

Senate Bill No. 3–Committee on Government Affairs

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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 requires the Governor to appoint as an additional voting member to the Commission the Director of the Department of Public Safety or his or her designee.

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 239C.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

(f) The Director of the Department of Public Safety or his or her designee.

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

4. The Governor shall appoint:

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

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

(c) The Chief of the Division; and

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

↳ as nonvoting members of the Commission.

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

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

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

8. The Governor or his or her designee shall:

(a) Serve as Chair of the Commission; and

(b) Appoint a member of the Commission to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

