SENATE BILL NO. 70–COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the compensation for certain positions in the Office of the Attorney General. (BDR 18-522)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: 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 the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration to biennially calculate the annual salaries for certain positions in the Office; requiring the Governor to include in the biennial proposed executive budget of the State a certain amount of money to pay such annual salaries; requiring the Attorney General to include in the biennial report to the Governor certain information related to annual salaries for certain positions in the Office; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Attorney General to appoint as many deputies as he or she deems necessary to perform fully the duties of his or her office. (NRS 228.080) Based on information provided by the Office of the Attorney General, **section 1** of this bill requires the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration, on or before August 1 of each even-numbered year, to: (1) in consultation with the Office of Finance and the Office of the Attorney General, calculate annual salaries for prescribed attorney positions in the Office of the Attorney General based on certain formulas; (2) prepare schedules of such calculated annual salaries; and (3) submit the schedules to the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Finance and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature. **Section 1** requires the Governor to include in the biennial proposed executive budget of the

State an amount of money to pay the annual salaries of the employees in the prescribed positions in the Office of the Attorney General at the amounts set forth for those positions in the schedules for that biennium. Additionally, **section 1** requires the Division to recalculate and proportionally reduce the amounts of the annual salaries for such positions if, for any biennium, the money appropriated to or authorized to be expended by the Office of the Attorney General for payment of those annual salaries is insufficient to pay the annual salaries at the amounts initially calculated by the Division for that biennium. Finally, **section 1** provides for the effective date of and requirements for the payment of those annual salaries. **Section 3** of this bill requires the Division to: (1) calculate the annual salaries for the positions prescribed in **section 1** for the 2027-2029 biennium; (2) prepare and submit the related salary schedules in the same manner set forth in **section 1**; and (3) post the schedules on the Internet website maintained by the Division. **Section 3** also provides for the effective date of and requirements for the payment of those annual salaries.

Existing law requires the Attorney General, before September 1 of each even-numbered year, to report to the Governor the condition of the affairs of his or her department, including suggestions calculated to improve the laws of the State. (NRS 228.100) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Attorney General to also include in this report: (1) the schedules of the annual salaries for the prescribed positions calculated pursuant to **section 1** for the immediately preceding biennium; (2) a list of the actual annual salaries paid for those positions in that biennium; and (3) if applicable, an explanation of the difference between those amounts.

Section 4 of this bill makes an appropriation to meet any deficiencies between the money otherwise appropriated or authorized by the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature for the annual salaries of the employees in the positions in the Office of the Attorney General for which annual salaries were calculated pursuant to **section 3** and the amounts of the annual salaries for those positions set forth in the schedules prepared for the 2027-2029 biennium pursuant to **section 3**.

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

Section 1. Chapter 228 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Office of the Attorney General shall provide to the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration the information necessary to calculate the annual salaries pursuant to subsection 2.

2. On or before August 1 of each even-numbered year, the Division of Human Resource Management, in consultation with the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Attorney General, shall:

(a) Calculate for the upcoming biennium an annual salary, which must be adjusted based on each retirement contribution method set forth in chapter 286 of NRS:

(1) For the position of deputy attorney general in an amount equal to 90 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (2);

(2) For the positions of senior deputy attorney general, attorney general counsel for prosecuting attorneys and special assistant attorney general, each in an amount equal to the average of the maximum adjusted salary that is effective on July 1 of the year in which the calculation is being made for a deputy district attorney in the highest non-supervisory classification in each county whose population is 100,000 or more;

(3) For the positions of chief deputy attorney general, special counsel and construction law counsel, each in an amount equal to the average of the maximum adjusted salary that is effective on July 1 of the year in which the calculation is being made for a deputy district attorney in the lowest supervisory classification in each county whose population is 100,000 or more;

(4) For the position of bureau chief in an amount equal to 108 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (3);

(5) For the positions of general counsel and solicitor general, each in an amount equal to 112 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (3); and

(6) For the positions of assistant attorney general and chief of staff, each in an amount equal to 119 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (3);

(b) Prepare schedules of the annual salaries calculated pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(c) Submit the schedules prepared pursuant to paragraph (b) to the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Finance and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature.

3. The Governor shall include in the biennial proposed executive budget of the State an amount of money to pay the annual salaries of the employees in positions in the Office of the Attorney General for which annual salaries are required to be calculated pursuant to subsection 2 at the amounts set forth for those positions in the schedules prepared pursuant to subsection 2 for that biennium.

4. If, for any biennium, the money appropriated to or authorized to be expended by the Office of the Attorney General for the payment of the annual salaries of the employees in positions in the Office for which annual salaries are required to be calculated pursuant to subsection 2 is insufficient to pay those annual salaries at the amounts set forth for those positions in the schedules prepared pursuant to subsection 2 for that biennium,

the Attorney General shall provide written notification to the Division of Human Resource Management of the amount of the deficiency. Upon receipt of such notification, the Division shall:

(a) Recalculate the annual salaries for that biennium in such a manner as to proportionally reduce the annual salaries for the positions prescribed in subsection 2 in the amount of the deficiency;

(b) Prepare revised schedules of the annual salaries calculated pursuant to paragraph (a);

(c) Post the revised schedules prepared pursuant to paragraph (b) on the Internet website maintained by the Division; and

(d) Submit the revised schedules prepared pursuant to paragraph (b) to the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Finance and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee.

5. The annual salaries:

(a) Calculated pursuant to subsection 2 are effective on July 1 of the first fiscal year of the biennium for which the annual salaries are calculated.

(b) Recalculated pursuant to subsection 4 are effective on the first day of the first pay period that begins after the revised schedules of those annual salaries are posted pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 4.

6. The Attorney General, within the limits of money appropriated or authorized to be expended for this purpose, shall pay each employee in a position for which an annual salary is required to be calculated pursuant to subsection 2, the annual salary set forth for that position for the biennium in the appropriate schedule or revised schedule prepared pursuant to subsection 2 or 4, as applicable, notwithstanding any other limitation on the amount of that salary prescribed by law.

7. As used in this section:

(a) "Adjusted salary" means a salary adjusted by the retirement contribution method set forth in chapter 286 of NRS in which the employee's portion of the contribution is paid by the employee's employer.

(b) "Highest non-supervisory classification" means the classification with the highest maximum salary among the classifications of the county that do not require the supervision of other attorneys employed in the office of the district attorney for the county.

(c) "Lowest supervisory classification" means the classification with the lowest maximum salary among the classifications of the county that require the supervision of other

attorneys employed in the office of the district attorney for the county.

Sec. 2. NRS 228.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

228.100 1. Before September 1 of each even-numbered year, for the biennium ending June 30 of such year, the Attorney General shall report to the Governor the condition of the affairs of his or her department, and in such report the Attorney General shall ~~[make]~~ ***:***

(a) Include:

(1) The schedules prepared for the biennium pursuant to subsection 1 of section 1 of this act of the annual salaries for the positions prescribed in that subsection;

(2) A list of the actual annual salaries paid for such positions in the biennium; and

(3) If applicable, an explanation of the difference between the amounts in subparagraphs (1) and (2); and

(b) Make such suggestions as shall appear to him or her calculated to improve the laws of the State.

2. The Attorney General shall communicate to the Governor or either house of the Legislature, when requested, any information concerning his or her office.

Sec. 3. 1. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this section, the Office of the Attorney General shall provide to the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration the information necessary to calculate the annual salaries pursuant to subsection 2.

2. Upon receipt of the necessary information pursuant to subsection 1, the Division of Human Resource Management, in consultation with the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Attorney General, shall promptly:

(a) Calculate for the 2027-2029 biennium an annual salary, which must be adjusted based on each retirement contribution method set forth in chapter 286 of NRS:

(1) The position of deputy attorney general in an amount equal to 90 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (2);

(2) The positions of senior deputy attorney general, attorney general counsel for prosecuting attorneys and special assistant attorney general, each in an amount equal to the average of the maximum adjusted salary that is effective on July 1, 2027, for a deputy district attorney in the highest non-supervisory classification in each county whose population is 100,000 or more;

(3) The positions of chief deputy attorney general, special counsel and construction law counsel, each in an amount equal to the average of the maximum adjusted salary that is effective on

July 1, 2027, for a deputy district attorney in the lowest supervisory classification in each county whose population is 100,000 or more;

(4) The position of bureau chief in an amount equal to 108 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (3);

(5) The positions of general counsel and solicitor general, each in an amount equal to 112 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (3); and

(6) The positions of assistant attorney general and chief of staff, each in an amount equal to 119 percent of the annual salary calculated pursuant to subparagraph (3);

(b) Prepare the schedules of annual salaries calculated pursuant to paragraph (a);

(c) Post the schedules prepared pursuant to paragraph (b) on the Internet website maintained by the Division; and

(d) Submit the schedules prepared pursuant to paragraph (b) to the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Finance and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee.

3. If the money appropriated to or authorized to be expended by the Office of the Attorney General for the 2027-2029 biennium for the payment of the annual salaries of the employees in positions in the Office for which the annual salaries are required to be calculated pursuant to subsection 2 is insufficient to pay those annual salaries at the amounts set forth for those positions in the schedule prepared pursuant to subsection 2 for the 2027-2029 biennium, the Attorney General shall provide written notification to the Division of Human Resource Management of the amount of the deficiency. Upon receipt of such notification, the Division shall:

(a) Recalculate the annual salaries for the 2027-2029 biennium in such a manner as to proportionally reduce the annual salaries for the positions prescribed in subsection 2 in the amount of the deficiency;

(b) Prepare revised schedules of the annual salaries calculated pursuant to paragraph (a);

(c) Post the revised schedules prepared pursuant to paragraph (b) on the Internet website maintained by the Division; and

(d) Submit the revised schedules prepared pursuant to paragraph (b) to the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Finance and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee.

4. The annual salaries:

(a) Calculated pursuant to subsection 2 are effective on the later of:

(1) July 1, 2027; or

(2) The first day of the first pay period that begins after the schedules of the annual salaries are posted pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2.

(b) Recalculated pursuant to subsection 3 are effective on the first day of the first pay period that begins after the revised schedules of those annual salaries are posted pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3.

5. The Attorney General, within the limits of money appropriated or authorized to be expended for this purpose, shall pay each employee in a position for which an annual salary is required to be calculated pursuant to subsection 2 the annual salary set forth for that position for the biennium in the appropriate schedule or revised schedule prepared pursuant to subsection 2 or 3, as applicable, notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of that salary prescribed by law.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Adjusted salary" means a salary adjusted by the retirement contribution method set forth in chapter 286 of NRS in which the employee's portion of the contribution is paid by the employee's employer.

(b) "Highest non-supervisory classification" means the classification with the highest maximum salary among the classifications of the county that do not require the supervision of other attorneys employed in the office of the district attorney for the county.

(c) "Lowest supervisory classification" means the classification with the lowest maximum salary among the classifications of the county that require the supervision of other attorneys employed in the office of the district attorney for the county.

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the State Board of Examiners to meet any deficiencies between the money otherwise appropriated or authorized by the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature for the annual salaries of the employees in the positions in the Office of the Attorney General for which annual salaries were calculated pursuant to section 3 of this act and the amounts of the annual salaries for those positions set forth in the schedules prepared pursuant to section 3 of this act the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 ..... $4,750,000

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2. Upon the request of the Attorney General, the State Board of Examiners shall allocate and disburse to the Office of the Attorney General from the money appropriated by subsection 1 amounts necessary to pay such annual salaries in accordance with subsection 5 of section 3 of this act.

3. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 15, 2028, and September 21, 2029, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 15, 2028, and September 21, 2029, respectively.

Sec. 5. 1. This section and section 3 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1, 2 and 4 of this act become effective on July 1, 2027.

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