

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- March 2, 1973

The eighteenth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 2nd day of March, 1973 at 12:30 P.M.

Committee members present: Chairman James Gibson
Carl Dodge
Stan Drakulich
Lee Walker
Coe Swobe
John Foley

Also present were:

John Meder, Carson City Supervisor
Bill Adams, City of Las Vegas
Dave Henry, Clark County Administrator
Bob Warren, Nevada Municipal Association
Frank Daykin, Legislative Counsel Bureau
Press

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order. The first bill to be considered was SB-314.

SB-314 Enables local governments to adopt a resolution by majority vote to institute budget augmentation proceedings.

Mr. Daykin of the Legislative Counsel Bureau testified that the only substantive change in this bill was with regard to reducing the vote required for a budget augmentation from a "unanimous" vote to a "majority" vote.

Following discussion, Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Drakulich. Motion carried.

SB-329 Changes procedures for paying administrative expenses involved in state purchasing and central mail room.

Mr. Daykin, explained that it is presently next to impossible as a matter of accounting, to separate out the various agencies.

This would permit them to serve all agencies and charge back to all agencies. Mr. Crossley of the Audit Division explained that in NRS 331.105 as it was originally enacted states that it was to be for agencies supported in whole or in part by the legislative appropriations. There are agencies using it that are not supported by appropriations from the general fund, so they want it to cover all agencies. It is a technical amendment to allow all agencies to use the central mail.

The second half of the bill refers to NRS 333.450, in Section 2, eliminating the language "and the total amount of the administrative and handling charges shall not exceed the total savings effected by reason of the purchase through the purchasing division." They just completed an audit on the purchasing division and found they could not determine this.

Senator Walker moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Drakulich. Motion carried.

SB-308 Limits number of candidates whose names appear on general election ballot for board of hospital trustees.

Mr. Daykin explained that this legislation came about because of a problem they were having in Nye County with interpreting the rather brief language in NRS 450.080, which says that hospital trustees are a non-partisan office and the names of the candidates shall appear on the ballots of all parties at all primary elections and all general elections. They interpreted this as meaning to eliminate the hospital trustees in the primary. This is now amended to say, "At the general election only the names of those candidates, not to exceed twice the number of hospital trustees to be elected, who received the highest numbers of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballot."

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

SB-152 Reduces minimum population requirements of counties for special provisions concerning county fair and recreation boards.

Senator Swobe moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Dodge. Motion carried.

SB-176 Adds new members to certain county fair and recreation boards.

Chairman Gibson stated that they would have to wait for further testimony before any action is taken on this bill.

SB-256 Requires county fair and recreation boards in certain counties to set aside sums for recreational facilities.

It was requested that this bill be held until further testimony can be heard.

AB-189 Permits an earlier inventory of absentee ballot boxes.

Chairman Gibson noted that this bill had been discussed earlier with the elections committee hearing. This only allows the clerks to get the ballots organized and ready for counting in advance. Senator Swobe confirmed that this would be helpful in Washoe County.

AB-204 Removes inconsistent provision for audits of fair and recreation boards.

Following an explanation by Mr. Daykin and committee discussion, Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

AB-207 Clarifies law relating to transfer of funds remaining after a levy of a special tax.

Mr. Daykin explained the need for this amendment -- that it is conforming in nature only, and refers only to school districts. Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Drakulich. Motion carried.

AB-224 Permits jurors to be paid in cash immediately upon completion of their services.

Chairman Gibson stated that he would confer with the Assembly Committee on the testimony previously heard on AB-224 and wait for this committee to take any action.

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

Senator Drakulich moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Fondi
Committee Secretary

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S. B. 314

SENATE BILL NO. 314—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 26, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Enables local governments to adopt a resolution by majority vote to
institute budget augmentation proceedings. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-1305)

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

AN ACT to amend NRS 354.615, relating to local government budgets; enabling
local governments to institute budget augmentation proceedings by majority
vote on resolutions.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 354.615 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 354.615 If resources actually available during a budget period exceed
3 those estimated, a local government may institute a budget augmentation
4 proceeding in the manner provided below:
5 1. If it is desired to augment the appropriations of an appropriation
6 fund, the governing [board] *body* shall, by [unanimous] *majority* vote,
7 adopt a resolution reciting the appropriations to be augmented, and the
8 nature of the unbudgeted resources intended to implement the augmenta-
9 tion.
10 2. Before the adoption of such resolution, the governing [board]
11 *body* shall publish notice of its intention to act thereon in a newspaper
12 of general circulation in the county for at least one publication. No vote
13 may be taken upon such budget augmentation resolution until 20 days
14 after the publication of the notice.
15 3. If it is desired to augment the budget of any other fund, the
16 governing [board] *body* shall adopt, [unanimously,] *by majority vote,*
17 a resolution providing therefor at a regular meeting. [of the board.]
18 4. A budget augmentation shall become effective upon delivery to
19 the Nevada tax commission of a certified copy of the resolution provid-
20 ing therefor.

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S. B. 329

SENATE BILL NO. 329—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 28, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Changes procedures for paying administrative expenses involved in state purchasing and central mail room. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 27-1130)



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

AN ACT relating to public property and purchasing; changing procedures for payment of certain administrative expenses of operating the central mail room and purchasing state supplies; 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 331.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 331.105 1. The superintendent shall establish and conduct a central
3 mailing room for all state officers, departments and agencies located at
4 Carson City, Nevada. [, and supported in whole or in part by legislative
5 appropriation from the general fund in the state treasury.]
6 2. Any state officer, department or agency [not supported in whole
7 or in part by legislative appropriation from the general fund in the state
8 treasury] may use the central mailing room facilities if such state officer,
9 department or agency pays the cost of such use as determined by the
10 superintendent. Moneys collected from such state officers, departments or
11 agencies for use of the central mailing room facilities shall be deposited in
12 the mail service working capital fund in the state treasury.
13 3. The staff of the central mailing room shall deliver incoming mail
14 and pick up and process outgoing mail, except outgoing parcel post
15 from the legal division of the legislative counsel bureau, other than inter-
16 office mail, of all state officers, departments and agencies using the cen-
17 tral mailing room facilities.
18 [4. Funds to carry out the provisions of this section shall be pro-
19 vided by direct legislative appropriation from the general fund in the
20 state treasury.]
21 SEC. 2. NRS 333.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:
22 333.450 1. All claims for supplies, materials and equipment pur-
23 chased pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall, when approved by
24 the chief, be audited and paid out of the working capital account in the

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SENATE BILL NO. 308—SENATOR BLAKEMORE

FEBRUARY 22, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Limits number of candidates whose names appear on general election ballot for board of hospital trustees. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-1083)



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

AN ACT relating to hospital trustees; limiting the number of names to appear on the ballot at a general election; 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 450.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 450.080 1. The offices of hospital trustees are hereby declared to be
3 nonpartisan, and the names of candidates for such offices shall appear
4 alike upon the ballots of all parties at all primary [elections and at all
5 general] elections.
6 2. *At the general election only the names of those candidates, not to*
7 *exceed twice the number of hospital trustees to be elected, who received*
8 *the highest numbers of votes at the primary election shall appear on the*
9 *ballot.*

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A. B. 204

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 204—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 2, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Removes inconsistent provision for audits of fair and
recreation boards. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-346)

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

AN ACT to repeal NRS 244.675, relating to the annual financial audit
of fair and recreation boards.

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

1 SECTION 1. NRS 244.675 is hereby repealed.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 207—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 2, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Clarifies law relating to transfer of funds remaining after a levy of a special tax. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-345)

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

AN ACT to amend NRS 354.460, clarifying law relating to transfers of funds remaining after a levy of a special tax.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 354.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 354.460 1. At the first tax levy following the creation of any short-
3 term indebtedness, the governing board of any political subdivision shall,
4 when necessary, levy a tax sufficient to pay the same. The tax shall be
5 designated "County of Special Tax," "City of
6 Special Tax," "Town of Special Tax," "..... School
7 District Special Tax," "..... Agricultural Association Special
8 Tax," or "..... District Special Tax," as the case may be, the
9 proceeds of which shall be placed in a short-term debt service fund in
10 the treasury of the county or city, or in a short-term debt service fund
11 in the county treasury in the cases of towns, school districts, irrigation
12 districts, special districts or agricultural associations, to be used solely for
13 the purpose of redeeming the short-term indebtedness for which the same
14 is levied.
15 2. The treasurer of any county is authorized, upon receipt of a writ-
16 ten resolution of the governing board of any [entity] *political subdivision*
17 for which a special tax fund is maintained, to transfer the money remain-
18 ing in the short-term debt service fund of that [school district] *political*
19 *subdivision* to the [school district fund] *general fund of that political*
20 *subdivision* after payment in full of the indebtedness and the interest
21 thereon.
22 3. When short-term financing is made for the support of any lawfully
23 organized county farm bureau, the county tax levied therefor shall be
24 deemed the special tax within the provisions of this section. The proceeds
25 thereof may be transferred to the state treasury when prescribed in any

A. B. 224

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 224—MESSRS. HAYES, DEMERS,
ROBINSON, BARENGO, BANNER AND VERGIELS

FEBRUARY 5, 1973

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Permits jurors to be paid in cash immediately upon completion of their service. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 1-892)

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

AN ACT relating to fees and expenses of jurors; permitting jurors to be paid in cash immediately upon conclusion of a trial; 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 6.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 6.160 The county clerk in cases in the district court shall keep a
3 payroll, enrolling thereon names of all jurors, the number of days in
4 attendance and the actual number of miles traveled by the shortest and
5 most practical route in going to and returning from the place where the
6 court is held, and at the conclusion of a trial: [shall forthwith give]
7 .1. *Shall give* a statement of the amounts due to the jurors to the
8 county auditor, who shall draw warrants upon the county treasurer for
9 the payment thereof [.] ; or
10 2. *May, in those counties served by judicial districts where more than*
11 *one judge has been provided by law, make an immediate cash payment,*
12 *notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 354.170, of the amount owing to*
13 *each juror. Such payments shall be made from and to the extent allowed*
14 *by the fees collected from the demanding party, pursuant to the provi-*
15 *sions of NRS 6.150, and from and to the extent allowed by such other*
16 *fees which have been collected pursuant to law. The clerk shall take from*
17 *each juror so paid a receipt signed by him and indicating the date of pay-*
18 *ment, date or dates of service and the amount paid. A duplicate of this*
19 *receipt shall be immediately delivered to the appropriate county auditor,*
20 *county recorder or county comptroller.*

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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*