

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 95—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the membership of the Legislative
Committee on Public Lands. (BDR 17-463)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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.

AN ACT relating to public lands; revising the membership of the
Legislative Committee on Public Lands; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Legislative Committee on Public Lands consisting of four members of the Senate, four members of the Assembly, and one elected officer representing the governing body of a local political subdivision. (NRS 218E.510) **Section 1** of this bill adds one member to the Committee who represents tribal governments and who is recommended by the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization and appointed by the Legislative Commission. **Section 2** of this bill provides, to the extent of legislative appropriation, that the member who represents tribal governments is entitled to the per diem allowance and travel expenses while engaged in the business of the Committee.

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

Section 1. NRS 218E.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
218E.510 1. There is hereby established a Legislative Committee on Public Lands consisting of ~~four~~ :
(a) *Four* members of the Senate ~~[-four]~~ ;
(b) *Four* members of the Assembly ~~[and one]~~ ;



(c) *One* elected officer representing the governing body of a local political subdivision, appointed by the Legislative Commission with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands ~~[3]~~; and

(d) One member representing tribal governments in Nevada who is recommended by the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization, and appointed by the Legislative Commission with appropriate regard for their experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands;

2. The members who are Legislators must be appointed to provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

~~[2]~~ 3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

~~[3]~~ 4. The members of the Committee shall select a Chair from one House and a Vice Chair from the other House. Each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the members of the Committee shall select a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

~~[4]~~ 5. Any member of the Committee *described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1* who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session convenes.

~~[5]~~ 6. Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

~~[6]~~ 7. The Legislative Commission may appoint alternates for members of the Committee. The Chair of the Committee:

(a) May designate an alternate appointed by the Legislative Commission to serve in place of a regular member who is unable to attend a meeting; and

(b) Shall, *for a member who is a legislator*, appoint an alternate who is a member of the same House and political party as the regular member to serve in place of the regular member if one is available.

Sec. 2. 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 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.



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

3 4. ~~Five~~ *A majority of the* members of the Committee
4 constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and
5 authority conferred on the Committee.

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

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

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

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

16 6. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel
17 expenses *of the members of the Committee who are legislators*
18 must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

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

25 8. *While engaged in the business of the Committee, to the*
26 *extent of legislative appropriation, the member of the Committee*
27 *who represents tribal governments is entitled to receive the per*
28 *diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and*
29 *employees generally.*

30 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

