

Senate Bill No. 552—Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the Legislative Department of the State Government; revising provisions governing the allowances for certain expenses incurred by a Legislator; authorizing the Legislative Commission to adopt regulations governing the methods of submitting certain reports to the Legislature and Legislative Counsel Bureau; revising provisions governing meetings of legislative studies and investigations; eliminating the duty of the Legislative Commission to adopt regulations relating to the collection of certain information relating to the offices of district attorneys and public defenders; revising the description of certain parcels of land reserved for the Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law entitles a Legislator to receive an allowance for the payment of tolls and charges for telephone service incurred in the performance of official business during each regular and special Legislative Session. (NRS 218A.645, 218A.665) **Sections 1 and 3** of this bill remove the expenses incurred by a Legislator for tolls and charges for land line telephone service from such an allowance and require these expenses to be paid from the Legislative Fund. Additionally, **sections 1 and 2** of this bill eliminate the requirement in existing law of the consideration of the availability of state-owned automobiles in determining the allowance a Legislator is entitled to receive for expenses incurred for travel under certain circumstances. (NRS 218A.645, 218A.655)

Existing law requires the submission of reports to the Legislature or the Legislative Counsel Bureau to be in electronic format, if practicable. (NRS 218A.750) **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the Legislative Commission to provide by regulation for additional requirements for the submission of such reports.

Under existing law, a legislative committee or subcommittee established to conduct a study or investigation assigned to the Legislative Commission is required to meet not earlier than January 1 of the even-numbered year and not later than June 30 of that year, unless otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission. (NRS 218E.205) **Section 5** of this bill changes the earliest date for such a committee or subcommittee to meet to November 1 of the odd-numbered year. Existing law also requires certain legislative committees created in existing law to meet not earlier than November 1 of each odd-numbered year. (NRS 218E.515, 218E.560, 218E.610, 218E.710, 218E.755, 218E.810, 439B.210, 459.0085) **Sections 6-11, 13 and 14** of this bill change the earliest date for these legislative committees to meet to September 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Existing law requires the Legislative Commission to prescribe regulations for the collection of information relating to the operation of the offices of district attorneys and public defenders in this State. (NRS 218E.300, 218E.305) **Section 15** of this bill eliminates this requirement and **section 12** of this bill makes a conforming change.



Existing law reserves for the supervision and control of the Legislature certain parcels of land in Carson City, generally located in and around the Legislative Building. (NRS 331.135) **Section 12.5** of this bill makes technical revisions to the description of one such parcel of land.

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 218A.645 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.645 1. The per diem allowance , ~~[and the]~~ travel ~~[and telephone]~~ expenses *and expenses incurred in the performance of official business* of Legislators in attendance at any regular or special session, pre-session orientation conference of the Legislature or training session conducted pursuant to NRS 218A.285 must be allowed in the manner set forth in this section.

2. For initial travel from the Legislator's home to Carson City, Nevada, to attend a regular or special session, a pre-session orientation conference of the Legislature or a training session conducted pursuant to NRS 218A.285, and for return travel from Carson City, Nevada, to the Legislator's home upon adjournment sine die of a regular or special session or termination of a pre-session orientation conference or a training session, each Legislator is entitled to receive:

(a) A per diem expense allowance, not to exceed the maximum rate established by the Federal Government for the Carson City area, for 1 day's travel to and 1 day's travel from the regular or special session, pre-session orientation conference or training session.

(b) Travel expenses.

3. In addition to the per diem allowance and travel expenses authorized by subsection 2, each Legislator is entitled to receive a supplemental allowance which must not exceed:

(a) A total of \$10,000 during each regular session for:

(1) The Legislator's actual expenses in moving to and from Carson City for the regular session;

(2) Travel to and from the Legislator's home or temporary residence or for traveling to and from legislative committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings or for individual travel within the State which relates to legislative business;

(3) If the Legislator rents furniture for the Legislator's temporary residence rather than moving similar furniture from the Legislator's home, the cost of renting that furniture not to exceed



the amount that it would have cost to move the furniture to and from the Legislator's home; and

(4) If:

(I) The Legislator's home is more than 50 miles from Carson City; and

(II) The Legislator maintains temporary quarters in or near Carson City for which the Legislator has entered into a lease or other agreement for occupancy during a regular session,

➔ the cost of such additional housing, paid at the end of each month during the regular session, beginning the month of the first day of the regular session and ending the month of the adjournment sine die of the regular session, in an amount that is the fair market rent for a one bedroom unit in Carson City as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development prorated for the number of days of the month that the Legislator actually maintained the temporary quarters in or near Carson City. For the purposes of this subparagraph, any day before the first day of the regular session or after the day of the adjournment sine die of the regular session may not be counted as a day for which the Legislator actually maintained such temporary quarters; and

(b) A total of \$1,200 during each special session for travel to and from the Legislator's home or temporary residence or for traveling to and from legislative committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings or for individual travel within the State which relates to legislative business.

4. Each Legislator is entitled to receive a per diem expense allowance, not to exceed the maximum rate established by the Federal Government for the Carson City area:

(a) For each day that the Legislature is in a regular or special session, a pre-session orientation conference or a training session conducted pursuant to NRS 218A.285; and

(b) For each day that the Legislator attends a meeting of a standing committee of which the Legislator is a member when the Legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days.

5. Each Legislator who maintains temporary quarters in or near Carson City for which the Legislator has entered into a lease or other agreement for continuous occupancy for the duration of a regular or special session is entitled to receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance which the Legislative Commission designates by rule as being allocated to lodging, for not more than 14 days in each period in which:

(a) The Legislature has adjourned until a time certain; and



(b) The Legislator is not entitled to a per diem allowance pursuant to subsection 4.

6. In addition to the per diem allowance authorized by subsection 4 and the lodging allowance authorized by subsection 5, each Legislator who maintains temporary quarters in or near Carson City for which the Legislator has entered into a lease or other agreement for continuous occupancy for the duration of a regular or special session is entitled to receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance which the Legislative Commission designates by rule as being allocated to lodging, for not more than 17 days in each period in which:

(a) The Legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days; and

(b) The Legislator must obtain temporary lodging in a location that a standing committee of which the Legislator is a member is meeting.

7. Each Legislator is entitled to receive a lodging allowance equal to that portion of the expense allowance which the Legislative Commission designates by rule as being allocated to lodging, for not more than 6 days in each period in which:

(a) The Legislature has adjourned for more than 4 days; and

(b) The Legislator must obtain temporary lodging in a location that a standing committee of which the Legislator is a member is meeting,

➤ if the Legislator is not entitled to the per diem allowance authorized by subsection 4 or the lodging allowances authorized by subsections 5 and 6.

8. Each Legislator is entitled to receive ~~{a telephone}~~ *an allowance for the payment of expenses incurred by the Legislator in the performance of official business, except expenses from tolls and charges for the use of a land line telephone service*, of:

(a) Not more than \$2,800 ~~{for the payment of tolls and charges incurred by the Legislator in the performance of official business}~~ during each regular session; and

(b) Not more than \$300 during each special session.

➤ *Any expense incurred by a Legislator during each regular and special session from tolls and charges for the use of a land line telephone service must be paid from the Legislative Fund.*

9. An employee of the Legislature assigned to serve a standing committee is entitled to receive the travel expenses and per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally if the employee is required to attend a hearing of the committee outside Carson City.



10. Claims for per diem expense allowances authorized by subsection 4 and lodging allowances authorized by subsections 5, 6 and 7 must be paid once each week during a regular or special session and upon completion of a pre-session orientation conference or a training session conducted pursuant to NRS 218A.285.

11. A claim for travel expenses authorized by subsection 2 or 3 must not be paid unless the Legislator submits a signed statement affirming:

(a) The date of the travel; and

(b) The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by private conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by private conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other evidence of the expenditure.

12. Travel expenses authorized by subsections 2 and 3 are limited to:

(a) If the travel is by private conveyance, a rate equal to the standard mileage reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the purposes of federal income tax. If two or more Legislators travel in the same private conveyance, the Legislator who provided or arranged for providing the transportation is presumed entitled to reimbursement.

(b) If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual amount expended.

↳ Transportation must be by the most economical means, considering total cost ~~{ }~~ and time spent in transit . ~~{and the availability of state-owned automobiles.}~~

Sec. 2. NRS 218A.655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.655 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218A.645, each Legislator is entitled to receive an allowance for travel in the transaction of legislative business authorized by specific statute or the Legislative Commission, whether within or outside of the municipality or other area in which the Legislator's principal office is located. Transportation must be by the most economical means, considering total cost ~~{ }~~ and time spent in transit . ~~{and the availability of state-owned automobiles.}~~ The allowance is:

(a) If the travel is by private conveyance, the standard mileage reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the purposes of federal income tax.

(b) If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual amount expended.

2. Claims for expenses made pursuant to this section must be paid from the Legislative Fund unless otherwise provided by



specific statute. A claim for travel expenses must not be paid unless the Legislator submits a signed statement affirming:

- (a) The date of travel; and
- (b) The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by private conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by private conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other evidence of the expenditure.

Sec. 3. NRS 218A.665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.665 1. Each of the following officers of the Houses is entitled to an allowance of not more than \$900 for each regular session and \$64 for each special session for the payment of postage, ~~telephone tolls and other~~ communication charges *other than tolls and charges for the use of a land line telephone service, and other expenses* incurred by the officer in the performance of the officer's duties:

- (a) The President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (b) The Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly.
- (c) The Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader of each House.

(d) The chair of each standing committee of each House, except that any chair who would otherwise qualify for more than one allowance is entitled only to one allowance.

2. All allowances made pursuant to this section *and any expense incurred by an officer pursuant to this section during each regular and special session for tolls and charges for the use of a land line telephone service* must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 4. NRS 218A.750 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.750 *1.* If a law or resolution requires or directs that a report be made to the Legislature, the Legislative Counsel Bureau, or any person or entity within the Legislature or the Legislative Counsel Bureau:

~~1.1~~ (a) The person or entity shall, if practicable, submit the report in electronic format.

~~1.2~~ (b) Submitting the report in electronic format satisfies the law or resolution.

2. In addition to the requirement set forth in subsection 1, the Legislative Commission may by regulation provide for additional requirements for the submission of such a report.

Sec. 5. NRS 218E.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.205 1. Between regular sessions, the Legislative Commission:



(a) Shall fix the work priority of all studies and investigations assigned to it by a statute or concurrent resolution or directed by an order of the Legislative Commission, within the limits of available time, money and staff.

(b) Shall not make studies or investigations directed by a resolution of only one House or studies or investigations proposed but not approved during the preceding regular session.

2. All requests for the drafting of legislative measures to be recommended as the result of a study or investigation must be made in accordance with NRS 218D.160.

3. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 218E.210, between regular sessions, a study or investigation may not be initiated or continued by the Fiscal Analysts, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Counsel or the Research Director and their staffs, except studies and investigations which have been specifically authorized by a statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission.

4. A study or investigation may not be carried over from one regular session to the next without additional authorization by a statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission, except audits in progress whose carryover has been approved by the Legislative Commission.

5. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not serve as primary administrative or professional staff for a committee established by a statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission to conduct a study or investigation, unless the chair of the committee is required by the statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission to be a Legislator.

6. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program and any changes to the budget or work program for each study or investigation conducted by the Legislative Commission or a committee or subcommittee established by the Legislative Commission.

7. A committee or subcommittee established to conduct a study or investigation assigned to the Legislative Commission by a statute or concurrent resolution or directed by an order of the Legislative Commission must, unless otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, meet not earlier than ~~January~~ *November* 1 of the ~~even~~ *odd*-numbered year and not later than June 30 of ~~that~~ *the following even-numbered* year.



Sec. 6. NRS 218E.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.515 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~[November]~~ *September* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Research Director or the Research Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

3. The Committee shall prescribe rules for its own management and government.

4. Five members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

5. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which members of the Committee who are Legislators attend a meeting of the Committee or are otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the members are entitled to receive:

(a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

6. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

7. The member of the Committee who represents a local political subdivision is entitled to receive the subsistence allowances and travel expenses provided by law for his or her position for each day of attendance at a meeting of the Committee and while engaged in the business of the Committee, to be paid by the local political subdivision.

Sec. 7. NRS 218E.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.560 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~[November]~~ *September* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

3. The Committee shall adopt rules for its own management and government.



4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

5. Any recommended legislation proposed by the Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and by a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the Committee.

6. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive:

(a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

7. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses and any other expenses of the Committee must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 8. NRS 218E.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.610 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~November~~ *September* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.

3. Five members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

5. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.



Sec. 9. NRS 218E.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.710 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~[November]~~ *September* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.

3. Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

5. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 10. NRS 218E.755 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.755 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~[November]~~ *September* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or by a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.

3. Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and



(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

5. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 11. NRS 218E.810 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.810 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~November~~ *September* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.

3. Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

5. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 12. NRS 180.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

180.080 1. The State Public Defender shall submit:

(a) A report on or before December 1 of each year to the Governor and to each participating county containing a statement of:

(1) The number of cases that are pending in each participating county;

(2) The number of cases in each participating county that were closed in the previous fiscal year;

(3) The total number of criminal defendants represented in each participating county with separate categories specifying the crimes charged and whether the defendant was less than 18 years of age or an adult;

(4) The total number of working hours spent by the State Public Defender and the State Public Defender's staff on work for each participating county; and

(5) The amount and categories of the expenditures made by the State Public Defender's office.



(b) To each participating county, on or before December 1 of each even-numbered year, the total proposed budget of the State Public Defender for that county, including the projected number of cases and the projected cost of services attributed to the county for the next biennium.

~~[(c) Such reports to the Legislative Commission as the regulations of the Commission require.]~~

2. As used in this section, “participating county” means each county in which the office of public defender has not been created pursuant to NRS 260.010.

Sec. 12.5. NRS 331.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:

331.135 1. The Legislature reserves the supervision and control, both during and between legislative sessions, of:

(a) The entire Legislative Building, including its chambers, offices and other rooms, and its furnishings and equipment.

(b) A portion of the parcel of land bounded on the west by Carson Street, on the south by Fifth Street, on the east by *a portion of the abandoned Fall ~~[Street,] and Plaza Streets,~~* and on the north by the sidewalk along the south fence of the capitol grounds, situated in a portion of the Capitol Complex, as shown on the Record of Survey Map No. 297, Official Records of Carson City, Nevada, File No. 3043, section 17, T. 15 N., R. 20 E., M.D.M., more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of block 36, Sears, Thompson and Sears Division, as shown on that record of survey;

Thence N 89°52'32" E, a distance of 443.93 feet;

Thence N 00°12'15" E, a distance of 302.14 feet;

Thence N 44°47'45" W, a distance of ~~[189.88]~~ *327.16* feet to the ~~[north side of an existing sidewalk;~~

~~Thence N 89°39'33" W, along that sidewalk, a distance of 97.13 feet to the]~~ east side of an existing sidewalk;

Thence N 00°14'26" E, along that sidewalk, a distance of ~~[270.00]~~ *173.16* feet, more or less, to the north line of a sidewalk;

Thence N 89°47'45" W, along that sidewalk, a distance of 212.50 feet, to the east right-of-way line of Carson Street;

Thence S 00°13'08" W, along that line, a distance of 709.40 feet, more or less, to the true point of beginning.

Containing ~~[5.572]~~ *5.68* acres, more or less.



(c) The entire parcel of land bounded on the north by Fifth Street, on the south by Sixth Street, on the east by Stewart Street and on the west by Plaza Street, also described as blocks 2 and 3, Pierson and Goodridge Addition; and that portion of Fall Street between Fifth Street and Sixth Street abandoned by Carson City on April 26, 1990, Meeting Agenda Item 9 M-89/90-10. Also the entire parcel of land bounded on the north by the south boundary line of block 2, Pierson and Goodridge Addition, on the south by Seventh Street, on the east by Stewart Street and on the west by Fall Street, and further described as block 7, Pierson and Goodridge Addition.

(d) The entire parcel of land bounded on the north by Sixth Street, on the south by Seventh Street, on the east by Fall Street, and on the west by Plaza Street, also described as block 6, Pierson and Goodridge Addition.

(e) The entire parcel of land bounded on the north by Fourth Street, on the west by Stewart Street, on the south by Fifth Street, and on the east by the abandoned right-of-way of Valley Street, also described as block 39 of Sears, Thompson and Sears Division of Carson City; and the west 30.00 feet of the abandoned right-of-way of Valley Street abutting block 39 of Sears, Thompson and Sears Division. Excepting therefrom that portion of Stewart and Fifth Streets deeded to the State of Nevada through its Department of Transportation as recorded in book 283, page 208, of Deeds, Carson City, Nevada.

(f) The entire parcel of land bounded on the north by Third Street, on the west by Stewart Street, on the south by Fourth Street, and on the east by Valley Street, also described as block 22 of Sears, Thompson and Sears Division of Carson City; and the land occupied by the state printing warehouse in block 21 of Sears, Thompson and Sears Division of Carson City; and the abandoned right-of-way of Fourth Street between block 22 of Sears, Thompson and Sears Division and block 39 of Sears, Thompson and Sears Division of Carson City. Excepting therefrom that portion of Stewart Street deeded to the State of Nevada through its Department of Transportation as recorded in book 283, page 208, of Deeds, Carson City, Nevada.

(g) Any other property acquired for the use of the Legislature or its staff.

➤ Title to the property described in this subsection must be held in the name of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.



2. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau:

(a) Shall provide an individual office for each Legislator whose position as an officer or as a chair of a committee does not otherwise entitle the Legislator to occupy an assigned office.

(b) May assign the use of space in the Legislative Building or other legislative facilities or on the legislative grounds in such a manner as the Legislative Commission prescribes.

3. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall cause the Legislative Building, chambers and grounds and other legislative facilities to be kept in good repair, clean, orderly and presentable as befits public property and the dignity of the Legislature. For this purpose he or she may, in addition to the general power of the Director to employ or contract for the services of personnel, contract with any private enterprise or governmental agency for the provision of appropriate services.

Sec. 13. NRS 439B.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439B.210 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~November~~ *September* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or a person designated by the Director shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary. The Committee shall prescribe regulations for its own management and government. Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the powers conferred on the Committee.

2. Except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, members of the Committee are entitled to receive the compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session for each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee plus the per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally and the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

3. The salaries and expenses of the Committee must be paid from the Legislative Fund.



Sec. 14. NRS 459.0085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

459.0085 1. There is hereby created a Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste. It is a committee of the Legislature composed of:

(a) Four members of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.

(b) Four members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker.

2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program. The Legislative Commission shall select a Chair and a Vice Chair from the members of the Committee.

3. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the Committee shall meet not earlier than ~~November~~ **September** 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the call of the Chair to study and evaluate:

(a) Information and policies regarding the location in this State of a facility for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste;

(b) Any potentially adverse effects from the construction and operation of a facility and the ways of mitigating those effects; and

(c) Any other policies relating to the disposal of high-level radioactive waste.

4. The Committee may conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its functions and duties and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.

5. The Committee shall report the results of its studies and evaluations to the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee at such times as the Legislative Commission or the Interim Finance Committee may require.

6. The Committee may recommend any appropriate legislation to the Legislature and the Legislative Commission.

7. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide a Secretary for the Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste.

8. Except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, each member of the Committee is entitled to receive the compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session for each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a Committee meeting or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Committee plus the per diem allowance provided for state officers



and employees generally and the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655. Per diem allowances, salary and travel expenses of members of the Committee must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 15. NRS 218E.300 and 218E.305 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

