

SENATE BILL NO. 480—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises the membership of the county fair and recreation board in certain counties. (BDR 20-1113)

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 county government; revising the membership of the county fair and recreation board of certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes a county fair and recreation board in any county whose
2 population is 100,000 or more and less than 700,000 (currently Washoe County).
3 The board must consist of 13 members, including two members appointed by the
4 board of county commissioners, two members appointed by the governing body of
5 the largest incorporated city in the county (currently the City of Reno) and one
6 member appointed by the governing body of the next largest incorporated city in
7 the county (currently the City of Sparks). Those five members must appoint the
8 remaining eight members, of whom one must be a representative of banking or
9 other financial interests, and another of whom must be a representative of business
10 or commercial interests. Both of those members must be chosen from a list of
11 nominees submitted by the chamber of commerce of the largest incorporated city in
12 the county. Additionally, one member must be a representative of motel operators
13 and must be chosen from a list of nominees submitted by one or more associations
14 that represent the motel industry. (NRS 244A.601)

15 This bill revises the membership of such a county fair and recreation board and
16 reduces the size of the board from 13 to 9 members. This bill changes from two to
17 one the number of members appointed to the board by the board of county
18 commissioners and by the governing body of the largest incorporated city in the
19 county, respectively. Additionally, this bill deletes the provision providing for the
20 appointment of a member representing motel operators. This bill also deletes
21 the provisions providing for the appointment of a member representing banking or
22 other financial interests and another member representing business or commercial
23 interests. Instead, this bill requires the appointment of a member representing
24 commercial or noncommercial interests related to tourism or the resort hotel
25 business. Finally, this bill requires the members of the county fair and recreation
26 board to elect the Chair of the board from among the three members appointed by



27 the board of county commissioners and the governing bodies of the two largest
28 incorporated cities in the county, respectively.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 244A.601 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 244A.601 1. In any county whose population is 100,000 or
4 more, and less than 700,000, the county fair and recreation board
5 consists of ~~13~~ *nine* members who are appointed as follows:

6 (a) ~~Two members~~ *One member* by the board of county
7 commissioners.

8 (b) ~~Two members~~ *One member* by the governing body of the
9 largest incorporated city in the county.

10 (c) One member by the governing body of the next largest
11 incorporated city in the county.

12 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, ~~eight~~ *six*
13 members by the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b)
14 and (c). The members entitled to vote shall select:

15 (1) One member who is a representative of air service
16 interests from a list of nominees submitted by the airport authority
17 of the county. The nominees must not be elected officers.

18 (2) One member who is a representative of ~~motel operators~~
19 ~~from a list of nominees submitted by one or more associations that~~
20 ~~represent the motel industry.~~

21 ~~(3) One member who is a representative of banking or other~~
22 ~~financial interests from a list of nominees submitted by the chamber~~
23 ~~of commerce of the largest incorporated city in the county.~~

24 ~~(4) One member who is a representative of other business or~~
25 ~~commercial interests] commercial or noncommercial interests~~
26 *relating to tourism or the resort hotel business* from a list of
27 nominees submitted by the chamber of commerce of the largest
28 incorporated city in the county.

29 ~~(5)~~ (3) One member who is a representative of other
30 business or commercial interests, including gaming establishments,
31 from a list of nominees submitted by a visitor's bureau, other than a
32 county fair and recreation board or a bureau created by such a board,
33 that is authorized by law to receive a portion of the tax on transient
34 lodging, if any. If no such bureau exists in the county, the
35 nominations must be made by the chamber of commerce of the third
36 largest township in the county.

37 ~~(6)~~ (4) Three members who are representatives of the
38 association of gaming establishments whose membership
39 collectively paid the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to



1 NRS 463.370 in the county in the preceding year, from a list of
2 nominees submitted by the association. If there is no such
3 association, the three appointed members must be representative of
4 gaming.

5 ↪ If the members entitled to vote find the nominees on a list of
6 nominees submitted pursuant to this paragraph unacceptable, they
7 shall request a new list of nominees.

8 2. *The members of the board shall elect a Chair from among*
9 *the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of*
10 *subsection 1.*

11 3. The terms of members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a),
12 (b) and (c) of subsection 1 are coterminous with their terms of
13 office. The members appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of
14 subsection 1 must be appointed for 2-year terms. Any vacancy
15 occurring on the board must be filled by the authority entitled to
16 appoint the member whose position is vacant. Each member
17 appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 may succeed
18 himself or herself only once.

19 ~~[3.]~~ 4. If a member ceases to be engaged in the business or
20 occupation which he or she was appointed to represent, he or she
21 ceases to be a member, and another person engaged in that business
22 or occupation must be appointed for the unexpired term.

23 ~~[4.]~~ 5. Any member appointed by the board of county
24 commissioners or a governing body of a city must be a member of
25 the appointing board or body.

26 **Sec. 2.** 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
27 terms of the members selected to the county fair and recreation
28 board pursuant to subparagraphs (2), (3) and (4) of paragraph (d) of
29 subsection 1 of NRS 244A.601 as that section exists on June 30,
30 2015, expire on that date.

31 2. As soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2015:

32 (a) The chamber of commerce of the largest incorporated city in
33 the county shall submit to the members of the county fair and
34 recreation board entitled to vote the list of nominees described in
35 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS
36 244A.601, as amended by section 1 of this act; and

37 (b) The members of the county fair and recreation board entitled
38 to vote shall select from the list of nominees the member described
39 in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS
40 244A.601, as amended by section 1 of this act.

41 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become
42 effective upon passage and approval.

43 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

