

SENATE BILL NO. 122—SENATOR ATKINSON

FEBRUARY 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing a regional authority for housing in certain counties. (BDR 25-638)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 housing; revising the number of commissioners of a regional authority for housing in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The Housing Authorities Law of 1947 (NRS 315.140-315.7813) authorizes, in
2 a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County), the
3 formation of a regional authority by a resolution of the governing body of the
4 county and the governing body of each city and town located within the county that
5 desires to participate in the regional authority. (NRS 315.7805) In Clark County,
6 the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority has been so formed by Clark
7 County and the Cities of Las Vegas, Henderson and North Las Vegas.

8 Existing law requires the appointment of nine persons to serve as
9 commissioners of a regional authority, including one commissioner who serves
10 on behalf of tenants. (NRS 315.7809) **Section 1** of this bill increases the
11 number of commissioners of a regional authority to 11, and provides that 3 of
12 the commissioners must represent tenants and be appointed, respectively, by the
13 governing bodies of the three largest cities in the county that participate in the
14 regional authority.

15 **Section 3** of this bill requires the governing bodies of the City of Las Vegas,
16 the City of Henderson and the City of North Las Vegas to make their respective
17 appointments of commissioners who represent tenants to the Southern Nevada
18 Regional Housing Authority as soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2013.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 315.7809 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 315.7809 1. Upon the adoption of a resolution pursuant to
4 NRS 315.7805 forming a regional authority, ~~nine~~ **11** persons must
5 be appointed to serve as commissioners of the authority as follows:

6 (a) The governing body of the county shall appoint two persons
7 to serve as commissioners of the authority;

8 (b) The governing body of the largest city in the county *that*
9 *participates in the regional authority* shall appoint two persons to
10 serve as commissioners of the authority;

11 (c) The governing body of the second largest city in the county
12 *that participates in the regional authority* shall appoint two persons
13 to serve as commissioners of the authority;

14 (d) The governing body of the third largest city in the county
15 *that participates in the regional authority* shall appoint two persons
16 to serve as commissioners of the authority; and

17 (e) ~~One commissioner who serves~~ *Three commissioners who*
18 *serve* on behalf of tenants must be selected as described in
19 subsection 3 ~~H~~, including:

20 (1) *One commissioner who serves on behalf of tenants of*
21 *the largest city in the county that participates in the regional*
22 *authority, appointed by the governing body of that city;*

23 (2) *One commissioner who serves on behalf of tenants of*
24 *the second largest city in the county that participates in the*
25 *regional authority, appointed by the governing body of that city;*
26 *and*

27 (3) *One commissioner who serves on behalf of tenants of*
28 *the third largest city in the county that participates in the regional*
29 *authority, appointed by the governing body of that city.*

30 ➔ None of the persons appointed to serve as commissioners of the
31 authority may be elected officials of any governmental entity.

32 2. Six of the commissioners who are first appointed pursuant to
33 subsection 1 must be designated to serve for terms of 1, 2 and 3
34 years, respectively, from the date of their appointment, and ~~three~~
35 **five** must be designated to serve for terms of 4 years from the date
36 of their appointment, but thereafter commissioners must be
37 appointed for a term of office of 4 years. The persons appointed
38 initially to serve as commissioners pursuant to subsection 1 shall
39 determine by lot whether they are designated pursuant to this
40 subsection to serve for a term of 1 year, 2 years, 3 years or 4 years.

41 3. ~~The~~ **Each** commissioner who serves on behalf of tenants
42 must be a current recipient of assistance from the authority who



1 ~~was~~ resides in the city from which he or she is appointed and
2 who is selected from a list of at least five eligible nominees
3 submitted for this purpose by an organization which represents
4 tenants of housing projects ~~+~~ in that city. If no such organization
5 exists, ~~the~~ each such commissioner must be selected from a list of
6 nominees submitted for this purpose from persons who currently
7 receive assistance from the authority ~~+~~ and who reside in the city
8 for which the list of nominees is prepared. Thereafter, at least ~~one~~
9 commissioner ~~+~~ three commissioners must be such ~~a recipient who~~
10 ~~was~~ recipients who were nominated and appointed in the same
11 manner. If, during his or her term, ~~the~~ any such commissioner
12 ceases to be a recipient of assistance, the commissioner must be
13 replaced in the manner set forth in this subsection by a person who
14 is a recipient of assistance.

15 4. In making the appointments described in paragraphs (a) to
16 (d), inclusive, of subsection 1, the relevant local governments shall
17 seek recommendations for appointment from a diverse background
18 of interests with a view toward:

- 19 (a) Balancing gender and ethnicity; and
20 (b) Soliciting appointees who have experience in fields such as,
21 without limitation:
- 22 (1) Real estate;
 - 23 (2) Financial planning;
 - 24 (3) Legal aid;
 - 25 (4) Education;
 - 26 (5) Public safety;
 - 27 (6) The provision of public services; and
 - 28 (7) The assistance of persons of low income.

29 5. All vacancies must be filled for the unexpired term.

30 **Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 315.7809, the
31 term of the commissioner of the Southern Nevada Regional Housing
32 Authority who represents tenants and who is described in paragraph
33 (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 315.7809 expires on June 30, 2013.

34 **Sec. 3.** As soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2013, the
35 governing bodies of the City of Las Vegas, the City of Henderson
36 and the City of North Las Vegas shall make their respective
37 appointments to the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
38 described in paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 315.7809, as
39 amended by section 1 of this act.

40 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become
41 effective upon passage and approval.

42 2. Sections 1 and 3 of this act become effective on July 1,
43 2013.

