

SENATE BILL NO. 392—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S COMMITTEE
TO STUDY POWERS DELEGATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS)

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations as a statutory committee. (BDR 19-169)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; creating the Nevada Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations as a statutory committee; setting forth the membership and advisory duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Senate Bill No. 264 of the 2009 Legislative Session provided for the
2 appointment of an Interim Technical Advisory Committee for Intergovernmental
3 Relations to foster effective communication, cooperation and partnerships among
4 the State Government and local governments to improve the provision of
5 governmental services to the people of this State. The Interim Technical Advisory
6 Committee for Intergovernmental Relations expires by limitation on June 30, 2011.
7 (Chapter 462, Statutes of Nevada 2009, pp. 2595-97) This bill creates the Nevada
8 Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, a statutory committee whose
9 duties are substantially similar to those of the transitory Interim Technical Advisory
10 Committee for Intergovernmental Relations.



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

Section 1. Title 19 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 13, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, "Committee" means the Nevada Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations created by section 3 of this act.*

Sec. 3. *The Nevada Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations is hereby created.*

Sec. 4. *The Committee consists of 13 members as follows:*

1. Two members who are Senators, one of whom is appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

2. Two members who are members of the Assembly, one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

3. Three members appointed by the Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties, each of whom must be a member of the board of county commissioners of a different county of this State.

4. Three members appointed by the Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities, each of whom must be a member of the governing body of a different city of this State.

5. Three members appointed by the Governor, each of whom must be an employee or authorized representative of a different agency of the Executive Branch of the State Government.

Sec. 5. *1. The term of office of each member of the Committee is 2 years, commencing on July 1 of an odd-numbered year.*

2. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3. A member may be reappointed to the Committee.

Sec. 6. *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3:*

(a) The members of the Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among their number by majority vote.

(b) After the initial election, the Chair and Vice Chair shall hold office for a term of 1 year beginning on July 1 of each year.

2. If the position of Chair or Vice Chair becomes vacant, the members of the Committee shall elect a Chair or Vice Chair, as appropriate, from among their number by majority vote for the remainder of the unexpired term.



1 3. A member of the Legislature of the State of Nevada must
2 not serve as the Chair of the Committee.

3 Sec. 7. 1. For each day or portion of a day during which a
4 member of the Committee who is a Legislator attends a meeting of
5 the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the
6 Committee, except during a regular or special session of the
7 Legislature, the Legislator is entitled to receive the:

8 (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of
9 the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular
10 session;

11 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers generally;
12 and

13 (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

14 ↪ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of
15 the members of the Committee who are Legislators must be paid
16 from the Legislative Fund.

17 2. While engaged in the business of the Committee, to the
18 extent of legislative appropriation, the members of the Committee
19 who are not Legislators are entitled to receive the per diem
20 allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and
21 employees generally.

22 3. A member of the Committee who is an officer or employee
23 of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved
24 from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation so that
25 he or she may prepare for and attend meetings of the Committee
26 and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the
27 Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency
28 or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or
29 employee who is a member of the Committee to:

30 (a) Make up the time the member is absent from work to carry
31 out his or her duties as a member of the Committee; or

32 (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

33 Sec. 8. The Nevada Association of Counties or the Nevada
34 League of Cities, or both, shall provide the Committee with
35 administrative support.

36 Sec. 9. The Committee may, to assist in the completion of its
37 duties and on such occasions as it deems necessary, create an
38 advisory board consisting of:

39 1. Members of the Executive Branch of the State
40 Government;

41 2. Persons involved in the management of a county, city or
42 other municipality;

43 3. Such other personnel as the Committee determines are
44 needed; or



4. Any combination of the persons described in subsections 1, 2 and 3.

Sec. 10. 1. The Committee shall meet at least once every 3 months and at such other times as the Chair may designate.

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

3. The Committee shall comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS, and all meetings of the Committee must be conducted in accordance with that chapter.

Sec. 11. 1. The Committee shall:

(a) Foster effective communication, cooperation and partnerships among the State Government and local governments to improve the provision of governmental services to the people of this State.

(b) Serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems among the State Government and local governments.

(c) Engage in activities and conduct studies relating to, without limitation:

(1) The structure of local governments;

(2) The functions and powers, including, without limitation, fiscal powers, of local governments;

(3) Relationships among the State Government and local governments;

(4) The allocation of state and local resources; and

(5) Any appropriate legislation to be recommended pursuant to section 12 of this act.

(d) Between legislative sessions, conduct such studies pertaining to particular areas of policy as the Legislature may direct.

2. As used in this section, "local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 354.474.

Sec. 12. On or before July 1 of each year immediately preceding a year in which a regular legislative session will be held, the Committee may submit not more than five recommendations for legislation to:

1. The person who was the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Government Affairs during the immediately preceding session of the Legislature; and

2. The person who was the Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Government Affairs during the immediately preceding session of the Legislature.



1 **Sec. 13.** *On or before July 1 of each year, the Committee*
2 *shall prepare and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel*
3 *Bureau for transmission to the Legislature, or for transmission to*
4 *the Legislative Commission if the Legislature is not in session, a*
5 *report setting forth the activities and findings of the Committee*
6 *during the previous year. The report submitted on or before*
7 *July 1, 2014, must include, without limitation, the opinion of the*
8 *Committee as to whether the Committee should continue to exist.*

9 **Sec. 14.** Insofar as is practicable, the members appointed to
10 initial terms to the Nevada Advisory Committee on
11 Intergovernmental Relations pursuant to subsections 3, 4 and 5 of
12 section 4 of this act must be persons who were appointed to the
13 Interim Technical Advisory Committee for Intergovernmental
14 Relations created by section 9 of chapter 462, Statutes of Nevada
15 2009, at page 2596.

16 **Sec. 15.** 1. This section and sections 4 and 14 of this act
17 become effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of
18 appointing members to the Nevada Advisory Committee on
19 Intergovernmental Relations.

20 2. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 to 13, inclusive, of this act, become
21 effective on July 1, 2011.

22 3. This act expires by limitation on June 30, 2015.

