
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

MARCH 6, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS ATKINSON AND SPEARMAN

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions related to the promotion of public
engagement by state agencies. (BDR 18-697)

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 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:

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



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

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

18 2. *As used in this section:*

19 (a) *“Social media” means any electronic service or account or*
20 *electronic content, including, without limitation, videos,*
21 *photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts, instant and text*
22 *messages, live chat, mobile applications, online services or*
23 *Internet website profiles.*

24 (b) *“State agency” means every public agency, bureau, board,*
25 *commission, department or division of the Executive Department*
26 *of the State Government.*

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

