ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9–COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to require each board of county commissioners to determine salaries of certain county officers in its respective county. (BDR C-1301)

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.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to remove the requirement that the Legislature fix the compensation of certain county officers and to require each board of county commissioners to determine the salaries of certain county officers in its respective county.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 20 of Article 4 of the Nevada
Constitution be amended to read as follows:
4 [Section] Sec. 20. The legislature shall not pass local

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or special laws in	any of the following enumerated cases—
that is to say:	
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- Regulating the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace and of constables, and fixing their compensation;
- For the punishment of crimes and misdemeanors;
 - Regulating the practice of courts of justice;
 - Providing for changing the venue in civil and criminal cases;
 - Granting divorces;

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- Changing the names of persons;
- 15 Vacating roads, town plots, streets, alleys, and public 16 squares;



Summoning and impaneling grand and petit juries, and 1 2 providing for their compensation; Regulating county and township business; 3 4 Regulating the election of county and township officers; 5 For the assessment and collection of taxes for state, 6 county, and township purposes; 7 Providing for opening and conducting elections of state, 8 county, or township officers, and designating the places of 9 voting; 10 Providing for the sale of real estate belonging to minors or other persons laboring under legal disabilities; 11 Giving effect to invalid deeds, wills, or other instruments; 12 13 Refunding money paid into the state treasury, or into the 14 treasury of any county; Releasing the indebtedness, liability, or obligation of any 15 corporation, association, or person to the state, or to any 16 county, town, or city of this state; but nothing in this section 17 shall be construed to deny or restrict the power of the 18 legislature to establish and regulate the **[compensation and]** 19 20 fees of county officers, to authorize and empower the boards of county commissioners of the various counties of the state 21 22 to establish and regulate the compensation of county officers and the compensation and fees of township officers in their 23 24 respective counties, to establish and regulate the rates of 25 freight, passage, toll, and charges of railroads, tollroads, 26 ditch, flume, and tunnel companies incorporated under the 27 laws of this state or doing business therein. 28 And be it further 29 Resolved, That Section 26 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows: 30 [Sec.] Sec. 26. The Legislature shall provide by 31 32 law, for the election of a Board of County Commissioners in each County, and such County 33 Commissioners shall jointly and individually perform 34 such duties as may be prescribed by law. The 35 compensation of the members of the Board of County 36 Commissioners in each County must be fixed by the Board 37 38 County Commissioners in each of respective 39 County. 40 And be it further 41 RESOLVED, That Section 32 of Article 4 of the Nevada 42 Constitution be amended to read as follows: 43 Sec. 32. The Legislature shall have power to increase, 44 diminish, consolidate or abolish the following county officers: County Clerks, County Recorders, Auditors, 45



Sheriffs, District Attorneys and Public Administrators. The Legislature shall provide for their election by the people, and fix by law their duties . [and compensation.] The Board of *County Commissioners of each county shall determine the compensation of those county officers in its respective county*. County Clerks shall be ex-officio Clerks of the Courts of Record and of the Boards of County Commissioners in and for their respective counties.

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