## SENATE BILL NO. 447-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

#### (ON BEHALF OF THE STATE TREASURER)

### MARCH 24, 2003

#### Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

- SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to investment by local governments and monitoring of collateral to secure certain deposits of public money. (BDR 31-302)
- 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 governmental financial administration; revising provisions relating to the securities in which local governments may invest; providing for expanded oversight by the State Treasurer concerning the collateral that must be maintained by financial institutions to secure certain deposits of public money made by state and local governmental entities; making various other changes concerning the duties of the State Treasurer; providing civil penalties; 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. NRS 355.170 is hereby amended to read as follows: 355.170 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, NRS 354.750 and 355.171, [a board of county commissioners, a board of trustees of a county school district or] the governing body of [an incorporated city] a local government may purchase for investment the following securities and no others: (a) Bonds and debentures of the United States, the maturity

8 dates of which do not extend more than 10 years after the date of 9 purchase.



1 (b) Farm loan bonds, consolidated farm loan bonds, debentures, 2 consolidated debentures and other obligations issued by federal land banks and federal intermediate credit banks under the authority of 3 the Federal Farm Loan Act, formerly 12 U.S.C. §§ 636 to 1012, 4 inclusive, and §§ 1021 to 1129, inclusive, and the Farm Credit Act 5 of 1971, 12 U.S.C. §§ 2001 to 2259, inclusive, and bonds, 6 7 debentures, consolidated debentures and other obligations issued by 8 banks for cooperatives under the authority of the Farm Credit Act of 9 1933, formerly 12 U.S.C. §§ 1131 to 1138e, inclusive, and the Farm 10 Credit Act of 1971, 12 U.S.C. §§ 2001 to 2259, inclusive.

(c) Bills and notes of the United States Treasury, the maturity 11 date of which is not more than 10 years after the date of purchase. 12

13 (d) Obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United 14 States of America or a corporation sponsored by the government, 15 the maturity date of which is not more than 10 years after the date of purchase. 16

(e) Negotiable certificates of deposit issued by commercial 17 18 banks, insured credit unions or savings and loan associations.

19 (f) Securities which have been expressly authorized as 20 investments for local governments for agencies, as defined in NRS 21 <del>354.474,]</del> by any provision of Nevada Revised Statutes or by any 22 special law.

(g) Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit issued by insured 23 24 commercial banks, insured credit unions or insured savings and loan 25 associations, except certificates that are not within the limits of insurance provided by an instrumentality of the United States, 26 27 unless those certificates are collateralized in the same manner as is 28 required for uninsured deposits by a county treasurer pursuant to 29 NRS 356.133. For the purposes of this paragraph, any reference in 30 NRS 356.133 to a "county treasurer" or "board of county 31 commissioners" shall be deemed to refer to the appropriate financial officer or governing body of the **[county, school district or city]** 32 33 *local government* purchasing the certificates.

34 (h) Subject to the limitations contained in NRS 355.177, negotiable notes or medium-term obligations issued by local 35 governments of the State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 350.087 to 36 37 350.095, inclusive.

38 (i) Bankers' acceptances of the kind and maturities made 39 eligible by law for rediscount with Federal Reserve Banks, and 40 generally accepted by banks or trust companies which are members 41 of the Federal Reserve System. Eligible bankers' acceptances may 42 not exceed 180 days' maturity. Purchases of bankers' acceptances 43 may not exceed 20 percent of the money available to a local 44 government for investment as determined on the date of purchase. 45

(j) Obligations of state and local governments if:



1 (1) The interest on the obligation is exempt from gross 2 income for federal income tax purposes; and

(2) The obligation has been rated "A" or higher by one or 3 more nationally recognized bond credit rating agencies. 4

(k) Commercial paper issued by a corporation organized and 5 operating in the United States or by a depository institution licensed 6 7 by the United States or any state and operating in the United States 8 that: 9

(1) Is purchased from a registered broker-dealer;

10 (2) At the time of purchase has a remaining term to maturity of no more than 270 days; and 11

(3) Is rated by a nationally recognized rating service as 12 "A-1," "P-1" or its equivalent, or better, 13

except that investments pursuant to this paragraph may not, in 14 aggregate value, exceed 20 percent of the total portfolio as 15 determined on the date of purchase, and if the rating of an obligation 16 is reduced to a level that does not meet the requirements of this 17 paragraph, it must be sold as soon as possible. 18

19 (1) Money market mutual funds which:

20 (1) Are registered with the Securities and Exchange 21 Commission:

(2) Are rated by a nationally recognized rating service as 22 "AAA" or its equivalent; and 23

(3) Invest only in: 24

(I) Securities issued by the Federal Government or 25 agencies of the Federal Government; 26

27 (II) Master notes, bank notes or other short-term 28 commercial paper rated by a nationally recognized rating service as "A-1," "P-1" or its equivalent, or better, issued by a corporation 29 30 organized and operating in the United States or by a depository 31 institution licensed by the United States or any state and operating in the United States; or 32

33 (III) Repurchase agreements that are fully collateralized by the obligations described in sub-subparagraphs (I) and (II). 34

(m) Obligations of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage 35 Corporation. 36

37 Repurchase agreements are proper and lawful investments of money of a **[board of county commissioners**, a board of trustees of a 38 county school district or a] governing body of [an incorporated city] 39 40 a local government for the purchase or sale of securities which are 41 negotiable and of the types listed in subsection 1 if made in 42 accordance with the following conditions:

43 (a) The <del>[board of county commissioners, the board of trustees of</del> 44 the school district or the] governing body of the [city] local



*government* shall designate in advance and thereafter maintain a list
 of qualified counterparties which:

3 (1) Regularly provide audited and, if available, unaudited 4 financial statements;

5 (2) The [board of county commissioners, the board of 6 trustees of the school district or the] governing body of the [city] 7 *local government* has determined to have adequate capitalization 8 and earnings and appropriate assets to be highly creditworthy; and

9 (3) Have executed a written master repurchase agreement in 10 a form satisfactory to the **[board of county commissioners, the board** of trustees of the school district or the] governing body of the [city] 11 *local government* pursuant to which all repurchase agreements are 12 13 entered into. The master repurchase agreement must require the 14 prompt delivery to the [board of county commissioners, the board of trustees of the school district or the] governing body of the [city] 15 *local government* and the appointed custodian of written 16 confirmations of all transactions conducted thereunder, and must be 17 developed giving consideration to the Federal Bankruptcy Act. 18

(b) In all repurchase agreements:

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20 (1) At or before the time money to pay the purchase price is 21 transferred, title to the purchased securities must be recorded in the 22 name of the appointed custodian, or the purchased securities must be 23 delivered with all appropriate, executed transfer instruments by 24 physical delivery to the custodian;

(2) The [board of county commissioners, the board of
trustees of the school district or the] governing body of the [city] *local government* must enter a written contract with the custodian
appointed pursuant to subparagraph (1) which requires the custodian
to:

30 (I) Disburse cash for repurchase agreements only upon 31 receipt of the underlying securities;

(II) Notify the [board of county commissioners, the board
 of trustees of the school district or the] governing body of the [city]
 *local government* when the securities are marked to the market if
 the required margin on the agreement is not maintained;

36 (III) Hold the securities separate from the assets of the 37 custodian; and

(IV) Report periodically to the [board of county
commissioners, the board of trustees of the school district or the]
governing body of the [eity] local government concerning the
market value of the securities;

42 (3) The market value of the purchased securities must exceed 43 102 percent of the repurchase price to be paid by the counterparty 44 and the value of the purchased securities must be marked to the 45 market weekly;



(4) The date on which the securities are to be repurchased must not be more than 90 days after the date of purchase; and

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3 (5) The purchased securities must not have a term to maturity 4 at the time of purchase in excess of 10 years.

3. The securities described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of 5 subsection 1 and the repurchase agreements described in subsection 6 7 2 may be purchased when, in the opinion of the board of county 8 commissioners, the board of trustees of a county school district or 9 the] governing body of the [city,] local government, there is 10 sufficient money in any fund of the *[county, the school district or* **<u>city</u>** *local government* to purchase those securities and the purchase 11 will not result in the impairment of the fund for the purposes for 12 13 which it was created.

14 4. When the **[board of county commissioners**, the board of trustees of a county school district or the] governing body of the 15 **[city]** local government has determined that there is available 16 money in any fund or funds for the purchase of bonds as set out in 17 subsection 1 or 2, those purchases may be made and the bonds paid 18 19 for out of any one or more of the funds, but the bonds must be 20 credited to the funds in the amounts purchased, and the money 21 received from the redemption of the bonds, as and when redeemed, 22 must go back into the fund or funds from which the purchase money 23 was taken originally.

5. Any interest earned on money invested pursuant to subsection 3, may, at the discretion of the [board of county commissioners, the board of trustees of a county school district or the] governing body of the [city,] *local government*, be credited to the fund from which the principal was taken or to the general fund of the [county, school district or incorporated city.] *local government*.

6. The [board of county commissioners, the board of trustees of 31 32 a county school district or the] governing body of [an incorporated] eity] a local government may invest any money apportioned into 33 funds and not invested pursuant to subsection 3 and any money not 34 35 apportioned into funds in bills and notes of the United States Treasury, the maturity date of which is not more than 1 year after 36 37 the date of investment. These investments must be considered as 38 cash for accounting purposes, and all the interest earned on them must be credited to the general fund of the **county**, school district or 39 40 incorporated city.] local government.

7. This section does not authorize the investment of money
administered pursuant to a contract, debenture agreement or grant in
a manner not authorized by the terms of the contract, agreement or
grant.

45 8. As used in this section:



(a) "Counterparty" means a bank organized and operating or 1 2 licensed to operate in the United States pursuant to federal or state law or a securities dealer which is: 3

(1) A registered broker-dealer;

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5 (2) Designated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as a "primary" dealer in United States government securities; and 6

7 (3) In full compliance with all applicable capital 8 requirements.

9 (b) "Local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in 10 NRS 354.474.

(c) "Repurchase agreement" means a purchase of securities by 11 a board of county commissioners, the board of trustees of a county 12 13 school district or the governing body of [an incorporated city] a 14 *local government* from a counterparty which commits to repurchase those securities or securities of the same issuer, description, issue 15 date and maturity on or before a specified date for a specified price. 16 17

**Sec. 2.** NRS 355.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

355.175 1. The governing body of any local government or 18 19 agency, whether or not it is included in the provisions of chapter 354 20 of NRS, may:

21 (a) Direct its treasurer or other appropriate officer to invest its 22 money or any part thereof in any investment which is lawful for a [county, a school district or incorporated city] local government 23 pursuant to NRS 355.170; or 24

(b) Allow a county treasurer to make such investments through a 25 26 pool as provided in NRS 355.168.

27 2. In case of conflict, any order made pursuant to paragraph (a) 28 of subsection 1 takes precedence over any other order concerning the same money or funds pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 355.170. 29

30 3. Any interest earned from investments made pursuant to this 31 section must be credited, at the discretion of the local governing unit, to any fund under its control, but the designation of the fund 32 33 must be made at the time of investment of the principal.

Sec. 3. Chapter 356 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 34 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 to 13, inclusive, of this 35 36 act.

Sec. 4. As used in sections 4 to 13, inclusive, of this act, 37 38 unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 5 to 8, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed 39 40 to them in those sections.

41 Sec. 5. "Depository" means an insured state or national 42 bank, insured savings and loan association, or insured credit 43 union in this state in which public money is held on deposit. The 44 term does not include a third-party depository.



1 Sec. 6. "Local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in 2 NRS 354.474.

3 Sec. 7. "Public money" means money deposited with a 4 depository by the State or a local government.

5 Sec. 8. "Third-party depository" means a trust company or 6 trust department of a state, national or federal reserve district 7 bank which is authorized to hold securities on behalf of a 8 depository for the benefit of the State Treasurer.

9 Sec. 9. The State Treasurer shall establish a program for the 10 monitoring of collateral maintained by depositories.

11 Sec. 10. 1. The program established pursuant to section 9 12 of this act must provide that:

(a) Each depository is required to maintain as collateral
acceptable securities having a fair market value that is at least 102
percent of the amount of the uninsured balances of the public
money held by the depository;

17 (b) A depository may satisfy the requirement set forth in 18 paragraph (a) by arranging for a third-party depository to hold 19 securities on behalf of the depository for the benefit of the State 20 Treasurer;

(c) No depository may, at any one time, hold public money in
 an amount exceeding the total equity of the depository, as reflected
 on the financial statement of the depository;

24 (d) Each depository is required to submit to the State 25 Treasurer, in the form and manner prescribed by the State 26 Treasurer, the following reports:

27 (1) A daily report of the total amount of public money held
28 by the depository;

29 (2) A weekly summary report of the total fair market value 30 of securities held by a third-party depository on behalf of the 31 depository;

32 (3) A monthly report setting forth a list of acceptable 33 securities, including, without limitation, the fair market value of 34 those securities, held by the depository or held by any third-party 35 depository on behalf of the depository; and

36 (4) A current annual report containing the financial 37 statement of the depository; and

(e) The State Treasurer may impose an administrative fine not
 to exceed:

40 (1) One hundred dollars per day against a depository that 41 fails to submit in a timely manner a report described in paragraph 42 (d); and

43 (2) Two hundred fifty dollars per day against a depository 44 that fails to maintain collateral as described in paragraph (a).



1 2. As used in this section, "acceptable securities" means the 2 securities described in:

(a) Subsection 1 of NRS 356.020; and

(b) Subsection 1 of NRS 356.133.

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5 **Sec. 11.** 1. Once each fiscal year the State Treasurer shall 6 levy a pro rata assessment against each depository that held public 7 money at any time during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

8 2. The amount of the assessment levied pursuant to 9 subsection 1 must be based on the average weekly deposits of 10 public money held by a depository.

11 3. The State Treasurer shall provide to each depository a 12 notice setting forth:

(a) The amount of the assessment levied against the depository
 pursuant to subsection 1; and

15 (b) The provisions of section 12 of this act.

16 Sec. 12. 1. A depository shall, within 45 days after the date 17 on which the depository received the notice provided pursuant to 18 subsection 3 of section 11 of this act, remit to the State Treasurer 19 the amount of the assessment levied against the depository.

20 2. The State Treasurer may impose an administrative fine not 21 exceeding \$500 per day against a depository that fails to comply 22 with the provisions of subsection 1.

Sec. 13. The State Treasurer shall adopt such regulations as
he determines are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections
4 to 13, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 14.** NRS 356.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

356.020 1. All money deposited by the State Treasurer which
is not within the limits of insurance provided by an instrumentality
of the United States must be secured by collateral composed of the
following types of securities:

(a) United States treasury notes, bills, bonds or obligations as to
which the full faith and credit of the United States are pledged for
the payment of principal and interest, including the guaranteed
portions of Small Business Administration loans if the full faith and
credit of the United States is pledged for the payment of the
principal and interest;

(b) Bonds of this state;

(c) Bonds of any county, municipality or school district withinthis state;

40 (d) Promissory notes secured by first mortgages or first deeds of 41 trust which meet the requirements of NRS 356.025;

42 (e) Mortgage-backed pass-through securities guaranteed by the 43 Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan 44 Mortgage Corporation on the Covernment National Mortgage

44 Mortgage Corporation or the Government National Mortgage45 Association;



(f) Collateralized mortgage obligations or real estate mortgage
 investment conduits that are rated "AAA," "Aaa" or its equivalent
 by a nationally recognized rating service; [or]

4 (g) Instruments in which the State is permitted by NRS 355.140 5 to invest [-]; or

6 (h) Irrevocable letters of credit from any Federal Home Loan
7 Bank with the State Treasurer named as the beneficiary.

8 2. Collateral deposited by the depository bank, credit union or 9 savings and loan association must be pledged with the State 10 Treasurer or with any Federal Home Loan Bank, any bank or any 11 insured credit union or savings and loan association, other than the 12 depository bank, credit union or savings and loan association, which 13 will accept the securities in trust for the purposes of this section.

3. The fair market value of the deposit of securities as 14 15 collateral by each depository bank, credit union or savings and loan association must be at least the amount for the State Treasurer's 16 deposit with the depository bank, credit union or association.] 17 required pursuant to sections 4 to 13, inclusive, of this act. The fair 18 19 market value of any collateral consisting of promissory notes with 20 first mortgages or first deeds of trust shall be deemed to be 75 21 percent of the unpaid principal of the notes.

4. All securities to be used as such collateral are subject to review by the State Treasurer . [and the State Board of Finance.] The depository bank, credit union or savings and loan association shall submit [monthly] reports to the State Treasurer [showing the securities which constitute the collateral and their fair market value.] *as required pursuant to sections 4 to 13, inclusive, of this act.* 

5. The State Treasurer [or the State Board of Finance] may, from time to time, require the deposit of additional securities as collateral if, in their judgment, the additional securities are necessary to secure the State Treasurer's deposit.

32 Sec. 15. NRS 356.133 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 356.133 1. All money deposited by a county treasurer that is
 34 not within the limits of insurance provided by an instrumentality of
 35 the United States must be secured by collateral composed of the
 36 following types of securities:

(a) United States treasury notes, bills, bonds or obligations as to
which the full faith and credit of the United States are pledged for
the payment of principal and interest, including the guaranteed
portions of Small Business Administration loans if the full faith and
credit of the United States is pledged for the payment of the
principal and interest;

43 (b) Bonds of this state;

44 (c) Bonds of a county, municipality or school district within this 45 state;



(d) Mortgage-backed pass-through securities guaranteed by the
 Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan
 Mortgage Corporation or the Government National Mortgage
 Association; [or]

5 (e) Instruments in which the county is authorized by NRS 6 355.170 to invest [.]; or

7 (f) Irrevocable letters of credit from any Federal Home Loan
8 Bank with the State Treasurer named as the beneficiary.

9 2. Collateral deposited by the depository bank, credit union or 10 savings and loan association must be pledged with the county 11 treasurer or with a Federal Home Loan Bank, or any insured bank, 12 insured credit union or insured savings and loan association, other 13 than the depository bank, credit union or savings and loan 14 association, which will accept the securities in trust for the purposes 15 of this section.

16 3. The fair market value of the deposit of securities as 17 collateral by each depository bank, credit union or savings and loan 18 association must be at least [102 percent of] the amount [of the 19 county treasurer's deposit with the depository bank, credit union or 20 association.] required pursuant to sections 4 to 13, inclusive, of 21 this act.

22 4. All securities to be used as such collateral are subject to review by the county treasurer and the board of county 23 commissioners. The depository bank, credit union or savings and 24 loan association shall submit [monthly] reports to the [county] 25 26 treasurer showing the securities which constitute the collateral and 27 their fair market value.] State Treasurer as required pursuant to 28 sections 4 to 13, inclusive, of this act. The State Treasurer will 29 provide periodic reports to the county treasurer showing the 30 securities which constitute the collateral and their fair market 31 value.

5. The county treasurer or the board of county commissioners may, from time to time, require the deposit of additional securities as collateral if, in their judgment, the additional securities are necessary to secure the county treasurer's deposit.

**Sec. 16.** NRS 349.950 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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37 349.950 1. The Director may, to pay the cost of any water 38 project, borrow money or otherwise become obligated, and may 39 provide evidence of those obligations by issuing, except as 40 otherwise provided in this subsection, state securities or revenue 41 bonds. If the obligor is not a governmental entity, the Director shall 42 issue only revenue bonds to fulfill the obligation.

43 2. [State] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
 44 state obligations may be outstanding pursuant to this section in an
 45 aggregate principal amount of not more than \$200,000,000. No state



obligations, other than refunding obligations, may be issued 1 pursuant to this section after July 1, 2003. 2

3. State securities must be payable from taxes and may be 3 additionally secured by all or any designated revenues from one or 4 5 more water projects. Any governmental entity statutorily authorized to levy taxes for the payment of bonded indebtedness may use the 6 7 proceeds of those taxes to pay the principal of, interest on and 8 redemption premiums due in connection with state securities issued 9 pursuant to this section. Any such state securities may be issued 10 without an election or other preliminaries. No state securities may be issued to refund any municipal securities issued to finance a 11 water project before July 1, 1987. 12

13 4. Provisions of NRS 349.150 to 349.364, inclusive, which are 14 not inconsistent with the provisions of NRS 349.935 to 349.961, inclusive, apply to the issuance of state securities under this section. 15 Provisions of NRS 349.400 to 349.670, inclusive, which are not 16 inconsistent with the provisions of NRS 349.935 to 349.961, 17 inclusive, apply to the issuance of revenue bonds under this section. 18

19 5. The Legislature finds and declares that the issuance of state 20 securities pursuant to NRS 349.935 to 349.961, inclusive, is necessary for the protection and preservation of the natural 21 22 resources of this state and for the purpose of obtaining the benefits 23 thereof, and constitutes an exercise of the authority conferred by the 24 second paragraph of Section 3 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the 25 State of Nevada.

26 Sec. 17. Section 2 of chapter 478, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as 27 amended by chapter 785, Statutes of Nevada 1989, at page 1866, is 28 hereby amended to read as follows: 29

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1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, after any of the agreements described in section 1 of this act have been entered into, the state board of examiners shall issue general obligation bonds of the State of Nevada to provide the money necessary to pay the state's share of costs associated with projects authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act for the conservation, distribution and acquisition of water associated with the Truckee River, the Carson River, the Lahontan Valley Wetlands and the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project, but not more than \$8,000,000 in face amount. The bonds may be issued at one time or from time to time.

2. No bonds, other than refunding bonds, may be issued pursuant to this section after July 1, 2003.



**Sec. 18.** Section 4 of chapter 78, Statutes of Nevada 1993, at page 124, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 4. 1. Subject to the limitations as to the maximum principal amount in section 2 of this act, the commission may in accordance with the provisions of the State Securities Law issue revenue bonds and other securities constituting special obligations and payable from net pledged revenues, to defray the cost of the system, or any part thereof, at any time or from time to time after the adoption of this act, but not later than [15 years after the effective date thereof, as the commission deems appropriate.] July 1, 2003.

2. This act does not prevent the commission from funding, refunding or reissuing any outstanding state securities issued by the commission or the former division of Colorado River resources at any time as provided in the State Securities Law.

3. Subject to contractual obligations, the net revenues pledged for the payment of state securities by the commission may be derived from contractual commitments of the Federal Government, of those customers of the commission or of others utilizing the system to repay the commission's cost of retiring the state securities, including interest thereon, as the commission may determine.

Sec. 19. Chapter 627, Statutes of Nevada 1995, at page 2379,
is hereby amended to read a follows:
Section 1. *I*. The department of information services

Section 1. 1. The department of information services may enter into contracts for the purchase of equipment to upgrade the mainframe of the computer. [The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the contracts may include installment purchase agreements for the equipment which constitute a total debt of the State of Nevada in an amount determined by the state board of examiners not exceeding \$5,000,000. Money for the payment of the debt incurred pursuant to this section will be provided for in the annual tax imposed for the payment of the obligations of the State of Nevada from the consolidated bond interest and redemption fund or by other legislative act. The provisions of NRS 349.238 to 349.248, inclusive, apply to payment of the debt. Interest on the debt must be paid at least semiannually and the principal must be paid within 20 years after the date of passage of this act.

2. No installment purchase agreement authorized pursuant to subsection 1 may be entered into after July 1,



2003, other than an installment purchase agreement entered into for the purpose of refunding outstanding obligations.

**Sec. 20.** Section 4 of chapter 656, Statutes of Nevada 1995, at page 2530, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 4. 1. The director of the department of prisons shall, to the extent of legislative appropriations and authorizations, enter into a contract in accordance with the provisions of chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1991, at page 1893, for the construction and operation of a new correctional facility for women in southern Nevada. [The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the contract may include an assignable lease or installment purchase agreement for the facility which constitutes a debt of the State of Nevada in an amount determined by the state board of examiners not exceeding \$44,000,000. Money for the payment of the debt incurred pursuant to this section will be provided for in the annual tax imposed for the payment of the obligations of the State of Nevada from the consolidated bond interest and redemption fund or by other legislative act. The provisions of NRS 349.238 to 349.248, inclusive, apply to payment of the debt. Interest on the debt must be paid at least semiannually and the principal must be paid within 20 years after the date of passage of this act.

2. No lease or installment purchase agreement authorized pursuant to subsection 1 may be entered into after July 1, 2003, other than a lease or installment purchase agreement entered into for the purpose of refunding outstanding obligations.

**3.** Except for debt incurred as provided in subsection 1, all payments of money required by the contract authorized by subsection 1 must be subject to biennial appropriation by the legislature and must not be due and payable unless an appropriation is made.

34 **Sec. 21.** Section 7 of chapter 563, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at 35 page 2738, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. 1. The director may, to the extent of legislative appropriations and authorizations, enter into a single contract to finance, acquire and construct the facility. The contract may include a provision that requires the contractor to provide correctional services for the facility. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit the department or any other state agency from providing correctional services for the facility.

2. [The] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the contract may include an assignable lease or



installment purchase agreement for the facility. The lease or agreement constitutes a debt of the State of Nevada in an amount determined by the state board of examiners not exceeding \$20,000,000. No lease or installment purchase agreement authorized pursuant to this subsection may be entered into after July 1, 2003, other than a lease or installment purchase agreement entered into for the purpose of refunding outstanding obligations.

3. Money for the payment of the debt incurred pursuant to this section will be provided for in the annual tax imposed for the payment of the obligations of the State of Nevada from the consolidated bond interest and redemption fund or by other legislative act. The provisions of NRS 349.238 to 349.248, inclusive, apply to the payment of the debt. Any interest on the debt must be paid at least semiannually and the principal must be paid within 20 years after the date the contract is approved by the state board of examiners.

4. Except for debt incurred as provided in subsection 1, all payments of money required by the contract authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 must be subject to biennial appropriation by the legislature and must not be due and payable unless an appropriation is made.

5. The department may request that proposals for correctional services be submitted and must specify the requirements for the proposal.

6. A proposal submitted to the department must:

(a) Meet the requirements specified in the request; and

(b) Set a fixed price for the services offered.

7. The contract to finance, acquire and construct the facility is exempt from the provisions relating to bids set forth in NRS 341.145 to 341.151, inclusive.

32 Sec. 22. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

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