

SENATE BILL NO. 24—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SILVER
HAired LEGISLATIVE FORUM)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Nevada Silver
Haired Legislative Forum. (BDR 38-534)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 senior citizens; revising provisions governing
the rights and responsibilities of members of the Nevada
Silver Haired Legislative Forum; revising provisions
relating to the qualifications, terms of office and
responsibilities of officers of the Forum; increasing the
number of requests for drafting legislative measures
allocated to the Forum; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum,
consisting of members appointed by the Legislative Commission from persons
nominated by each member of the Senate and the members of the Nevada
delegation of the National Silver Haired Congress, who are ex officio members of
the Forum. (NRS 427A.320, 427A.330, 427A.350) To qualify for appointment by
the Legislative Commission to be a member of the Forum, a person must have been
a resident of this State for 5 years immediately preceding his or her appointment,
have been a registered voter in the senatorial district of the Senator who nominated
the member for 3 years immediately preceding his or her appointment and be at
least 60 years of age on the day that he or she is appointed. (NRS 427A.340)
Section 1 of this bill revises the rights and responsibilities of ex officio members of
the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum to provide that an ex officio member
of the Forum may vote on matters before the Forum only if the ex officio member:
(1) has been a resident of this State for the 5 years immediately preceding the date
of the vote; and (2) is at least 60 years of age on the day of the vote.



Existing law provides that, under certain circumstances, a position in the Nevada Silver Haired Forum becomes vacant and the Legislative Commission is required to appoint a person to serve the remainder of the term of the position in the Forum which has become vacant. (NRS 427A.360) **Section 2** of this bill clarifies that provisions governing vacancies in a position in the Forum apply only to the appointed members of the Forum.

Existing law provides that members of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum are required to elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Existing law further provides the duties of these officers and that these officers serve a term of 1 year beginning on July 1 of each year. (NRS 427A.370) **Section 3** of this bill: (1) removes the Secretary and Treasurer as officers of the Forum and instead requires the Forum to elect two facilitators, whose duties are to gather information on issues of importance to senior citizens and report on those issues at each meeting of the Forum; (2) requires the President, instead of the Treasurer, to administer any account in which money received by the Forum is deposited; (3) requires the President and Vice President of the Forum to coordinate and facilitate the activities and meetings of the Forum; (4) changes the term of the President of the Forum from 1 year to 2 years and enacts a limit on serving more than two terms as President of the Forum; (5) provides that the terms of the officers of the Forum begin on September 1, instead of on July 1; and (6) prohibits members of the Nevada delegation of the National Silver Haired Congress who are ex officio members of the Forum from serving as officers of the Forum. **Section 5** of this bill: (1) provides that persons serving as President and Vice President of the Forum for the term ending on June 30, 2019, continue to serve in those positions until the election of a successor; and (2) requires the Forum to hold a meeting as soon as practicable after July 1, 2019, to elect a President, a Vice President and two facilitators to terms beginning and ending in accordance with **section 5**. **Section 6** of this bill provides that any term of the President of the Forum commencing on or before July 1, 2019, must not be counted in determining the limitation set forth in **section 5** on the number of terms a member of the Forum may serve as President.

Existing law provides that the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum may request the drafting of not more than one legislative measure for a regular session of the Legislature. (NRS 218D.220) **Section 4** of this bill increases the amount of legislative measures which the Forum is authorized to request for each regular session of the Legislature from one to three.

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

Section 1. NRS 427A.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.350 *1.* Members of the National Silver Haired Congress from this State shall serve as ex officio members of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum. If a member of the National Silver Haired Congress ceases to be a member of the National Silver Haired Congress, the ex officio membership of that person in the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum terminates. ~~[An]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 427A.370, an* ex officio member of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum has the same rights and responsibilities as the members who are appointed.



2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, ex officio members of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum are nonvoting members.

3. A member of the National Silver Haired Congress from this State who is an ex officio member of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum may vote on a matter considered by the Forum if he or she:

(a) Has been a resident of this State for 5 years immediately preceding the date of a meeting at which the Forum will vote on a matter considered by the Forum; and

(b) Is at least 60 years of age on the date of a meeting at which the Forum will vote on a matter considered by the Forum.

Sec. 2. NRS 427A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.360 1. ~~[A]~~ An appointed position in the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum becomes vacant upon:

(a) The death or resignation of a member.

(b) The illness of a member that prevents the member from attending three consecutive meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum, unless excused by the President.

(c) The absence of a member for any reason from three consecutive meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum, unless excused by the President.

2. If a vacancy occurs ~~[]~~ in an appointed position in the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum, the Legislative Commission shall ~~[appoint a person to serve]~~ fill the vacancy in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Legislative Commission may appoint a person whose membership in the National Silver Haired Congress has ended to fill a vacancy in the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum.

3. As used in this section, "President" means the person elected to serve as President of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum pursuant to NRS 427A.370.

Sec. 3. NRS 427A.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.370 1. The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum shall elect from among its appointed members : ~~[to serve a term of 1 year beginning on July 1 of each year.]~~

(a) A President ~~[]~~ who shall conduct meetings and oversee the formation of committees as necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum ~~[]~~ and who shall serve a term of 2 years beginning on September 1. The President, with the assistance of the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, shall administer any account established pursuant to NRS 427A.395.



(b) A Vice President ~~[]~~ who shall assist the President and conduct meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum if the President is absent or otherwise unable to perform his or her duties ~~[]~~ *and who shall serve a term of 1 year beginning on September 1 of each year.*

(c) ~~[A Secretary,]~~ *Two facilitators, one of whom resides in northern Nevada and one of whom resides in southern Nevada, who shall []*

~~— (1) Prepare and keep a record of meetings, including, without limitation, the date, time, place and purpose of every meeting; and~~

~~— (2) At the first meeting of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum on or after July 1 of each year, prepare a list of the dates of the meetings that are scheduled for the year.~~

~~— (d) A Treasurer, who shall, with the assistance of the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, administer any account established pursuant to NRS 427A.395.] gather information on issues of importance to senior citizens and provide a report at each meeting of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum on the information gathered by the facilitators and who shall serve a term of 2 years beginning on September 1.~~

2. The President and Vice President shall coordinate and facilitate the activities and meetings of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum.

3. A member of the National Silver Haired Congress from this State who, pursuant to NRS 427A.350, serves as an ex officio member of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum, may not be elected to serve as an officer of the Forum pursuant to subsection 1.

4. An appointed member of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum shall not serve more than two terms as President of the Forum.

5. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide such persons as are necessary to assist the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum in carrying out its duties.

Sec. 4. NRS 218D.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.220 1. For a regular session, the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum created by NRS 427A.320 may request the drafting of not more than ~~[]~~ *three* legislative ~~[measure]~~ *measures* which ~~[relates]~~ *relate* to matters within the scope of the Forum. The request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.

2. A request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. A legislative measure requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before the third Wednesday in November preceding the regular session. A



1 legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be
2 deemed withdrawn.

3 **Sec. 5.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 427A.370,
4 as amended by section 3 of this act, the persons who were elected to
5 serve the term as President and Vice President of the Nevada Silver
6 Haired Legislative Forum ending on June 30, 2019, continue to
7 serve as President and Vice President of the Forum until a successor
8 is chosen.

9 2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2019, the Nevada Silver
10 Haired Legislative Forum shall meet to elect a President, a Vice
11 President and two facilitators pursuant to NRS 427A.370, as
12 amended by section 3 of this act, for a term beginning on
13 September 1, 2019.

14 **Sec. 6.** For the purposes of subsection 4 of NRS 427A.370, as
15 amended by section 3 of this act, any term of a President of the
16 Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum commencing on or before
17 July 1, 2019, must not be counted for the purposes of determining
18 the limitation set forth in that subsection.

19 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

