

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- February 26, 1973

The sixteenth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 26th day of February, 1973 at 3:30 P.M.

Committee members present: Chairman James Gibson
Lee Walker
Coe Swobe
Carl Dodge
Chic Hecht

Also present were:

James Lien, Nevada Tax Commission
John Crossley, Audit Division
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Oliver Bolton, Nevada Independent Insurance Agents
John Walker, U.S.F. & G Co., Sacramento
Remo Fratini, Insurance Agent, Reno
Charles Marriage, Insurance Agent
Press

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order. The first bill to be heard before the committee was SB-306.

SB-306 Transfers approval of short-term financing from state board of finance to Nevada tax commission.

Mr. John Crossley of the Legislative Audit Division submitted a recommendation on this legislation from the State Board of Finance, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. James Lien of the Nevada Tax Commission also spoke on this and said that they find it quite desirable from the local government standpoint.

SB-141 Creates and makes an appropriation for state self-insurance fund for state property.

Mr. Barrett, Budget Director, testified that the state is somewhat reluctant to move into this, as it would be a new

area for the state, and he felt it would be difficult to attract the expertise or have the funds to finance it. The committee also heard testimony on this bill from Mr. Remo Fratini, Insurance Agent, and Mr. John Walker of Sacramento, California. Following discussion it was decided to wait for further information before any action is taken on this bill.

SB-312 Clarifies reapportionment of districts with Carson City under Local Government Reapportionment Law and requires realignment of wards in Carson City.

Chairman Gibson explained that the Carson City Clerk would need to have this legislation effective as soon as possible for election purposes. It is, in effect, an amendment to SB-61.

Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. Motion carried.

SB-306 Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

AB-15 Enables county clerk to issue election certificates for school trustees.

The committee previously heard testimony on AB-15 in the hearing on election laws held February 14, 1973. Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried.

Chairman Gibson then went over the agendas with the committee up to and including March 16, 1973.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Fondi,
Committee Secretary

STATE OF NEVADA

STATE BOARD OF FINANCE

EMERGENCY LOANS - NRS 354.080 AND 354.430

All emergency loans for local governments must be approved by the State Board of Finance. During the fiscal year, the Board met on 9 occasions and considered 25 such requests for emergency loans.

As required by statute, the Secretary of the Nevada Tax Commission submitted the requests for emergency loans, together with factual reports of the tax structure of the political subdivisions concerned and the probable ability of the local government to repay the requested loan.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that NRS 354.080 and 354.430 be amended to transfer the duties required by the State Board of Finance to the Nevada Tax Commission.

in exchange for library support to State agencies. The inter-library loan function should be continued under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Cooperative Center for Library Services.

- C. That the State General Obligation Bond Commission be abolished. This Commission is responsible for the placement and redemption of State bond issues. In actual practice, the Commission only ratifies the actions of the Chief of the Budget Division. Ratification and certification authority should be placed with the Board of Examiners.
- D. That the Committee on Group Insurance be abolished. Insurance, which represents an employee fringe benefit, should be placed administratively through the Personnel Division, with the proposed State's share of insurance premiums detailed in the Executive Budget.
- E. That the Board of Finance be abolished. The Board's investment function should be transferred to the Board of Examiners, with support for a full time professional who has had money management and investment experience. The Board's loan functions should be transferred to the Nevada Tax Commission and the property insurance placement function should be transferred to the Purchasing Division.

	Initials	Date
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AB 229

33 SEC. 17. NRS 354.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 34 354.430 Upon the adoption of a short-term financing resolution, as
 35 provided in NRS 354.618, by a local government as defined in NRS
 36 354.474, a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the secretary of
 37 the Nevada tax commission. As soon as is practicable, the secretary of the
 38 Nevada tax commission shall [submit the resolution, together with] com-
 39 pile a factual report of the tax structure of the political subdivisions con-
 40 cerned and the probable ability of the political subdivision to repay the
 41 requested short-term financing. ~~to the state board of finance for its~~
 42 ~~approval.]~~ No such resolution shall be effective until approved by the
 43 [state board of finance.] Nevada tax commission. The resolution of the
 44 [state board of finance.] Nevada tax commission shall be recorded in
 45 the minutes of the governing board.
 46 SEC. 18. NRS 354.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 47 354.450 1. After short-term financing has been authorized as pro-
 48 vided in NRS 354.430 and if, in the judgment of the governing board of
 49 the political subdivision, the fiscal affairs of the political subdivision can
 50 be carried on without impairment and there is sufficient money in the

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1 general fund or a surplus in any other fund, with the exception of the
 2 bond interest and redemption fund, of the political subdivision, the gov-
 3 erning board is authorized to transfer from the general fund or from the
 4 surplus appearing in any fund, with the exception of the bond interest
 5 and redemption fund, money sufficient to meet the purpose of the short-
 6 term financing.
 7 2. When such a transfer is made, the governing board of the political
 8 subdivision shall comply with the provisions of NRS 354.460, and when
 9 the special tax is thereafter collected the amount so collected shall be
 10 placed immediately in the fund from which the loan was made.
 11 3. In cases where the fund from which the loan was made, at the time
 12 of the transfer of funds therefrom, contains a surplus that in the judgment
 13 of the [state board of finance.] Nevada tax commission is or will not be
 14 needed for the purposes of the fund in the ordinary course of events, then
 15 the special tax need not be levied, collected and placed in the fund from
 16 which the loan was made, but such transfer shall be deemed refunded for
 17 all purposes of NRS 354.430 to 354.460, inclusive.
 18 4. Interest accounts come within the jurisdiction of the [state board
 19 of finance.] Nevada tax commission and may be approved or disapproved,
 20 in whole or in part, by the [state board of finance.] Nevada tax
 21 mission.

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 15

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 15—MR. DREYER

JANUARY 16, 1973

Referred to Committee on Elections

SUMMARY—Enables county clerk to issue election certificates for school trustees-elect. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 34-326)

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

AN ACT to amend NRS 386.260, relating to elections; enabling the county clerk to issue election certificates for school trustees-elect; 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 386.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 386.260 1. Trustees shall be elected as provided in the election laws
3 of this state.
4 2. After the close of any election, and in accordance with law, the
5 board of county commissioners shall make abstracts of the votes cast for
6 trustees and shall [immediately transmit the abstracts to the board of
7 trustees of the county school district. Upon receipt of the abstracts, the
8 board of trustees shall:
9 (a) Meet forthwith.
10 (b) Examine the abstracts.
11 (c) Declare the results of the election.
12 (d) Order the clerk of the board of trustees] *order the county clerk to*
13 *issue election certificates to the candidates elected.*
14 3. Immediately, the [clerk of the board of trustees] *county clerk*
15 *shall transmit a copy of each election certificate to the superintendent of*
16 *public instruction.*

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the Research Library.

SENATE BILL NO. 152—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 1, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Reduces minimum population requirements of counties for special provisions concerning county fair and recreation boards. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-776)

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

AN ACT relating to county fair and recreation boards; reducing the minimum population requirement of counties to which certain provisions apply; 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 244.645 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 244.645 1. Whenever the board of county commissioners of any
3 county or the board of supervisors of Carson City desires the powers
4 granted in NRS 244.640 to 244.780, inclusive, to be exercised, it shall,
5 by resolution, determine that the interest of the county and the public
6 interest, necessity or desirability require the exercise of such powers and
7 the creation of a county fair and recreation board therefor, pursuant to
8 the provisions of NRS 244.640 to 244.780, inclusive. After approval
9 of the resolution, the county or city clerk shall:
10 (a) Cause a copy of the resolution to be published promptly once in
11 a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the county or city;
12 and
13 (b) In the case of a county, cause a certified copy of the resolution to
14 be mailed by registered or certified mail to the mayor or other chief executive officer of each incorporated city within the county.
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16 2. In counties having a population of ~~200,000~~ 100,000 or more,
17 the county fair and recreation board shall be selected as provided in NRS
18 244.7802. ~~In counties having a population of 100,000 or more and less~~
19 ~~than 200,000, the most populous incorporated city in the county shall be~~
20 ~~represented on the county fair and recreation board by two members, and~~
21 ~~the next most populous incorporated city by one member.~~ In counties
22 having a population of 11,000 or more and less than 100,000, and in
23 which there is one or more incorporated city, each incorporated city,

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SENATE BILL NO. 141—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JANUARY 31, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Creates and makes an appropriation for state self-insurance fund for state property. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 31-153)

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

AN ACT relating to insurance for state property; creating the state self-insurance fund and making an appropriation therefor from the general fund in the state treasury; 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. Chapter 353 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act.
3 SEC. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act, "profit"*
4 *means the total of the following amounts computed annually at the end*
5 *of each fiscal year:*
6 1. *The amount by which the total premiums contributed to the state*
7 *self-insurance fund during the fiscal year exceeds expenditures during*
8 *that period for insured losses, fund administration, contractual services*
9 *and reinsurance upon property insured by such fund.*
10 2. *The amount of interest or other income earned upon the invest-*
11 *ment of the principal of the catastrophe reserve and all or any portion of*
12 *premiums paid into such fund.*
13 SEC. 3. *There is hereby created in the state treasury a state self-*
14 *insurance fund to insure against risk of damage to or loss of state prop-*
15 *erty.*
16 SEC. 4. *The state self-insurance fund shall be administered by the*
17 *state board of examiners and consist of a minimum catastrophe reserve*
18 *of \$1,010,000 provided by legislative appropriation and amounts con-*
19 *tributed by state agencies as premiums for coverage under such fund.*
20 SEC. 5. *Each participating state agency shall deposit in the state self-*
21 *insurance fund the amount of its pro rata share of the total insurance*
22 *premium cost, as determined by the state board of examiners. If such*
23 *agency's pro rata share of the total insurance premium cost is less than*
24 *the amount approved by the legislature for insurance expense the budget*
25 *division of the department of administration shall reduce such expense by*

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S. B. 306

SENATE BILL NO. 306—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 22, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Transfers approval of short-term financing from state board of
finance to Nevada tax commission. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-812)

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

AN ACT relating to county, city and district finances; transferring the duties of the
state board of finance to the Nevada tax commission concerning authorization
of short-term financing.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 354.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 354.430 Upon the adoption of a short-term financing resolution,
3 as provided in NRS 354.618, by a local government as defined in NRS
4 354.474, a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the secretary of
5 the Nevada tax commission. As soon as is practicable, the secretary of
6 the Nevada tax commission shall submit the resolution, together with a
7 factual report of the tax structure of the political subdivisions concerned
8 and the probable ability of the political subdivision to repay the requested
9 short-term financing, to the [state board of finance] *Nevada tax commis-*
10 *sion* for its approval. No such resolution shall be effective until approved
11 by the [state board of finance.] *Nevada tax commission*. The resolution
12 of the [state board of finance] *Nevada tax commission* shall be recorded
13 in the minutes of the governing board.
14 SEC. 2. NRS 354.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:
15 354.450 1. After short-term financing has been authorized as pro-
16 vided in NRS 354.430 and if, in the judgment of the governing board of
17 the political subdivision, the fiscal affairs of the political subdivision can
18 be carried on without impairment and there is sufficient money in the
19 general fund or a surplus in any other fund, with the exception of the
20 bond interest and redemption fund, of the political subdivision, the gov-
21 erning board is authorized to transfer from the general fund or from the
22 surplus appearing in any fund, with the exception of the bond interest
23 and redemption fund, money sufficient to meet the purpose of the short-
24 term financing.

S. B. 312

SENATE BILL NO. 312—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 23, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Clarifies reapportionment of districts with Carson City under Local Government Reapportionment Law and requires realignment of wards in Carson City. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 19-1136)

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

AN ACT amending the Local Government Reapportionment Law to clarify the requirement for reapportionment of districts within Carson City; providing for realignment of wards in Carson City; 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 237.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 237.025 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires other-
3 wise:
4 1. "Assembly district" means any district created pursuant to the leg-
5 islative districting provisions of chapter 218 of NRS for the election of
6 assemblymen.
7 2. "Enumeration district" means the series of geographical units in
8 each county of the state, which have been created by the Bureau of the
9 Census of the United States Department of Commerce and to each unit
10 of which the Bureau of the Census has assigned a fixed population count,
11 which, when added to the fixed population count of all other units in the
12 series, produces the official population count of the county, giving recog-
13 nition to the official population count of each township, as of April 1,
14 1970.
15 3. "Local government unit" means any unit of local government in
16 the State of Nevada, including but not limited to counties, unincorporated
17 towns, school districts, general improvement districts, local improvement
18 districts, housing authorities, hospital districts, county hospitals and all
19 other special districts. "Local government unit" [shall] *does not include*
20 *Carson City, or any other incorporated city [], but does include any*
21 *school district, hospital district or other district within or conterminous*
22 *with Carson City.*