

SENATE BILL NO. 3—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OF THE OFFICE OF THE MILITARY)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises the membership of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. (BDR 19-236)

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 homeland security; revising the membership of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security and sets forth its duties, including, within the limits of available money: (1) making recommendations to certain governmental entities, businesses and private persons with respect to actions and measures that may be taken to protect the State from potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies; (2) making recommendations to the Governor on the use of money received by the State from any homeland security grant or related program; (3) proposing goals and programs to counteract or prevent potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies; (4) studying and assessing the security of certain buildings, facilities, geographic features and infrastructure; (5) examining the use, deployment and coordination of response agencies within this State; (6) assessing, examining and reviewing the use of certain information systems and systems of communications; (7) assessing, examining and reviewing the operation and efficacy of certain telephone systems; and (8) submitting annual briefings to the Governor assessing the preparedness of the State to counteract, prevent and respond to potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies. (NRS 293C.120, 293C.160) Existing law further sets forth the membership of the Commission, which consists of: (1) fifteen voting members appointed by the Governor, which must include certain persons; (2) the President and CEO, or his or her designee, of the Nevada Broadcasters Association as an ex officio voting member appointed by the Governor; (3) certain nonvoting members appointed by the Governor; (4) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Majority Leader as a nonvoting member; and (5) one member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly as a nonvoting member. This bill



24 requires the Governor to appoint an additional voting member to the Commission
25 who is an employee of the Department of Public Safety.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 239C.120 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 239C.120 1. The Nevada Commission on Homeland Security
4 is hereby created.

5 2. The Governor shall appoint to the Commission ~~15~~ 16
6 voting members that the Governor determines to be appropriate and
7 who serve at the Governor's pleasure, which must include at least:

8 (a) The sheriff of each county whose population is 100,000 or
9 more.

10 (b) The chief of the county fire department in each county
11 whose population is 100,000 or more.

12 (c) A member of the medical community in a county whose
13 population is 700,000 or more.

14 (d) An employee of the largest incorporated city in each county
15 whose population is 700,000 or more.

16 (e) A representative recommended by the Inter-Tribal Council
17 of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization, to represent tribal
18 governments in Nevada.

19 (f) *An employee of the Department of Public Safety.*

20 3. The Governor shall appoint the President and CEO, or his or
21 her designee, of the Nevada Broadcasters Association, or its
22 successor organization, to serve as an ex officio voting member of
23 the Commission.

24 4. The Governor shall appoint:

25 (a) An officer of the United States Department of Homeland
26 Security whom the Department of Homeland Security has
27 designated for this State;

28 (b) The agent in charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of
29 Investigation in this State;

30 (c) The Chief of the Division; and

31 (d) The Administrator of the Nevada Office of Cyber Defense
32 Coordination appointed pursuant to NRS 480.920,

33 ➡ as nonvoting members of the Commission.

34 5. The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint one member of the
35 Senate as a nonvoting member of the Commission.

36 6. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of
37 the Assembly as a nonvoting member of the Commission.

38 7. The term of office of each member of the Commission who
39 is a Legislator is 2 years.



- 1 8. The Governor or his or her designee shall:
- 2 (a) Serve as Chair of the Commission; and
- 3 (b) Appoint a member of the Commission to serve as Vice Chair
- 4 of the Commission.
- 5 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

