of the Assembly, the  
14      Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities and the Nevada Association of  
15      Counties shall each appoint one member of the Nevada Sunset Commission created  
16      by section 3 of this act to a term that expires on July 1, 2014.

17      **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.