

SENATE BILL NO. 143—COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF CLARK COUNTY)

FEBRUARY 18, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises qualifications for public administrators in certain counties. (BDR 20-419)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 public administrators; revising the qualifications for public administrators in certain counties; 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 244.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 244.200 The boards of county commissioners shall have power
3 and jurisdiction in their respective counties to examine and audit:
4 1. The accounts of all officers having the care, management,
5 collection or disbursement of any money belonging to the county or
6 appropriated by law, or otherwise, for its use and benefit; and
7 2. The *money and property entrusted to the care of, and the*
8 fees or compensation received by the public administrators of the
9 respective counties in their several official capacities.
10 **Sec. 2.** NRS 253.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 253.010 1. Except as *otherwise* provided in subsection ~~3,~~ 4,
12 public administrators must be elected by the qualified electors of
13 their respective counties.
14 2. Public administrators must be chosen by the electors of their
15 respective counties at the general election in 1922 and at the general



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1 election every 4 years thereafter, and shall enter upon the duties of
2 their office on the 1st Monday of January ~~[subsequent to]~~ after their
3 election.

4 3. *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the*
5 *public administrator must:*

6 (a) *Be a qualified elector of the county;*

7 (b) *Be at least 21 years of age on the date he will take office;*

8 (c) *Not have been convicted of a felony for which his civil*
9 *rights have not been restored by a court of competent jurisdiction;*

10 (d) *Not have been found liable in a civil action involving a*
11 *finding of fraud, misrepresentation, material omission,*
12 *misappropriation, theft or conversion; and*

13 (e) *Possess:*

14 (1) *A bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business or*
15 *public administration from a college or university that is*
16 *accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United*
17 *States Department of Education;*

18 (2) *A juris doctor from a law school accredited by the*
19 *American Bar Association;*

20 (3) *A juris doctor from a law school other than a law school*
21 *accredited by the American Bar Association if he has also been*
22 *admitted to practice law by examination in any jurisdiction of the*
23 *United States; or*

24 (4) *At least 3 years of full-time work experience in a*
25 *professional capacity in a field related to wills, trusts, estates,*
26 *probate law or creditors' claims.*

27 4. The district attorneys of Lander, Lincoln and White Pine
28 Counties are ex officio public administrators of Lander County,
29 Lincoln County and White Pine County, respectively. The Clerk of
30 Carson City shall serve as Public Administrator of Carson City.

31 **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of section 2 of this act
32 apply to public administrators appointed or elected after July 1,
33 2003.

34 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

