## SENATE BILL NO. 180–SENATORS NEAL, TITUS, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN AND SCHNEIDER

## FEBRUARY 20, 2003

## Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires provision of independent research staff for Legislators of each political party represented in Legislature. (BDR 17-145)

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

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

AN ACT relating to the Legislature; requiring the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to provide independent research staff to the Legislators of each political party represented in the Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall employ and fix the salaries of research staff for the Legislators of each political party represented in the Legislature, within the limits of legislative appropriations for this purpose.
  - 2. A person employed pursuant to this section:
    - (a) Is a state employee.

3

5

7 8

9

10

- (b) Is exempt from the provisions of chapter 284 of NRS.
- (c) Is not an employee of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
- 11 (d) Shall work solely for the Legislators of the political party 12 for which the person is hired.
- 13 (e) Is entitled to such leaves of absence as may be prescribed 14 by the Legislative Commission.



3. The Legislative Commission shall prescribe policies of employment for persons hired pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 218.610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 218.610 As used in NRS 218.610 to 218.735, inclusive, and section 1 of this act, "agency of the State" includes all offices, departments, boards, commissions and institutions of the State. 



