
SENATE BILL NO. 391—SENATORS NOLAN, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER,
SHAFFER AND WASHINGTON

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN ATKINSON, GEDDES, HARDY,
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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Provides for stipends and payment of costs of postage for Legislators under certain circumstances. (BDR 17-949)

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

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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 the State Legislature; providing for the payment from the Legislative Fund of a stipend to a Legislator if the income of the Legislator was reduced as the result of the service of the Legislator during a regular session of the Legislature; providing for the payment by the Legislative Counsel Bureau of the cost of postage for mailing copies of certain written communications from a Legislator to his constituents; 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.** Chapter 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
3 **Sec. 2. 1. *Each Legislator is entitled to receive a stipend***
4 *pursuant to this section for each regular session of the Legislature*
5 *if the Legislator demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director of*
6 *the Legislative Counsel Bureau that the income of the Legislator*



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1 *was reduced as the result of the service of the Legislator during*
2 *the regular session.*

3 *2. The amount of the stipend is equal to the amount of the*
4 *reduction in income of the Legislator, except that no stipend may*
5 *exceed \$20,000 for any regular session.*

6 *3. A Legislator who wishes to receive a stipend pursuant to*
7 *this section must request the stipend by submitting a written*
8 *application to the Director on or before June 30 of the year next*
9 *following the regular session for which the stipend is requested.*
10 *The application must be made on a form provided by the Director*
11 *for that purpose and must be accompanied by a copy of such*
12 *information as the Director requires to enable him to determine*
13 *the eligibility of the Legislator for a stipend and the amount of the*
14 *stipend to which the Legislator is entitled. The information that*
15 *the Director may require includes, without limitation, copies of the*
16 *relevant federal tax returns and paycheck stubs of the Legislator.*

17 *4. If the Director, after reviewing the application and*
18 *accompanying information submitted by a Legislator, determines*
19 *that the Legislator is entitled to a stipend pursuant to this section,*
20 *the Director shall cause the stipend to be paid to the Legislator*
21 *from the Legislative Fund.*

22 **Sec. 3. 1. Each Legislator may:**

23 *(a) Submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau*
24 *once during each legislative interim a written communication*
25 *which provides information to or seeks input from the constituents*
26 *of the Legislator concerning issues that may be relevant to them;*
27 *and*

28 *(b) Request that copies of the written communication provided*
29 *by the Legislator and addressed to his constituents be mailed by*
30 *the Legislative Counsel Bureau to the addressees.*

31 *2. The form of the written communication may include,*
32 *without limitation, a letter, pamphlet or brochure.*

33 *3. The written communication must not include a solicitation*
34 *for a campaign contribution or in any other manner be directly*
35 *related to a political campaign of the Legislator.*

36 *4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the Director,*
37 *upon receiving a written communication that meets the criteria*
38 *established by this section and a request for mailing, shall affix*
39 *the required postage to each copy of the written communication*
40 *provided by the Legislator and deposit the copies in the United*
41 *States mail.*

42 *5. The cost of postage for mailing the copies of the written*
43 *communication must be borne by the Legislative Counsel Bureau,*
44 *except that the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not pay any cost*
45 *of the postage that exceeds \$6,000. If the Director determines that*



1 *the cost of the postage will exceed \$6,000, he shall so inform the*
2 *Legislator and the Legislator shall:*

3 *(a) Remit to the Legislative Counsel Bureau the amount of the*
4 *postage that exceeds \$6,000;*

5 *(b) Instruct the Director to limit the number of copies of the*
6 *written communication that are mailed so that the cost of the*
7 *postage does not exceed \$6,000; or*

8 *(c) Withdraw his request for the mailing of the copies of the*
9 *written communication.*

10 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 3 of this act
11 become effective on October 1, 2003.

12 2. Section 2 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2007.

