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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 114–ASSEMBLYMEMBER DELONG

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to county fair and recreation boards. (BDR 20-740)

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 counties; revising the process for appointing certain members to the county fair and recreation board of certain counties; requiring the members of the board to elect any member as Chair of the board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes a county fair and recreation board in any county whose population is 100,000 or more and less than 700,000 (currently only Washoe County). The board must consist of nine members, including one member appointed by the board of county commissioners, one member appointed by the governing body of the largest incorporated city in the county (currently the City of Reno) and one member appointed by the governing body of the next largest incorporated city in the county (currently the City of Sparks). Those three members must appoint the remaining six members who represent certain interests and establishments from certain lists of nominees. If those three members find the nominees on a list of nominees unacceptable, the three members are required to request a new list of nominees. (NRS 244A.601) This bill instead requires the members of the board, including each member of the board, to: (1) appoint the six members who represent certain interests and establishments; and (2) request a new list of nominees.

Existing law further requires the members of the board to elect a Chair from among the three members appointed by the board of county commissioners and the governing bodies of the two largest incorporated cities in the county, respectively. (NRS 244A.601) This bill instead requires the members of the board to elect a Chair from among its members.

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

Section 1. NRS 244A.601 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244A.601 1. In any county whose population is 100,000 or more, and less than 700,000, the county fair and recreation board consists of nine members who are appointed as follows:

(a) One member by the board of county commissioners.

(b) One member by the governing body of the largest incorporated city in the county.

(c) One member by the governing body of the next largest incorporated city in the county.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, six members by the members ~~[appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).]~~ ***of the board.*** The members ~~[entitled]~~ ***appointed pursuant*** to ~~[vote shall select:]~~ ***this paragraph must include:***

(1) One member who is a representative of air service interests from a list of nominees submitted by the airport authority of the county. The nominees must not be elected officers.

(2) One member who is a representative of interests relating to tourism or other commercial interests or the resort hotel business from a list of nominees submitted by the chamber of commerce of the largest incorporated city in the county.

(3) One member who is a representative of other business or commercial interests, including gaming establishments, from a list of nominees submitted by a visitor's bureau, other than a county fair and recreation board or a bureau created by such a board, that is authorized by law to receive a portion of the tax on transient lodging, if any. If no such bureau exists in the county, the nominations must be made by the chamber of commerce of the third largest township in the county.

(4) Three members who are representatives of the association of gaming establishments whose membership collectively paid the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to NRS 463.370 in the county in the preceding year, from a list of nominees submitted by the association. If there is no such association, the three appointed members must be representative of gaming.

➥ If the members ~~[entitled to vote]~~ ***of the board*** find the nominees on a list of nominees submitted pursuant to this paragraph unacceptable, they shall request a new list of nominees.

2. The members of the board shall elect a Chair from among ~~[the]~~ ***its*** members **.** ~~[appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1.]~~

3. The terms of members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 are coterminous with their terms of office. The members appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 must be appointed for 2-year terms. Any vacancy occurring on the board must be filled by the authority entitled to appoint the member whose position is vacant. Each member appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 may succeed himself or herself only once.

4. If a member ceases to be engaged in the business or occupation which he or she was appointed to represent, he or she ceases to be a member, and another person engaged in that business or occupation must be appointed for the unexpired term.

5. Any member appointed by the board of county commissioners or a governing body of a city must be a member of the appointing board or body.

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