

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting ----- February 3, 1969

The fifth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on February 3, 1969 at 3:15 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Chairman James Gibson
Warren L. Monroe
Vernon E. Bunker
Marvin L. White
Francis W. Farr
Chic Hecht
Carl F. Dodge

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gibson at 3:15 P.M. He announced that there would be a Joint Hearing with the Assembly Committee Government Affairs immediately following this brief meeting. Under discussion this afternoon would be several bills.

SB-110 Proposed by Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments.  
Directs conveyance of certain state land from division of state lands to Nevada state prison. Executive estimate of cost: None.

Senator Archie Pozzi further explained the Bill. The State Lands Division Office of the Department of Conservation picked up the land from the Bureau of Land Management some time ago for the state prison and the Federal government then gave it to the Department of Conservation and it was turned over to the prison. The area involved is adjacent to the minimum security prison.

It was stated that there was a map of the area at the Department of Conservation and Chairman Gibson requested Senator Pozzi to obtain it so the Committee might see it.

SB-7 Proposed by Senators Slattery and Farr.  
Requires creation of certain county commissioner districts.

This Bill was first discussed in Committee on January 30, 1969. (See minutes of that meeting.) Chairman Gibson stated that the one question the Committee had on SB-7 was regarding the statistics (the ratio of representation) that would be involved in the approach the Bill provides for, and Senator Farr had obtained these figures.

Senator Farr presented figures on the registered voters in Storey County. (Copy of this presentation is attached.) In Precinct No. 1 (Virginia City - part) there are 264 registered voters, in Precinct No. 2 (Virginia City - part) there are 162, in Precinct No. 3 (Gold Hill) there are 43, and in Precinct No. 4 (Truckee River) there are 110. He pointed out that Precinct Nos. 3 and 4 are what they are concerned with in the amendment. He further stated that looking at the one vote-one person relationship, it would be fair enough to establish a district there without any criticism. He recalled that at first the Committee had considered the utilities and the assessed valuation of the County of Storey and the figure

had been thrown out that 80% of the revenue comes from the Truckee River district. That was amended now to population and he felt that this would justify an additional and separate district. He called attention again to the need of the people in this district to be represented, because they are separated by 30 miles from Virginia City down to some portions of the Truckee River area. These people feel they are not being properly represented in their school problems, their commissioner problems, and also in the fact that they would like to have their political problems considered. They are not being represented by the make-up of the present district, and this is why they are asking to create a district in the river area.

Mr. Frank Daykin pointed out that the legal effect of the amendment was simply to require that one county commissioner be elected by the registered voters of the mandatorially created district and not merely to be a resident of it.

There was discussion by Senators Dodge and Monroe regarding future implications of such a Bill in regards to other areas and counties. Senator Dodge asked Mr. Daykin if this sort of a provision might be subject to attack. Mr. Daykin replied that it would not be when read in conjunction with subsection 3; because subsection 2, which is the thing which is inserted, uses the assessed valuation as the trigger. But subsection 3, as it is renumbered, still requires that each commissioner district shall embrace, as near as may be, one-third of the voting population of the county. So you start from this district which has 50% or more of the assessed valuation, but then you must include with that district enough additional territory to get one-third as near as may be of population. He stated that when he drafted the Bill, he had also checked the figures which Senator Farr had also obtained later.

After further discussion, Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass, as amended", seconded by Senator Monroe. The vote was unanimous for passage.

SB-32 Proposed by Senator Swobe.

Establishes interim regional planning agency for Nevada portion of Lake Tahoe basin and extends deadline for condemnation of property for state park.

This Bill was first taken up in great detail at a Joint Hearing of this Committee and the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs on January 28, 1969. (See transcript of this Hearing with testimony and remarks of various persons concerned.) At that time, Senator Swobe had agreed to attend to the proposed amendments to this bill, and these were presented at this time. (See attached amendments.) There was some discussion over various points of language, with Mr. Frank Daykin explaining each of these points.

Chairman Gibson then stated that he would consider Committee hearing action complete, and would entertain a motion to move the Bill out of Committee.

Senator Monroe moved "Amend and Do Pass" and Senator Farr seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## STOREY COUNTY

Registered voters - 1968

Storey County is divided into (4) election precincts.

Precincts 1 and 2 are coterminous with the boundary lines of the unincorporated town of Virginia City.

Registration by precincts as follows:

Precinct No. 1 (Virginia City - part)	264
Precinct No. 2 (Virginia City - part)	162
Precinct No. 3 (Gold Hill)	43
Precinct No. 4 (Truckee River)	<u>110</u>
TOTAL	579

Voter registration in Virginia City unincorporated town - 426

Voter registration in balance of Storey County - 153

The 1960 Federal Census for Storey County gave a total of 568

This total was returned as Gold Hill Township (53) and  
Virginia City Township (515)

However, at the time of the 1960 Census Gold Hill Township had long been abolished. By map definition Virginia City Township included all of the County except the Gold Hill area. The Virginia City Township total for 1960 included the Truckee River area. At the present time there is only one political township in Storey County. By resolution adopted by the Storey County Board of County Commissioners on February 21, 1966 the entire county was designated as constituting but one township named Virginia Township. (Book C, Page 312).

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SENATE BILL NO. 7—SENATORS SLATTERY AND FARR

JANUARY 20, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Requires creation of certain county commissioner districts.  
(BDR 20-397)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to commissioner districts in counties; requiring their creation under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 244.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 244.050 1. Whenever a number of registered voters equal to 35 per-
- 3 cent or more of the number of persons registered to vote at the last pre-
- 4 ceding general election in any county in this state having less than 50,000
- 5 population shall petition the board of county commissioners of their county
- 6 to divide the county into three commissioner districts, the question shall be
- 7 submitted to the qualified electors of the county for approval or disap-
- 8 proval at the next succeeding general election. If a majority of the voters
- 9 voting on such question approve the division, the board of county com-
- 10 missioners shall divide the county into three commissioner districts on or
- 11 before the 1st Monday in July preceding each general election.
- 12 2. *Whenever, in any county whose population was less than 1,500*
- 13 *as determined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the*
- 14 *Census of the United States Department of Commerce, the assessed val-*
- 15 *uation of taxable property in any election precinct exceeds 50 percent*
- 16 *of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the county, the board of*
- 17 *county commissioners shall create a commissioner district including that*
- 18 *precinct, and may divide the remainder of the county into two commis-*
- 19 *sioner districts.*
- 20 3. Such division shall be made to conform to the established bound-
- 21 aries of election precincts or wards, and each election precinct or ward
- 22 shall be wholly within one of the commissioner districts herein provided
- 23 for. Each commissioner district shall embrace, as near as may be, one-
- 24 third of the voting population of the county, to be determined by the vote
- 25 cast at the last general election, and shall consist of adjoining precincts;

1 but in case not more than three election precincts or wards exist in the  
2 county, then each election precinct or ward shall constitute a commis-  
3 sioner district.

4 [2. The commissioner designated in the statute as the long-term  
5 commissioner shall represent the district in which he resided when elected,  
6 and at the general election in 1894, and every 2 years thereafter, there  
7 shall be elected a commissioner from each of the remaining districts, one  
8 for the long term and one for the short term, as now provided by law.

9 [3.] 4. *A commissioner shall be elected from a district created pur-*  
10 *suant to the mandatory provision of subsection 2 at the general election*  
11 *next after its creation, and every 4 years thereafter. In all other cases, the*  
12 *board of county commissioners shall provide by resolution for the dates*  
13 *of election of commissioners from newly created districts, in such manner*  
14 *as to secure the earliest representation of each district as the terms of*  
15 *incumbent commissioners expire.*

16 5. The board of county commissioners shall cause to be published in  
17 some newspaper in the county, if there be one, and if not, then by posting  
18 at the door of the courthouse and one or more conspicuous places in each  
19 of the commissioner districts, a notice specifying the election precincts  
20 or wards embraced in each of the commissioner districts so established.  
21 Such notice shall be posted or published for a period of not less than 20  
22 days prior to each general election.

23 [4.] 6. County commissioners shall be elected at large by the quali-  
24 fied electors of the county.

25 [5. Such commissioner districts, regardless of when] 7. *Commis-*  
26 *sioner districts created pursuant to subsection 1, whenever created, may*  
27 *be abolished by petition and election in the same manner as provided for*  
28 *their creation in subsection 1.*

29 [6.] 8. Upon the abolition of commissioner districts the incumbent  
30 county commissioners shall be entitled to serve the remainder of the terms  
31 for which they were elected or appointed, and thereafter county commis-  
32 sioners shall be elected at large from within the county.

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Amendments to ~~Assembly~~ / Senate

Bill / ~~Joint Resolution~~ No. 32 (BDR22-786)

Proposed by Committee on Federal, State  
and Local Governments

Amendment N<sup>o</sup> 1346



Amend sec. 18, page 3, by deleting lines 42 through 47 and inserting:

"5. The executive officer of the Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency,  
who shall act as chairman; and

6. At least two lay members, each of whom shall be a resident of the  
region."

Amend sec. 24, page 5, lines 38 and 39, by deleting "in this agreement."

and inserting "by sections 2 to 36, inclusive, of this act."

Amend sec. 26, page 6, line 26, by deleting "states,".

Amend sec. 32, page 7, by deleting line 16 and inserting:

"Sec. 32. 1. Every public works project proposed to be constructed  
within the region shall be submitted to the".

Amend sec. 45, page 9, by inserting between lines 31 and 32:

"3. For each of the fiscal years ending respectively June 30, 1970,  
and June 30, 1971, each of the counties of Douglas, Ormsby and Washoe shall  
contribute for the support of the Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
that proportion of \$25,000 which the full cash value of taxable property  
within the region, as defined in section 8 of this act, bears to the full  
cash value of all taxable property within the region."

Amend sec. 46, page 10, lines 36 and 37, by deleting "United States Route  
50," and inserting "State Route 3 (U.S. 50),".

Amend sec. 46, page 10, lines 40 and 41, by deleting "United States Route  
50," and inserting "State Route 3 (U.S. 50),".

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Bill / ~~Joint Resolution~~ No. 32 (BDR22-786)

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and Local Governments

Amendment N<sup>o</sup> 1347



Amend sec. 46, page 11, by deleting lines 4 through 7 and inserting:

"cause an appraisal to be made by [three qualified, disinterested appraisers, at least two of whom shall be members of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers,] at least one qualified, disinterested appraiser to determine the fair market value of such real or personal property. With the approval of the governor and the attorney general, the director of the department may employ one or two additional qualified, disinterested appraisers for this purpose. The department may acquire such real or personal prop-".

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and Local Governments

Amendment N<sup>o</sup> 1348



Amend sec. 48, page 12, by deleting line 30 and inserting:

"Sec. 48. If, at any time after sections 1 to 44, inclusive, of this act have expired by limitation, the State of California or the State of Nevada withdraws from the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, sections 1 to 44, inclusive, of this act shall be revived on the effective date of such withdrawal, and shall thereafter be in full force and effect."