

SENATE BILL NO. 123—SENATOR SPEARMAN

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum. (BDR 38-6)

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 aging persons; revising qualifications relating to the membership of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law creates the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum to identify and act upon issues of importance to aging persons. (NRS 427A.320) The Forum consists of members appointed by the Legislative Commission from persons nominated by each member of the State Senate and the members of the Nevada delegation of the National Silver Haired Congress, who are ex officio members of the Forum. (NRS 427A.330, 427A.350) To qualify for appointment by the Commission as a member of the Forum, a person must: (1) have been a resident of this State for 5 years immediately preceding the appointment; (2) have been a registered voter in the senatorial district of the Senator who made the nomination for 3 years immediately preceding the appointment; and (3) be at least 60 years of age on the day of the appointment. (NRS 427A.340) **Section 1** of this bill revises the qualifications for such appointment by reducing the requirement for residency in this State from 5 years to 1 year, or 6 months if the nominee is a member of the military, and reducing the requirement for residency in the senatorial district from 3 years to 30 days.

Existing law authorizes a member of the National Silver Haired Congress, who is an ex officio member of the Forum, to vote on a matter considered by the Forum if the member: (1) has been a resident of this State for 5 years immediately preceding the date of a meeting at which the Forum will vote on such a matter; and (2) is at least 60 years of age on that date. **Section 3** of this bill revises those qualifications to vote by reducing the requirement for residency in this State from 5 years to 1 year, or 6 months if the ex officio member is a member of the military.



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

1     **Section 1.** NRS 427A.340 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     427A.340 **1.** To be eligible for appointment as a member of  
4 the Forum pursuant to NRS 427A.330, a person must:

5     ~~1.~~ **(a)** Have been a resident of this state ~~for 5 years~~ :

6     **(1) For 1 year** immediately preceding his or her  
7 appointment;

8     ~~2.~~ **or**

9     **(2) If he or she is a member of the military, for 6 months**  
10 **immediately preceding his or her appointment.**

11     **(b)** Have been a registered voter in the senatorial district of the  
12 Senator who nominated the member for ~~3 years~~ **30 days**  
13 immediately preceding his or her appointment. ~~;~~ **and**

14 ~~—3.~~ **(c)** Be at least 60 years of age on the day that he or she is  
15 appointed.

16     **2. As used in this section, “member of the military” means a**  
17 **person who is presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United**  
18 **States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard.**

19     **Sec. 2.** NRS 427A.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20     427A.350 1. Members of the National Silver Haired  
21 Congress from this State shall serve as ex officio members of the  
22 Forum. If a member of the National Silver Haired Congress ceases  
23 to be a member of the National Silver Haired Congress, the ex  
24 officio membership of that person in the Forum terminates. Except  
25 as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 427A.370, an ex  
26 officio member of the Forum has the same rights and  
27 responsibilities as the members who are appointed pursuant to  
28 NRS 427A.330.

29     2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, ex officio  
30 members of the Forum are nonvoting members.

31     3. A member of the National Silver Haired Congress from this  
32 State who is an ex officio member of the Forum may vote on a  
33 matter considered by the Forum if he or she ~~is~~ **, on the date of a**  
34 **meeting at which the Forum will vote on a matter considered by**  
35 **the Forum:**

36     **(a)** Has been a resident of this State for ~~5 years~~ **the**  
37 **immediately preceding** ~~the date of a meeting at which the Forum~~  
38 ~~will vote on a matter considered by the Forum;~~ **year or, if he or she**  
39 **is a member of the military, for the immediately preceding 6**  
40 **months; and**

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



1        **4.** *As used in this section, “member of the military” means a*  
2 *person who is presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United*  
3 *States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard.*

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

