
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 487—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Enlarges membership of Legislative Committee on
Public Lands. (BDR 17-1272)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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.

AN ACT relating to legislative committees; adding a representative
of the general public to the membership of the Legislative
Committee on Public Lands; 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 218.5363 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 218.5363 1. There is hereby established a Legislative
4 Committee on Public Lands consisting of three members of the
5 Senate, three members of the Assembly, ~~and~~ one elected officer
6 representing the governing body of a local political subdivision ~~and~~
7 *and one representative of the general public*, appointed by the
8 Legislative Commission with appropriate regard for their experience
9 with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands. The
10 members who are State Legislators must be appointed to provide
11 representation from the various geographical regions of the State.
12 *The member who is a representative of the general public must not*
13 *hold any elective office.*
14 2. The members of the Committee shall select a Chairman
15 from one house of the Legislature and a Vice Chairman from the
16 other. After the initial selection of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman,
17 each such officer shall hold office for a term of 2 years commencing



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1 on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in
2 the Chairmanship or Vice Chairmanship, the members of the
3 Committee shall select a replacement for the remainder of the
4 unexpired term.

5 3. Any member of the Committee who is not a candidate for
6 reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve until
7 the convening of the next session of the Legislature.

8 4. Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same
9 manner as original appointments.

10 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218.5365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 218.5365 1. The members of the Committee shall meet
12 throughout each year at the times and places specified by a call of
13 the Chairman or a majority of the Committee. The Research
14 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or a person he has
15 designated shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary. The
16 Committee shall prescribe regulations for its own management and
17 government. ~~Four~~ *Five* members of the Committee constitute a
18 quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority
19 conferred on the Committee.

20 2. Except during a regular or special session of the Legislature,
21 the members of the Committee who are State Legislators are entitled
22 to receive the compensation provided for a majority of the members
23 of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session,
24 the per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees
25 generally and the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS
26 218.2207 for each day of attendance at a meeting of the Committee
27 and while engaged in the business of the Committee. Per diem
28 allowances, compensation and travel expenses of the legislative
29 members of the Committee must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

30 3. The member of the Committee who represents a local
31 political subdivision is entitled to receive the subsistence allowances
32 and travel expenses provided by law for his position for each day of
33 attendance at a meeting of the Committee and while engaged in the
34 business of the Committee, to be paid by his local political
35 subdivision.

36 4. *The member of the Committee who is a representative of*
37 *the general public serves without salary but is entitled to the per*
38 *diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and*
39 *employees generally for each day of attendance at a meeting of the*
40 *Committee and while engaged in the business of the Committee, to*
41 *be paid from the Legislative Fund.*

42 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

