Amendment No. 872

Senate Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 64 First Reprint	(BDR 23-1079)
Proposed by: Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	
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Amend sec. 2, page 3, lines 9 and 10, by deleting:	
"entitled to receive [annual compensation of \$6,000 or more] compensation other than travel and	
per diem expenses for serving" and inserting:	
"entitled to receive annual compensation of \$6,000 or more for serving".	
Amend the title of the bill, by deleting the fourth through eighth lines and inserting:	
"exempting a person".	

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A.B. No. 64—Revises provisions relating to ethics in government.

If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative

Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires each appointed public officer whose annual compensation is \$6,000 or more, each candidate for public office whose annual compensation will be \$6,000 or more and each elected public officer, regardless of the amount of his annual compensations to file a financial disclosure statement. (NRS 281.559, 281.561) Existing law requires that a conservation district be governed by five supervisors who are elected and one or two supervisors who are appointed by the governing bodies in the district. (NRS 548.280) A person who serves as a supervisor is not compensated for his services. (NRS 548.310)

This bill exempts any elected supervisor of a conservation district from the requirement to file a financial disclosure statement with the Secretary of State, and provides that such a supervisor must not be fined or assessed a civil penalty for failing to file such a statement. This bill does not address appointed supervisors of a conservation district because, since they do not receive any compensation, they are already exempt from the requirement of filing a financial disclosure statement pursuant to NRS 281.559. The exemption of an elected supervisor of a conservation district from the requirement to file a financial disclosure statement with the Secretary of State applies retroactively to January 1, 2004, and any civil penalty against an elected supervisor of a conservation district pending on the effective date of the bill is declared void.

Existing law provides that if the Commission Counsel of the Commission on Ethics is prohibited from acting on a particular matter pursuant to NRS 281.501, the Commission Counsel is required to

disclose the reasons for the prohibition to the Chairman of the Commission, and the Attorney General is required to appoint a deputy to act in the place of the Commission Counsel for that particular matter. (NRS 281.4645)

This bill deletes the reference to NRS 281.501 and provides instead that if the Commission Counsel is prohibited from acting on a particular matter or is otherwise unable to act on a particular matter, the Commission on Ethics may: (1) request that the Attorney General appoint a deputy to act in the place of the Commission Counsel; or (2) employ outside legal counsel.