

Assembly Bill No. 236—Assemblymen Neal, Spiegel, Thompson, Elliot Anderson; Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Diaz, Flores, Joiner, Kirkpatrick, Munford, Ohrenschall, Sprinkle and Swank

Joint Sponsors: Senators Atkinson and Spearman

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AN ACT relating to state agencies; providing for the promotion of public engagement by state agencies using the Internet and Internet tools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill provides that it is the policy of this State to promote public engagement in the activities of the State Government by adopting methods of public participation and public comment that include the use of the Internet and Internet tools. This bill encourages each state agency, to the extent practicable and within the limits of available money, to develop a policy to promote public engagement that includes the use of the Internet and Internet tools, including electronic mail, electronic mailing lists, online forums and social media.

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. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. It is the policy of this State to strengthen and further promote broad, inclusive and meaningful engagement by the general public and interested stakeholders in the activities of the State Government by adopting methods of public participation and public comment that incorporate the use of the Internet and Internet tools. To assist in carrying out this policy each state agency is encouraged, to the extent practicable and within the limits of available money, to develop a policy on public engagement that incorporates the use of the Internet and Internet tools for the purpose of encouraging public participation and soliciting public comments on the activities of the state agency, including, without limitation, the development or adoption of regulations, policies and programs. The Internet tools used by the state agency may include, without limitation, electronic mail, electronic mailing lists, online forums and social media.

2. As used in this section:



(a) "Social media" means any electronic service or account or electronic content, including, without limitation, videos, photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts, instant and text messages, live chat, mobile applications, online services or Internet website profiles.

(b) "State agency" means every public agency, bureau, board, commission, department or division of the Executive Department of the State Government.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

