

Senate Bill No. 187—Senators Denis and Kieckhefer

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Stewart;
Dondero Loop and Benitez-Thompson

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AN ACT relating to the Nevada Youth Legislature; revising the deadline for appointments to the Youth Legislature; revising the qualifications to serve on the Youth Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Nevada Youth Legislature, consisting of 21 members who are each appointed by a member of the Senate, and sets forth the qualifications for appointment to the Youth Legislature. (NRS 385.515, 385.525, 385.535)

Section 1 of this bill revises the deadline for appointment to the Youth Legislature from March 30 of each year to April 30 of each odd-numbered year. **Section 2** of this bill revises the qualifications to serve on the Youth Legislature to require a person to be enrolled in a public or private school in this State in grade 9, 10 or 11 for the first school year of the term for which he or she is appointed or be a homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in this State in grade 9, 10 or 11 for the first school year of the term for which he or she is appointed. **Section 3** of this bill adds to the list of acts which create a vacancy on the Youth Legislature graduation from high school or completion of an educational plan of instruction for grade 12 or otherwise ceasing to attend school or be homeschooled. **Section 3** further authorizes the appointment of a person enrolled in grade 12 to fill a vacancy only if the remainder of the unexpired term of office is less than 1 year.

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. NRS 385.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:
385.515 1. The Nevada Youth Legislature is hereby created, consisting of 21 members.

2. Each member of the Senate shall, taking into consideration any recommendations made by a member of the Assembly, appoint a person who submits an application and meets the qualifications ~~{for appointment}~~ set forth in NRS 385.525. A member of the Assembly may submit recommendations to a member of the Senate concerning the appointment.

3. ~~{After the initial terms:~~



~~—(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, appointments to the Youth Legislature must be made by each member of the Senate before ~~March~~ *April* 30 of each *odd-numbered* year.

~~(b)~~ The term of each member of the Youth Legislature begins June 1 of ~~the year of appointment~~ *each odd-numbered year*.

4. If a member of the Senate does not make an appointment to the Youth Legislature by ~~March~~ *April* 30 of ~~an odd-numbered~~ year, the members of the Assembly whose assembly districts are at least partially located within the senatorial district of that member of the Senate must collaborate to appoint a person who submits an application and meets the qualifications ~~for appointment~~ set forth in NRS 385.525.

5. Each member of the Youth Legislature serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed to one successive 2-year term if the member continues to meet the qualifications ~~for appointment~~ set forth in NRS 385.525.

Sec. 2. NRS 385.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.525 1. To be eligible ~~for appointment~~ to *serve on* the Youth Legislature, a person:

(a) Must be:

(1) A resident of the senatorial district of the Senator who appoints him or her;

(2) Enrolled in a public school or private school located in the senatorial district of the Senator who appoints him or her; or

(3) A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to be enrolled in a public school in the senatorial district of the Senator who appoints him or her;

(b) ~~Must~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS 385.535, must* be ~~enrolled~~ :

(1) *Enrolled* in a public school or private school in this State in grade 9, 10 ~~or~~ 11 ~~for 12~~ for the *first* school year ~~in which he or she serves~~ *of the term for which he or she is appointed*; or ~~be at~~

(2) *A* homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in this State in grade 9, 10 ~~or~~ 11 ~~for 12~~ for the *first* school year ~~in which he or she serves~~ *of the term for which he or she is appointed*; and

(c) Must not be related by blood, adoption or marriage within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to the Senator who appoints him or her or to any member of the Assembly who collaborated to appoint him or her.

2. If, at any time, a person appointed to the Youth Legislature changes his or her residency or changes his or her school of



enrollment in such a manner as to render the person ineligible under his or her original appointment, the person shall inform the Board, in writing, within 30 days after becoming aware of such changed facts.

3. A person who wishes to be appointed or reappointed to the Youth Legislature must submit an application on the form prescribed pursuant to subsection 4 to the Senator of the senatorial district in which the person resides, is enrolled in a public school or private school or, if the person is a homeschooled child, the senatorial district in which he or she is otherwise eligible to be enrolled in a public school. A person may not submit an application to more than one Senator in a calendar year.

4. The Board shall prescribe a form for applications submitted pursuant to this section, which must require the signature of the principal of the school in which the applicant is enrolled or, if the applicant is a homeschooled child, the signature of a member of the community in which the applicant resides other than a relative of the applicant.

Sec. 3. NRS 385.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.535 1. A position on the Youth Legislature becomes vacant upon:

(a) The death or resignation of a member.

(b) The absence of a member for any reason from:

(1) Two meetings of the Youth Legislature, including, without limitation, meetings conducted in person, meetings conducted by teleconference, meetings conducted by videoconference and meetings conducted by other electronic means;

(2) Two activities of the Youth Legislature;

(3) Two event days of the Youth Legislature; or

(4) Any combination of absences from meetings, activities or event days of the Youth Legislature, if the combination of absences therefrom equals two or more,

↳ unless the absences are, as applicable, excused by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board.

(c) A change of residency or a change of the school of enrollment of a member which renders that member ineligible under his or her original appointment.

2. *In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, a position on the Youth Legislature becomes vacant if:*

(a) A member of the Youth Legislature graduates from high school or otherwise ceases to attend public school or private school for any reason other than to become a homeschooled child; or



(b) A member of the Youth Legislature who is a homeschooled child completes an educational plan of instruction for grade 12 or otherwise ceases to be a homeschooled child for any reason other than to enroll in a public school or private school.

3. A vacancy on the Youth Legislature must be filled:

(a) For the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment ~~H~~, *except that, if the remainder of the unexpired term is less than 1 year, the member of the Senate who made the original appointment may appoint a person who:*

(1) Is enrolled in a public school or private school in this State in grade 12 or who is a homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in this State in grade 12; and

(2) Satisfies the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.525.

(b) Insofar as is practicable, within 30 days after the date on which the vacancy occurs.

~~3-1~~ 4. As used in this section, "event day" means any single calendar day on which an official, scheduled event of the Youth Legislature is held, including, without limitation, a course of instruction, a course of orientation, a meeting, a seminar or any other official, scheduled activity.

Sec. 4. If this act becomes effective on or before March 30, 2013:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 385.515 and 385.525, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of this act, respectively, a member of the Nevada Youth Legislature whose term of office expires on May 31, 2013, and who is:

(a) Eligible to enroll in grade 12 in a public school or private school in this State for the 2013-2014 school year; or

(b) A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in this State in grade 12 for the 2013-2014 school year,

→ may be reappointed to the Youth Legislature for a 1 year term that begins on June 1, 2013, and ends on May 31, 2014.

2. If a person is reappointed to the Youth Legislature pursuant to subsection 1, the member of the Senate who reappointed the person shall, on or before April 30, 2014, appoint another person to the Youth Legislature as his or her replacement. The person appointed pursuant to this subsection must meet the qualifications set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 385.525, as amended by section 2 of this act, or paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of NRS 385.535, as amended by section 3 of this act. The term of office of the person



appointed pursuant to this subsection begins on June 1, 2014, and ends on May 31, 2015.

3. If a vacancy occurs during the term of a member of the Nevada Youth Legislature who was reappointed pursuant to subsection 1, the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided in NRS 385.535, as amended by section 3 of this act.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

