

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 285—ASSEMBLYMAN DALY

MARCH 15, 2013

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to certain writs.
(BDR 27-278)

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 writs; requiring the performance of certain contracts to be stayed upon petition for certain writs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the issuance of a writ of mandamus to compel the performance of an act which is a lawful duty resulting from an office, trust or station or to compel the admission of a party to the use and enjoyment of a right or office to which the party is entitled. (NRS 34.160) Existing law also provides for the issuance of a writ of prohibition to arrest the proceedings of any tribunal, corporation, board or person exercising judicial functions when such proceedings are without or in excess of proper jurisdiction. (NRS 34.320)

This bill: (1) authorizes any person who is a taxpayer in this State to petition a court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or prohibition for a violation of certain statutory requirements relating to various actions and the awarding of a contract concerning public works; and (2) requires the performance of any contract relating to the underlying subject of the writ to be stayed until such time as the court renders a decision on the writ.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 332 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. Any person who is a taxpayer in this State may petition a
4 court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or
5 prohibition to compel the performance of an act or to arrest any***



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1 proceeding for a violation of any requirement concerning bids or
2 the awarding of a contract as provided in this chapter.

3 2. If a petition for a writ is made pursuant to subsection 1, the
4 performance of any contract relating to the underlying subject of
5 the writ must be stayed until such time as the court renders a
6 decision.

7 Sec. 2. Chapter 333 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
8 thereto a new section to read as follows:

9 1. Any person who is a taxpayer in this State may petition a
10 court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or
11 prohibition to compel the performance of an act or to arrest any
12 proceeding for a violation of any requirement concerning bids,
13 proposals, quotations or the awarding of a contract as provided in
14 this chapter.

15 2. If a petition for a writ is made pursuant to subsection 1, the
16 performance of any contract relating to the underlying subject of
17 the writ must be stayed until such time as the court renders a
18 decision.

19 Sec. 3. Chapter 333A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
20 thereto a new section to read as follows:

21 1. Any person who is a taxpayer in this State may petition a
22 court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or
23 prohibition to compel the performance of an act or to arrest any
24 proceeding for a violation of any requirement concerning
25 qualifications or the entering into of a contract as provided in this
26 chapter.

27 2. If a petition for a writ is made pursuant to subsection 1, the
28 performance of any contract relating to the underlying subject of
29 the writ must be stayed until such time as the court renders a
30 decision.

31 Sec. 4. Chapter 338 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
32 thereto a new section to read as follows:

33 1. Any person who is a taxpayer in this State may petition a
34 court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or
35 prohibition to compel the performance of an act or to arrest any
36 proceeding for a violation of any requirement concerning bids or
37 the awarding of a contract as provided in this chapter.

38 2. If a petition for a writ is made pursuant to subsection 1, the
39 performance of any contract relating to the underlying subject of
40 the writ must be stayed until such time as the court renders a
41 decision.

42 Sec. 5. Chapter 341 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
43 thereto a new section to read as follows:

44 1. Any person who is a taxpayer in this State may petition a
45 court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or



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1 *prohibition to compel the performance of an act or to arrest any
2 proceeding for a violation of any requirement concerning bids or
3 the awarding of a contract as provided in this chapter.*

4 *2. If a petition for a writ is made pursuant to subsection 1, the
5 performance of any contract relating to the underlying subject of
6 the writ must be stayed until such time as the court renders a
7 decision.*

8 Sec. 6. Chapter 408 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
9 thereto a new section to read as follows:

10 *1. Any person who is a taxpayer in this State may petition a
11 court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or
12 prohibition to compel the performance of an act or to arrest any
13 proceeding for a violation of any requirement concerning bids or
14 the awarding of a contract as provided in this chapter.*

15 *2. If a petition for a writ is made pursuant to subsection 1, the
16 performance of any contract relating to the underlying subject of
17 the writ must be stayed until such time as the court renders a
18 decision.*

19 Sec. 7. Chapter 624 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
20 thereto a new section to read as follows:

21 *1. Any person who is a taxpayer in this State may petition a
22 court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus or
23 prohibition to compel the performance of an act or to arrest any
24 proceeding for a violation of any requirement as provided in this
25 chapter.*

26 *2. If a petition for a writ is made pursuant to subsection 1, the
27 performance of any contract concerning a public work and
28 relating to the underlying subject of the writ must be stayed until
29 such time as the court renders a decision.*

30 Sec. 8. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

