

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 251—ASSEMBLYMEN HANSEN, ELLISON,
HAMBRICK; FIORE, GRADY, HARDY, HICKEY, KIRNER,
LIVERMORE AND WHEELER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires a public body to make available to the
public certain contact information for its members.
(BDR 19-159)

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 public bodies; requiring a public body to make
available to the general public certain contact information
for each member of the public body; providing
exceptions; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires, with certain exceptions, a public body to make
2 available to the general public certain contact information pursuant to which each
3 member of the public body may be personally contacted by a member of the
4 general public. **Section 1** defines the term “public body” to mean a public body
5 subject to the Open Meeting Law (chapter 241 of NRS), but also specifically
6 includes the Legislature of the State of Nevada, the Legislative Commission, the
7 Interim Finance Committee and other legislative committees and commissions and
8 specifically excludes any court or other judicial or quasi-judicial body.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 239 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a public body*
4 *shall make available to the general public contact information*
5 *pursuant to which each member of the public body may be*



1 *personally contacted by a member of the general public through a*
2 *telephone number, mailing address or electronic mail address*
3 *which is:*

4 *(a) Maintained by the public body or the member of the public*
5 *body for the personal use of the member;*

6 *(b) Not a general telephone number, mailing address or*
7 *electronic mail address of the public body; and*

8 *(c) Not monitored by the public body or accessible by any other*
9 *member of the public body.*

10 2. *If the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,*
11 *Attorney General, State Treasurer or State Controller serves as a*
12 *member of a public body, the provisions of subsection 1 shall be*
13 *deemed to be satisfied by the public body if it makes available to*
14 *the general public the general office telephone number, mailing*
15 *address or electronic mail address of that member.*

16 3. *The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply with respect to*
17 *a judge, magistrate or justice of any court of this State or the*
18 *United States who is a member of a public body.*

19 4. *This section does not require a public body to make*
20 *available to the general public contact information for a member*
21 *of the public body that is provided by the member to the public*
22 *body strictly for the use of the public body in contacting the*
23 *member.*

24 5. *As used in this section, "public body" has the meaning*
25 *ascribed to it in NRS 241.015, except that the term:*

26 *(a) Includes the Legislature of the State of Nevada, any*
27 *committee of the Legislature, the Legislative Commission, the*
28 *Interim Finance Committee and any committee or commission*
29 *established by the Legislature to conduct an interim legislative*
30 *study or investigation.*

31 *(b) Does not include any court or other judicial or quasi-*
32 *judicial body or any committee or other body created by a court or*
33 *other judicial or quasi-judicial body.*

34 **Sec. 2.** NRS 603.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 603.070 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, *and*
36 *section 1 of this act*, a governmental agency which obtains a
37 proprietary program or the data stored in a computer must keep the
38 program or data confidential. The governmental agency may only
39 use the program or data for the purpose for which it was obtained,
40 and may not release the program or data without the prior written
41 consent of the owner.

42 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

