SUMMARY—Designating certain audio and video recordings as the official record of the Legislature. (BDR 17-16)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

AN ACT relating to legislative records; designating certain audio and video recordings as the official record of the Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the Senate and Assembly each adopted Standing Rules which provide that the official record of a committee meeting is the minutes approved by the chair of that committee. (File No. 1, 2025 Statutes of Nevada, at page 3811, File No. 4, 2025 Statutes of Nevada, at page 3840) **Section 1** of this bill: (1) requires the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to ensure that an audio and video recording of sessions and meetings of the Legislature is taken; (2) provides that the audio and video recording is the official record of the Legislature; and (3) provides that, in the event of a technological or equipment failure, certain other records shall be deemed the official record of the Legislature.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN

SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 218A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Director shall ensure that an audio and video recording of all sessions and meetings of the Legislature, including, without limitation, sessions of the houses of the Legislature and committee meetings of the Legislature, is taken.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the audio and video recording taken pursuant to subsection 1 is the official record of the Legislature.

3. In the event of any kind of technological or equipment failure which results in the audio or video recording taken pursuant to subsection 1 becoming unavailable:

(a) The minutes of the committee approved by the chair shall be deemed the official record of the committee meeting;

(b) The journal kept by each house shall be deemed the official record of the session of the house; and

(c) Such failure does not constitute a violation of the provisions of this section.

4. As used in this section, "committee" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 218E.010.