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SENATE BILL NO. 245—SENATORS PARKS; AND RATTI

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN KRAMER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing county treasurers.  
(BDR 20-599)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 counties; requiring the board of county commissioners of each county to create an account in the county general fund for the acquisition or improvement of technology used in the office of the county treasurer; requiring a portion of the commission reserved from the personal property tax of each county to be accounted for separately in that Account; revising the authority of a county treasurer to use a facsimile signature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the county assessor or county treasurer in each county is  
2 required to reserve and pay into the county treasury a commission of 8 percent on  
3 the gross amount of collections from the personal property tax in the county. One-  
4 quarter of the reserved commission is required to be accounted for separately in the  
5 Account for the Acquisition and Improvement of Technology in the Office of the  
6 County Assessor and used to acquire technology for or improve technology used in  
7 the office of the county assessor. (NRS 250.085, 361.530) **Section 3** of this bill  
8 requires an additional one-quarter of the reserved commission to be accounted for  
9 separately in the Account for the Acquisition and Improvement of Technology in  
10 the Office of the County Treasurer, which the board of county commissioners in  
11 each county is required to create in the county general fund by **section 1** of this bill.  
12 The money in the Account is only authorized to be used to acquire technology or  
13 improve the technology used in the office of the county treasurer. **Section 1** also  
14 requires the county treasurer to submit an annual report to the board of county  
15 commissioners by July 1 setting forth: (1) the amount of proceeds that the county  
16 treasurer estimates will be received from the reserved commission from the



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17 personal property tax of the county for the following fiscal year; and (2) a proposal  
18 for the expenditure of money in the Account for that fiscal year.

19 Existing law authorizes a county treasurer to use a facsimile signature produced  
20 through a mechanical device in place of his or her handwritten signature whenever  
21 necessary and upon approval of the board of county commissioners if: (1) the  
22 facsimile signature is removable from the mechanical device and the facsimile  
23 signature is kept in a separate secure place; (2) the facsimile signature is used only  
24 under the direction and supervision of the county treasurer whose signature it  
25 represents; and (3) the mechanical device is at all times kept in a vault which is  
26 securely locked when not in use. (NRS 249.050) **Section 2** of this bill: (1) expands  
27 the method by which the facsimile signature of the county treasurer is authorized to  
28 be produced to allow use of the most efficient device or other method of facsimile  
29 reproduction reasonably available; and (2) imposes requirements for the  
30 safekeeping of any facsimile image or impression or any registered key, password  
31 or other securing device or procedure if severable from the device or other method  
32 of facsimile reproduction.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 249 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The board of county commissioners of each county shall*  
4 *by ordinance create in the county general fund an account to be*  
5 *designated as the Account for the Acquisition and Improvement of*  
6 *Technology in the Office of the County Treasurer. Any interest or*  
7 *income earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any*  
8 *applicable charges, must be credited to the Account. Any money*  
9 *remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal year does not*  
10 *revert to the county general fund and must be carried forward to*  
11 *the next fiscal year.*

12 *2. The money in the Account may only be used to acquire*  
13 *technology for or improve the technology used in the office of the*  
14 *county treasurer, including, without limitation, the payment of any*  
15 *costs associated with acquiring or improving technology for billing*  
16 *and collecting taxes, processing large numbers of payments,*  
17 *creating files for electronic bank deposits, converting, storing and*  
18 *archiving records, purchasing hardware and software,*  
19 *maintaining the technology, training employees in the operation*  
20 *of the technology and contracting for professional services*  
21 *relating to the technology.*

22 *3. On or before July 1 of each year, the county treasurer shall*  
23 *submit a report to the board of county commissioners setting*  
24 *forth:*

25 *(a) The amount of any proceeds that the county treasurer*  
26 *estimates will be received pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 361.530*  
27 *for the following fiscal year; and*



1       ***(b) A proposal for the expenditure of money in the Account for***  
2 ***any costs relating to the technology required for the office of the***  
3 ***county treasurer for the following fiscal year.***

4       **Sec. 2.** NRS 249.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5       249.050 1. Each county treasurer ~~is authorized to~~ ***may*** use a  
6 facsimile signature ~~produced through a mechanical device~~ in place  
7 of his or her handwritten signature whenever the necessity may arise  
8 and upon approval of the board of county commissioners ~~, subject~~  
9 ~~to the following conditions:~~ ***if:***

10       (a) ~~That the mechanical device shall be of such nature that the~~  
11 ~~facsimile signature may be removed from the mechanical device and~~  
12 ~~kept in a separate secure place.~~

13       ~~(b) That the use of the~~ ***The*** facsimile signature ~~shall be made~~  
14 ***is:***

15       ***(1) Produced by the most efficient device or other method***  
16 ***of facsimile reproduction reasonably available; and***

17       ***(2) Used*** only under the direction and supervision of the  
18 county treasurer whose signature it represents ~~;~~

19       ~~(c) That all of the mechanical~~ ;

20       ***(b) The device shall or other method of facsimile***  
21 ***reproduction is*** at all times ~~be~~ kept ~~in a vault,~~ securely locked,  
22 when not in use, ***in a separate secure place authorized by the***  
23 ***county treasurer,*** to prevent any misuse ~~of the same,~~ ***fraudulent***  
24 ***use or other improper use. If the device or other method of***  
25 ***facsimile reproduction is of such a nature that:***

26       ***(1) The facsimile image or impression is severable from the***  
27 ***device or other method of facsimile reproduction, the facsimile***  
28 ***image or impression must be kept in a separate secure place***  
29 ***authorized by the county treasurer; and***

30       ***(2) Any registered key, password or other securing device***  
31 ***or procedure is severable from the device or other method of***  
32 ***facsimile reproduction, the registered key, password or other***  
33 ***securing device or procedure must be kept in a separate secure***  
34 ***place authorized by the county treasurer.***

35       2. ~~No~~ A facsimile signature produced through a ~~mechanical~~  
36 device ***or other method of facsimile reproduction*** authorized by the  
37 provisions of this section ~~shall~~ ***must not*** be combined with the  
38 signature of another officer.

39       **Sec. 3.** NRS 361.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40       361.530 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, on  
41 all money collected from personal property tax by the several  
42 county assessors and county treasurers, there must be reserved and  
43 paid into the county treasury, for the benefit of the general fund of  
44 their respective counties, by the county assessor or county treasurer,



- 1 a percentage commission of 8 percent on the gross amount of  
2 collections from personal property tax.
- 3 2. *One-quarter of the commission reserved pursuant to*  
4 *subsection 1 must be accounted for separately in the Account for*  
5 *the Acquisition and Improvement of Technology in the Office of*  
6 *the County Treasurer created pursuant to section 1 of this act.*
- 7 3. One-quarter of the commission reserved pursuant to  
8 subsection 1 must be accounted for separately in the Account for the  
9 Acquisition and Improvement of Technology in the Office of the  
10 County Assessor created pursuant to NRS 250.085.
- 11 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

