

SENATE BILL NO. 414—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Repeals prospective increase in number of commissioners comprising Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. (BDR S-1255)

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 utilities; repealing the prospective increase in the number of commissioners comprising the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada; 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.** Section 112 of chapter 604, Statutes of Nevada
- 2 2001, at page 3277, is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 112. 1. This section and sections 1 to 27,
- 4 inclusive, 30 to 94, inclusive, 96 to 111, inclusive, and 113 of
- 5 this act become effective upon passage and approval.
- 6 2. Section 95 of this act becomes effective on July 1,
- 7 2001.
- 8 ~~3. Sections 28 and 29 of this act become effective on~~
- 9 ~~October 1, 2003.~~
- 10 **Sec. 2.** Sections 28, 29 and 107 of chapter 604, Statutes of
- 11 Nevada 2001, at pages 3237 and 3275, respectively, are hereby
- 12 repealed.
- 13 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.



TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

Section 28 of chapter 604, Statutes of Nevada 2001:

Sec. 28. NRS 703.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

703.030 1. The commission consists of ~~three~~ *five* commissioners appointed by the governor . ~~for terms of~~ *After the initial terms, the term of each commissioner is* 4 years.

2. The governor shall appoint ~~as members of the commission~~ *persons* :

(a) *One commissioner to represent the general public.*

(b) *Four commissioners* who have at least 2 years of experience in one or more of the following fields:

~~(a)~~ (1) Accounting.

~~(b)~~ (2) Business administration.

~~(c)~~ (3) Finance or economics.

~~(d)~~ (4) Administrative law.

~~(e)~~ (5) Professional engineering.

Not more than two of the commissioners appointed pursuant to this paragraph may be from the same field of experience.

3. Not more than ~~two~~ *three* of the commissioners may be ~~:~~

~~(a) Members~~ *members* of the same political party.

~~(b) From the same field of experience.~~

4. *A vacancy on the commission must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.*

Section 29 of chapter 604, Statutes of Nevada 2001:

Sec. 29. NRS 703.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

703.110 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a* majority of the commissioners ~~have~~ *has* full power to act in all matters within ~~their jurisdiction.~~ *the jurisdiction of the commission and shall exercise all the powers of the commission.*

2. If ~~two~~ *a majority of the* commissioners are disqualified or if there are ~~two~~ vacancies within the ~~commission.~~ *offices of a majority of the commissioners,*



the remaining *commissioners or, if only one commissioner is remaining, the remaining* commissioner ~~[or]~~ *has full power to act in all matters within the jurisdiction of the commission and* shall exercise all the powers of the commission.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all hearings and meetings conducted by the commission must be open to the public.

Section 107 of chapter 604, Statutes of Nevada 2001:

Sec. 107. 1. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2003, the governor shall appoint two additional commissioners to the public utilities commission of Nevada in accordance with the provisions of section 28 of this act. For the initial terms of those commissioners, the governor shall appoint:

(a) One commissioner whose term begins on October 1, 2003, and expires on September 30, 2005; and

(b) One commissioner whose term begins on October 1, 2003, and expires on September 30, 2006.

2. The provisions of this act do not abrogate or affect the term of office of any other commissioner of the public utilities commission of Nevada.

