SENATE BILL NO. 27—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises the amount of money that the Commission for Cultural Affairs may use each fiscal year from the Fund for the Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Resources. (BDR 18-321)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material; is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Commission for Cultural Affairs; revising the amount of money that the Commission may use each fiscal year from the Fund for the Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Resources; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Fund for the Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Resources in the State Treasury and requires the Commission for Cultural Affairs to administer the Fund. The Commission is authorized to expend the money in the Fund only for projects identified in the Commission's plan to promote and preserve the State's cultural resources. Additionally, the Commission is authorized to use the money derived from interest earned on the money in the Fund to pay for: (1) any administrative services required by the Commission; and (2) the per diem allowances and travel expenses of the members of the Commission. (NRS 233C.200) This bill changes the amount of money in the Fund the Commission is authorized to use for those purposes from the interest earned on the money in the Fund to use not more than 5 percent of the money in the Fund, including any money derived from interest earned on the money in the Fund.



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

Section 1. NRS 233C.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 233C.200 1. The Commission for Cultural Affairs is hereby created. The Commission is advisory to the Department and consists of:
- (a) The Chair of the Nevada Humanities Committee or a member of the Committee designated by the Chair;
- (b) The Chair of the Board or a member of the Board designated by the Chair;
- (c) The Chair of the Board of Museums and History or a member of the Board of Museums and History designated by the Chair:
- (d) A member of the Board of Museums and History, to be appointed by the Governor;
- (e) One representative of the general public who has a working knowledge of the promotion of tourism in Nevada, to be appointed by the Governor; and
- (f) The Chair of the State Council on Libraries and Literacy or a member of the Council designated by the Chair.
 - 2. The Commission shall:
- (a) Elect from its membership a Chair who shall serve for a term of 2 years. A vacancy occurring in this position must be filled by election of the members of the Commission for the remainder of the unexpired term.
 - (b) Prescribe rules for its own management and government.
- (c) Meet biannually, or at more frequent times if it deems necessary, and may, within the limitations of its budget, hold special meetings at the call of its Chair.
- 3. Three members of the Commission constitute a quorum, but a majority of the members of the Commission is necessary to consider the particular business before it and to exercise the power conferred on the Commission.
- 4. The members of the Commission are not entitled to be paid a salary, but are entitled, while engaged in the business of the Commission, to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- 5. [The] Each fiscal year, the Commission may use not more than 5 percent of the money in the Fund for the Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Resources created pursuant to NRS 233C.230, including any money derived from interest earned on the money in the Fund [for the Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Resources created pursuant to NRS 233C.230] to pay for:





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- (a) Any administrative services required by the Commission; 1 2 and
 - (b) The per diem allowances and travel expenses of members of the Commission authorized pursuant to subsection 4.

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





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