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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 264—ASSEMBLYMEN SWANK; ELLIOT  
ANDERSON, BILBRAY-AXELROD, BROOKS, CARRILLO,  
COHEN AND JOINER

MARCH 7, 2017

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RATTI, MANENDO AND PARKS

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing equipment used by the  
State to reduce the use of paper. (BDR 18-565)

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.

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AN ACT relating to governmental administration; requiring state agencies, courts, the Legislative Counsel Bureau, school districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education to change the default setting of any printer or other device that prints on paper so that such a printer or device prints double-sided, unless another option is selected; requiring that when those entities replace an existing printer or device, the replacement device must be capable of printing double-sided; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 With certain exceptions, existing law requires courts, the Legislative Counsel  
2 Bureau, state agencies, school districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education  
3 to recycle paper and paper products. (NRS 1.115, 218F.310, 232.007, 386.4159,  
4 396.437)  
5 This bill requires these entities to change the default setting of any printer or  
6 similar device so that the printer or device prints double-sided, unless another  
7 option is selected at the time of printing. This bill additionally requires that when  
8 these entities replace an existing printer or similar device, the replacement printer  
9 or device must be capable of printing double-sided. This bill further provides that  
10 these entities are not required to immediately replace existing printers or similar  
11 devices but can wait until those printers or devices need to be replaced.



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. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, each state*  
4 *agency shall change the default setting of any printer or similar*  
5 *device used by the state agency so that the printer or device prints*  
6 *double-sided, unless another option is selected at the time of*  
7 *printing. When a state agency replaces an existing printer or*  
8 *similar device, the state agency shall purchase a replacement*  
9 *printer or device that is capable of printing double-sided.*

10       2. *A state agency may apply to the Chief of the Budget*  
11 *Division of the Office of Finance for a waiver from the*  
12 *requirements of subsection 1. The Chief shall grant a waiver to*  
13 *the state agency if the Chief determines that such a waiver is in*  
14 *the best interest of the State.*

15       3. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a state*  
16 *agency to replace an existing printer or similar device before the*  
17 *printer or device needs to be replaced because of age, deterioration*  
18 *or other reason.*

19       4. *As used in this section, "state agency" means every*  
20 *public agency, bureau, board, commission, department, division,*  
21 *officer or employee of the Executive Department of State*  
22 *Government.*

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

25       1. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, each court of*  
26 *justice for this State shall change, to the extent reasonably*  
27 *possible, the default setting of any printer or similar device used by*  
28 *the court so that the printer or device prints double-sided, unless*  
29 *another option is selected at the time of printing. When a court of*  
30 *justice for this State replaces an existing printer or similar device,*  
31 *the court shall purchase a replacement printer or device that is*  
32 *capable of printing double-sided.*

33       2. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a*  
34 *court of justice for this State to replace an existing printer or*  
35 *similar device before the printer or device needs to be replaced*  
36 *because of age, deterioration or other reason.*

37       **Sec. 3.** Chapter 218F of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
38 thereto a new section to read as follows:

39       1. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Legislative*  
40 *Counsel Bureau shall change the default setting of any printer or*  
41 *similar device used by the Legislative Counsel Bureau so that the*  
42 *printer or device prints double-sided, unless another option is*



1 *selected at the time of printing. When the Legislative Counsel*  
2 *Bureau replaces an existing printer or similar device, the*  
3 *Legislative Counsel Bureau shall purchase a replacement printer*  
4 *or device that is capable of printing double-sided.*

5 *2. The Director may apply to the Legislative Commission for*  
6 *a waiver from the requirements of subsection 1. The Legislative*  
7 *Commission shall grant a waiver if it determines that such a*  
8 *waiver is in the best interest of the State.*

9 *3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the*  
10 *Legislative Counsel Bureau to replace an existing printer or*  
11 *similar device before the printer or device needs to be replaced*  
12 *because of age, deterioration or other reason.*

13 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 386 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
14 thereto a new section to read as follows:

15 *1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each school*  
16 *district shall change the default setting of any printer or*  
17 *similar device used by the school district so that the printer or*  
18 *device prints double-sided, unless another option is selected at the*  
19 *time of printing. When a school district replaces an existing*  
20 *printer or similar device, the school district shall purchase a*  
21 *replacement printer or device that is capable of printing*  
22 *double-sided.*

23 *2. A school district is not required to comply with the*  
24 *requirements of subsection 1 if the board of trustees of the school*  
25 *district determines that such noncompliance is in the best interest*  
26 *of the State.*

27 *3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a*  
28 *school district to replace an existing printer or similar device*  
29 *before the printer or device needs to be replaced because of age,*  
30 *deterioration or other reason.*

31 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
32 thereto a new section to read as follows:

33 *1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the System*  
34 *shall change the default setting of any printer or similar device*  
35 *used by the System so that the printer or device prints double-*  
36 *sided, unless another option is selected at the time of printing.*  
37 *When the System replaces an existing printer or device, the System*  
38 *shall purchase a replacement printer or device that is capable of*  
39 *printing double-sided.*

40 *2. The System is not required to comply with the*  
41 *requirements of subsection 1 if the Board of Regents determines*  
42 *that such noncompliance is in the best interest of the State.*



1        **3.** *Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the*  
2 *System to replace an existing printer or similar device before the*  
3 *printer or device needs to be replaced because of age, deterioration*  
4 *or other reason.*

5        **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

