

Amendment No. 970

Senate Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 6	(BDR C-867)
Proposed by: Senator Ford	
Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

ASSEMBLY ACTION		Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION		Initial and Date
Adopted	☐	Lost ☐	Adopted	☐	Lost ☐
Concurred In	☐	Not ☐	Concurred In	☐	Not ☐
Receded	☐	Not ☐	Receded	☐	Not ☐

EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 5/26/2017

S.J.R. No. 6—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for certain increases in the minimum wage. (BDR C-867)



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for certain increases in the minimum wage. (BDR C-867)

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.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for certain increases in the minimum wage.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution requires each employer to pay a certain minimum wage to each employee. This wage is \$5.15 per hour worked if the employer provides certain health benefits or \$6.15 per hour worked if the employer does not provide such benefits. Each year, the wage must be adjusted by the amount of increases in the federal minimum wage over \$5.15 per hour or, if greater, by the cumulative increase in the cost of living measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), except the CPI adjustment for any 1-year period greater than 3 percent. (Nev. Const. Art. 15, § 16)

This joint resolution proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to increase the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour. Beginning on January 1, 2022, the minimum wage must be increased by \$0.75 each year until the minimum wage is \$12. However, if, at any time, the federal minimum wage is greater than the amount calculated under this joint resolution, the minimum wage in this State must equal the federal minimum wage. This joint resolution further authorizes the Legislature to increase the minimum wage to an amount higher than the minimum wage calculated under this joint resolution.

~~This joint resolution also proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to remove provisions authorizing an employer and an employee to waive the minimum wage requirement in a collective bargaining agreement. Thus, under this joint resolution, a collective bargaining agreement entered into, extended or renewed on or after the effective date of this amendment could not waive the requirement to pay the minimum wage set forth in this joint resolution.~~

Finally, this joint resolution: (1) authorizes an action against an employer for violating the minimum wage requirement to be brought as a class action; (2) provides that an employee who prevails in an action for a violation of the minimum wage requirement is entitled to damages in an amount equal to three times the amount which the employee would have been paid if the employer had complied with the minimum wage requirement.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,
That Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution be amended as follows:

Sec. 16. ~~Each~~

1 1. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, each* employer shall
2 pay a wage to each employee of not less than the hourly ~~rates~~ *rate* set
3 forth in this ~~section~~ *subsection*. The rate ~~shall~~ *must* be ~~five dollars and~~
4 ~~fifteen cents (\$5.15) per hour worked, if the employer provides health~~
5 ~~benefits as described herein, or six dollars and fifteen cents (\$6.15) per hour~~
6 ~~if the employer does not provide such benefits. Offering health benefits~~
7 ~~within the meaning of this section shall consist of making health insurance~~
8 ~~available to the employee for the employee and the employee's dependents~~
9 ~~at a total cost to the employee for premiums of not more than 10 percent of~~
10 ~~the employee's gross taxable income from the employer. These rates of~~
11 ~~wages shall be adjusted by the amount of increases in~~ *nine dollars (\$9.00)*
12 *per hour worked. Beginning on January 1, 2022, this rate must be*
13 *increased on January 1 of each year by seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per*
14 *hour worked until the rate is twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour worked.*

15 2. *If, at any time, the federal minimum wage* ~~over \$5.15 per hour, or,~~
16 ~~if greater, by the cumulative increase in the cost of living. The cost of living~~
17 ~~increase shall be measured by the percentage increase as of December 31 in~~
18 ~~any year over the level as of December 31, 2004 of the Consumer Price~~
19 ~~Index (All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average) as published by the~~
20 ~~Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor or the successor~~
21 ~~index or federal agency. No CPI adjustment for any one year period may be~~
22 ~~greater than 3%. The Governor or the State agency designated by the~~
23 ~~Governor shall publish a bulletin by April 1 of each year announcing the~~
24 ~~adjusted rates, which shall take effect the following July 1. Such bulletin~~
25 ~~will be made available to all employers and to any other person who has~~
26 ~~filed with the Governor or the designated agency a request to receive such~~
27 ~~notice but lack of notice shall not excuse noncompliance with this section.~~
28 ~~An employer shall provide written notification of the rate adjustments to~~
29 ~~each of its employees and make the necessary payroll adjustments by July 1~~
30 ~~following the publication of the bulletin.~~ *is higher than the rate set forth*
31 *in subsection 1, each employer must pay a wage to each employee of not*
32 *less than the hourly rate set forth in the federal minimum wage.*

33 3. *The Legislature may establish by law a minimum wage that an*
34 *employer must pay to each employee that is higher than the hourly rate*
35 *set forth in subsection 1 or 2.*

36 4. Tips or gratuities received by employees shall not be credited as
37 being any part of or offset against the *minimum* wage ~~rates~~ *rate* required
38 by this section.

39 ~~[B.]~~ 5. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*
40 *provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between* ~~an~~
41 ~~individual~~ *any* employee and ~~an~~ *his or her* employer. *All of the*
42 *provisions of this section, or any part hereof, may be waived in a bona fide*
43 *collective bargaining agreement, but only if the waiver is explicitly set forth*
44 *in such agreement in clear and unambiguous terms. Unilateral*
45 *implementation of terms and conditions of employment by either party to a*
46 *collective bargaining relationship shall not constitute, or be permitted, as a*
47 *waiver of all or any part of the provisions of this section.*

48 6. An employer shall not discharge, reduce the compensation of or
49 otherwise discriminate against any employee for using any civil remedies to
50 enforce this section or otherwise asserting his or her rights under this
51 section ~~in~~ *in any manner*. An employee claiming *a* violation of this section
52 ~~may~~ *is entitled* to bring an action against his or her employer in the courts
53 of this State, *either in his or her individual capacity or as a representative*

1 *of a class of similarly situated individuals*, to enforce the provisions of this
2 section and shall be entitled to all remedies available under the law or in
3 equity appropriate to remedy any violation of this section . ~~including but~~
4 ~~not limited to back pay, damages, reinstatement or injunctive relief.~~ An
5 employee who prevails in any action to enforce this section ~~shall~~ *must* be
6 awarded *damages in an amount equal to three times the amount which*
7 *the employee would have been paid if his or her employer had complied*
8 *with the provisions of this section and* his or her reasonable attorney's fees
9 and costs.

10 ~~C. 6.~~ 7. As used in this section, "employee" means any person who
11 is employed by an employer as defined herein but does not include an
12 employee who is under eighteen (18) years of age, employed by a nonprofit
13 organization for after school or summer employment or as a trainee for a
14 period not longer than ninety (90) days. "Employer" means any individual,
15 proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability
16 company, trust, association, or other entity that may employ individuals or
17 enter into contracts of employment.

18 ~~D. 7.~~ 8. If any provision of this section is declared illegal, invalid
19 or inoperative, in whole or in part, by the final decision of any court of
20 competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions and all portions not
21 declared illegal, invalid or inoperative shall remain in full force or effect,
22 and no such determination shall invalidate the remaining sections or
23 portions of the sections of this section.

24 ~~And be it further~~

25 ~~Resolved, That the provisions of Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada~~
26 ~~Constitution, as amended by this joint resolution~~

27 ~~1. Apply to any collective bargaining agreement entered into, extended or~~
28 ~~renewed on or after the effective date of this amendment~~

29 ~~2. Do not apply to any collective bargaining agreement entered into before the~~
30 ~~effective date of this amendment during the current term of the agreement.~~