
SENATE BILL NO. 295--SENATOR NEAL (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 14, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Abolishes Dillon’s Rule concerning statutory interpretation of powers of local government. (BDR 0-591)

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 statutory construction; abolishing Dillon’s Rule concerning statutory interpretation of the powers of a local government; 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.** The preliminary chapter of NRS is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 1. *For the purpose of interpreting a statute relating to the*
4 *powers of a local government, a local government has such*
5 *powers as are:*
6 (a) *Granted in express words;*
7 (b) *Necessarily or fairly implied in or incident to the powers*
8 *expressly granted; or*
9 (c) *Appropriate or convenient to the accomplishment of the*
10 *declared objects and purposes of the local government,*
11 *unless otherwise limited by specific statute.*
12 2. *The purpose of this section is to abolish Dillon’s Rule in*
13 *this state.*



1 ***3. This section does not authorize a local government to***
2 ***impose or increase a tax unless the tax or increase is otherwise***
3 ***authorized by specific statute.***

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