ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 509-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Education

- SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing review of decision of board of trustees to close or change use of particular school. (BDR 34-1294)
- FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to public schools; revising provisions governing the review of a decision by the board of trustees of a school district to close a school or change the use of a school; 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 393.085 is hereby amended to read as follows: 393.085 1. Any resident of a school district who is aggrieved 2 by a decision of the board of trustees to close or change the use of a 3 school under NRS 393.080 may, within 30 days after the decision is 4 5 rendered, make a written request to the board for a hearing for reconsideration of the decision. The board shall schedule the hearing 6 7 within 30 days after receiving the request and shall publish a notice 8 of the time and place of the hearing in a newspaper of general 9 circulation in the county at least 10 days before the hearing.

2. Any resident of the school district who is aggrieved by the decision of the board of trustees at the reconsideration hearing may, within 30 days after that decision is rendered, [make a written request to the State Board of Education for a hearing to review the decision. The State Board of Education shall conduct the hearing in the county in which the school is located within 30 days after

16 receiving the request and shall publish a notice of the time and place



of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least 10 days before the hearing. The State Board of Education shall 1 2 hear the matter de novo. The decision of the State Board of 3 4 Education] petition the board of trustees for a hearing to review its decision. Such a petition must be signed by a number of registered 5 voters of the county in which the school district is located that is 6 equal to 10 percent or more of the number of voters who voted at 7 the last preceding general election in the county. Within 30 days 8 9 after receipt of the petition, the board of trustees shall submit the 10 petition to the county clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition in the manner set forth in NRS 295.250 to 295.290, 11 inclusive. Within 30 days after receipt of the petition, the county 12 clerk shall notify the board of trustees of the sufficiency of the petition. If the county clerk determines that the petition is 13 14 sufficient, the board of trustees shall, within 30 days after 15 notification by the county clerk, schedule a hearing to review the 16 decision made pursuant to subsection 1 and shall publish notice of 17 the time and place of the hearing in a newspaper of general 18 circulation in the county at least 10 days before the hearing. The 19 20 *decision of the board of trustees* after its hearing *pursuant to this* subsection is a final decision subject to judicial review as provided 21 22 by law.

23 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

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