

Assembly Bill No. 2—Committee on Natural
Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

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AN ACT relating to public lands; revising the provisions governing the Land Use Planning Advisory Council, the membership of the Advisory Council and the appointment of persons to the Advisory Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The Land Use Planning Advisory Council, consisting of 17 members appointed by the Governor, advises the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on matters relating to land use planning and the development of plans and policy statements involving the acquisition of lands under federal management. (NRS 321.740, 321.750) The Executive Council of the Land Use Planning Advisory Council, which includes four persons selected by the Advisory Council from among its members, makes recommendations for land use planning in areas of critical environmental concern and to resolve inconsistencies between the land use plans of local government entities. (NRS 321.755)

Section 1 of this bill makes various changes to provisions governing the Advisory Council and specifically provides for the addition to the Advisory Council of 1 nonvoting member, to be appointed by the Nevada Association of Counties. **Section 1** also provides that the remaining 17 voting members of the Advisory Council are to be nominated by the boards of county commissioners of the various counties in this State and appointed by the Governor, with 1 member being appointed from each county.

Pursuant to **section 2** of this bill, the term of each current member of the Advisory Council and current member of the Executive Council of the Advisory Council expires on December 31, 2013. **Section 2** further provides that the 17 voting members must be nominated and appointed to initial terms that begin on January 1, 2014, and that current members of the Advisory Council are eligible for appointment to the Advisory Council in accordance with the amendatory provisions of **section 1**. In addition, **section 2** provides for the staggering of the terms of the voting members.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. NRS 321.740 is hereby amended to read as follows:
321.740 1. The Land Use Planning Advisory Council, consisting of 17 *voting* members appointed by the Governor ~~and 1 nonvoting member appointed by the Nevada Association of Counties, or its successor organization,~~ is hereby created. *The provisions of subsection 6 of NRS 232A.020 do not apply to members of the Advisory Council who also serve as county*



commissioners, and the Governor may appoint any such member of the Advisory Council to one other board, commission or similar body.

2. One voting member must be appointed to the Advisory Council to represent each county. At least 30 days before the beginning of any term of the representative of a county, or within 30 days after the position of that representative becomes vacant, the board of county commissioners of that county shall submit to the Governor the name of its nominee or a list of the names of not more than three nominees who are elected officials or other representatives of the county for the position to be filled. If a board of county commissioners submits the names of two or more nominees, the board shall number its nominees in order of preference. That order of preference is not binding upon the Governor. The Governor shall appoint ~~members who are elected officials or representatives of local political subdivisions, one member from each county.~~

~~*3. Members are*~~ *the person so nominated or, if more than one person is nominated, one of the persons from the list of nominees.*

3. If a board of county commissioners fails to submit the name of its nominee or a list of nominees within the time required by this subsection or subsection 2, the Governor may appoint to the Advisory Council any resident of that county as the representative of the county. If a board has timely submitted the name of its nominee or a list of nominees and the Governor fails to appoint a person so nominated:

(a) If one person has been nominated, that person; or

(b) If two or more persons have been nominated, the person listed by the board first in order of preference,

↪ shall be deemed to be a voting member of the Advisory Council as of the beginning of the new term or, in the case of an appointment to fill a vacancy, the first meeting of the Advisory Council that is held not less than 30 days after the submission of the nomination unless, before that date, the Governor notifies the board in writing that none of its nominees will be appointed to the Advisory Council. Within 30 days after the date of any such notice, the board shall submit to the Governor the name of a new nominee or a list of new nominees.

4. After the initial terms, each voting member serves a term of 3 years and is eligible for reappointment to the Advisory Council.

5. The nonvoting member of the Advisory Council serves at the pleasure of the Nevada Association of Counties, or its successor organization.



6. *At its first meeting each year, the Advisory Council shall elect a Chair from among its members.*

7. *A majority of the voting members of the Advisory Council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Council.*

8. *A board of county commissioners may provide that, while engaged in the business of the Advisory Council, a voting member of the Advisory Council is entitled to receive from the county he or she represents the per diem allowance and travel expenses ~~and subsistence allowances~~ provided by law for ~~their positions from the local political subdivisions~~ state officers and employees generally.*

Sec. 2. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 232A.020 and 321.755 to the contrary, the term of each member of the Land Use Planning Advisory Council and each member of the Executive Council of the Land Use Planning Advisory Council expires on December 31, 2013. Each such member is eligible for nomination and appointment as a voting member of the Advisory Council in accordance with the provisions of NRS 321.740, as amended by section 1 of this act.

2. On or after July 1, 2013, the board of county commissioners of each county shall nominate, and the Governor shall appoint, a voting member to the Advisory Council in accordance with the provisions of NRS 321.740, as amended by section 1 of this act, to a term that begins on January 1, 2014.

3. The initial term of the members appointed to the Advisory Council pursuant to subsection 2 as the representatives of:

(a) Carson City, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Lyon and Nye Counties expires on December 31, 2014.

(b) Churchill, Humboldt, Lander, Pershing, Washoe and White Pine Counties expires on December 31, 2015.

(c) Esmeralda, Eureka, Lincoln, Mineral and Storey Counties expires on December 31, 2016.

Sec. 3. 1. This section and section 2 of this act become effective on July 1, 2013.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2014.

