
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 72—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF STATE LIBRARY,
ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names. (BDR 26-258)

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 geographic names; revising provisions relating to the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names is created to coordinate and approve geographic names within the State for official recommendation to the United States Board on Geographic Names. (NRS 327.110) The Nevada State Board on Geographic Names consists of 11 voting members, which include representatives from various state and federal agencies and the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc. (NRS 327.120) **Section 1** of this bill adds a representative of the Nevada Indian Commission to the membership of the Board.

Under existing law, the State Resident Cartographer is required to serve as the Executive Secretary of the Board, who is a nonvoting member. If there is not such a position, existing law requires the voting members of the Board to select the Executive Secretary. (NRS 327.120) **Section 1** eliminates the requirement that the State Resident Cartographer serve as the Executive Secretary, and therefore, the voting members of the Board are required to select the Executive Secretary.

Existing law requires the designation of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Board from among its members. (NRS 327.130) **Section 2** of this bill: (1) clarifies that the Chair and Vice Chair are designated from among the voting members of the Board; and (2) provides that the Vice Chair presides in the absence of the Chair.



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

Section 1. NRS 327.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

327.120 The Board consists of:

1. ~~One~~ *Twelve voting members, which include one*
representative of each of the following agencies or organizations:

(a) Bureau of Mines and Geology of the State of Nevada.

(b) Faculty of the University of Nevada, Reno.

(c) Faculty of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

(d) Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records of
the Department of Administration.

(e) Department of Transportation of the State.

(f) State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(g) Nevada Historical Society.

(h) *Nevada Indian Commission.*

(i) United States Bureau of Land Management.

~~(j)~~ (j) United States Forest Service.

~~(k)~~ (k) United States National Park Service.

~~(l)~~ (l) Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor
organization.

↪ Each agency or organization shall designate a representative and
one alternative representative for this purpose.

2. An Executive Secretary who is a nonvoting member of the
Board. The ~~[State Resident Cartographer shall serve in this position.
If there is not such a cartographer, the]~~ voting members of the Board
shall select the Executive Secretary.

Sec. 2. NRS 327.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

327.130 1. The Board shall designate from among its *voting*
members a Chair and a Vice Chair . ~~and~~ *The Vice Chair presides*
in the absence of the Chair.

2. *The Board* shall adopt rules for its own management.

~~[2.]~~ 3. A majority of the voting members of the Board
constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

~~[3.]~~ 4. The Board shall meet at such times and places as are
specified by the Chair, but may not hold more than four meetings in
any 1 year.

~~[4.]~~ 5. Members of the Board shall serve without
compensation, travel expenses or subsistence allowances except as
they may be provided by the members' respective agencies and
organizations.

