

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 191—ASSEMBLYMEN
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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the number of legislative measures that Legislators are authorized to request. (BDR 17-484)

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 the Legislature; revising the number of legislative measures that Legislators are authorized to request; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law limits the number of legislative measures that Legislators are
- 2 authorized to request for a regular legislative session. (NRS 218D.150)
- 3 This bill decreases the number of legislative measures that incumbent members
- 4 of the Assembly are authorized to request preceding a regular session: (1) from 6 to
- 5 5 on or before September 1; and (2) from 5 to 4 after September 1 but on or before
- 6 December 10. This bill also decreases from 5 to 4 the number of measures that
- 7 newly elected members of the Assembly are authorized to request on or before
- 8 December 10 preceding a regular session.
- 9 This bill decreases the number of legislative measures that incumbent members
- 10 of the Senate are authorized to request preceding a regular session: (1) from 12 to
- 11 10 on or before September 1; and (2) from 10 to 8 after September 1 but on or
- 12 before December 10. This bill also decreases from 10 to 8 the number of measures
- 13 that newly elected members of the Senate are authorized to request on or before
- 14 December 10 preceding a regular session.
- 15 This bill also authorizes in statute an additional 2 legislative measures for each
- 16 member of the Assembly and Senate to request during the first 8 calendar days of
- 17 the regular session. Historically, these additional requests have been authorized in
- 18 the Joint Rules. (*See, e.g.,* Joint Rule No. 14 of the 77th Regular Session)



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218D.150 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 218D.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
4 each:

5 (a) Incumbent member of the Assembly may request the
6 drafting of not more than ~~6~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to the
7 Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular
8 session and not more than ~~5~~ 4 legislative measures submitted to
9 the Legislative Counsel after September 1 but on or before
10 December 10 preceding a regular session.

11 (b) Incumbent member of the Senate may request the drafting of
12 not more than ~~12~~ 10 legislative measures submitted to the
13 Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular
14 session and not more than ~~10~~ 8 legislative measures submitted to
15 the Legislative Counsel after September 1 but on or before
16 December 10 preceding a regular session.

17 (c) Newly elected member of the Assembly may request the
18 drafting of not more than ~~5~~ 4 legislative measures submitted to the
19 Legislative Counsel on or before December 10 preceding a regular
20 session.

21 (d) Newly elected member of the Senate may request the
22 drafting of not more than ~~10~~ 8 legislative measures submitted to
23 the Legislative Counsel on or before December 10 preceding a
24 regular session.

25 (e) *Legislator may request the drafting of not more than 2*
26 *legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after a*
27 *regular legislative session has convened but on or before the 8th*
28 *calendar day of the legislative session.*

29 2. A Legislator may not request the drafting of a legislative
30 measure pursuant to subsection 1 on or after the date on which the
31 Legislator becomes a nonreturning Legislator. For the purposes of
32 this subsection, “nonreturning Legislator” means a Legislator who,
33 in the year that the Legislator’s term of office expires:

34 (a) Has not filed a declaration or an acceptance of candidacy
35 within the time allowed for filing for election as a member of the
36 Senate or the Assembly;

37 (b) Has failed to win nomination as a candidate for the Senate or
38 the Assembly at the primary election; or

39 (c) Has withdrawn as a candidate for the Senate or the
40 Assembly.

41 3. If a request made pursuant to subsection 1 is submitted:



1 (a) On or before September 1 preceding a regular session,
2 sufficient detail to allow complete drafting of the legislative
3 measure must be submitted on or before December 1 preceding the
4 regular session.

5 (b) After September 1 but on or before December 10 preceding a
6 regular session, sufficient detail to allow complete drafting of the
7 legislative measure must be submitted on or before January 15
8 preceding the regular session.

9 (c) *After a legislative session has convened but on or before*
10 *the 8th calendar day of the legislative session, sufficient detail to*
11 *allow complete drafting of the legislative measure must be*
12 *submitted on or before the 15th calendar day of the legislative*
13 *session.*

14 4. In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant to
15 subsection 1:

16 (a) The chair of each standing committee of the immediately
17 preceding regular session, or a person designated in the place of the
18 chair by the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the
19 Senate, may request before the date of the general election
20 preceding a regular session the drafting of not more than 1
21 legislative measure for introduction by the committee in a subject
22 within the jurisdiction of the committee for every 15 legislative
23 measures that were referred to the respective standing committee
24 during the immediately preceding regular session.

25 (b) A person designated after the general election as a chair of a
26 standing committee for the next regular session, or a person
27 designated in the place of a chair by the person designated as the
28 Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate for
29 the next regular session, may request on or before December 10
30 preceding that regular session the drafting of the remaining number
31 of the legislative measures allowed for the respective standing
32 committee that were not requested by the previous chair or designee.

33 5. If a request made pursuant to subsection 4 is submitted:

34 (a) Before the date of the general election preceding a regular
35 session, sufficient detail to allow complete drafting of the legislative
36 measure must be submitted on or before December 10 preceding the
37 regular session.

38 (b) After the date of the general election but on or before
39 December 10 preceding a regular session, sufficient detail to allow
40 complete drafting of the legislative measure must be submitted on or
41 before January 15 preceding the regular session.

42 6. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
43 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

