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## Office of the Governor

May 31, 2013

The Honorable Ross Miller  
Secretary of State  
Capitol Building  
101 South Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

**RE: Senate Bill 421 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 421, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to juries; requiring a court to excuse a juror for cause under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This bill modifies the grounds on which challenges for cause may be taken in civil actions. The bill establishes grounds for such challenges if a juror has any interest, financial or otherwise, in the action and if a juror's state of mind is biased for or against any party to the proceeding.

Senate Bill 421 requires a court to excuse a challenged juror who the court determines is "more likely than not" to be biased for or against a party. It is not clear how this new standard will affect a trial court's ability to rehabilitate a potential juror who has been challenged under these new grounds. However, it is clear that this bill will unnecessarily restrict the discretionary power of the court and burden the jury selection process. Based on these concerns, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval", written over a circular embossed seal.

BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)  
The Honorable Moises Denis, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)  
The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)  
David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)  
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)  
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)