

Assembly Bill No. 194—Assemblymen Swank, Hickey, Carrillo; Araujo, Armstrong, Bustamante Adams, Diaz, Dickman, Flores, Neal, O’Neill, Spiegel, Sprinkle and Thompson

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AN ACT relating to historic preservation; revising the definition of “historic” for the purposes of the provisions relating to the preservation of prehistoric and historic sites; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides for the preservation of prehistoric and historic sites. Pursuant to these provisions: (1) a permit is required to investigate, explore or excavate an historic or prehistoric site on federal or state lands or remove any object from such a site; and (2) vandalizing any historic or prehistoric site is a criminal offense. (NRS 381.197, 381.225) For the purposes of these provisions, existing law defines “historic” to mean after the middle of the 18th century. (NRS 381.195) This bill revises this definition to limit the term to 50 years before the current 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 381.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:
381.195 As used in NRS 381.195 to 381.227, inclusive:

1. “Historic” means ~~after~~ *from* the middle of the 18th century ~~+~~ *until 50 years before the current year.*
2. “Historic site” means a site, landmark or monument of historical significance pertaining to the history of the settlement of Nevada, or Indian campgrounds, shelters, petroglyphs, pictographs and burials.
3. “Museum Director” means the Museum Director of the Nevada State Museum.
4. “Prehistoric” means before the middle of the 18th century.
5. “Prehistoric site” means any archeological or paleontological site, ruin, deposit, fossilized footprints and other impressions, petroglyphs and pictographs, habitation caves, rock shelters, natural caves, burial ground or sites of religious or cultural importance to an Indian tribe.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

