

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 409—ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMAS

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Revenue

SUMMARY—Creates the Juneteenth Educational and Economic Commission. (BDR 18-982)

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 cultural affairs; creating and setting forth the duties of the Juneteenth Educational and Economic Commission; creating the Juneteenth Educational and Economic Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs whose  
2 duties include, without limitation, the oversight of plans for tourism, publications  
3 and cultural affairs. (NRS 231.167, 231.220) **Section 7** of this bill creates the  
4 Juneteenth Education and Economic Commission within the Department of  
5 Tourism and Cultural Affairs and provides that the membership of the Commission  
6 consists of: (1) three members, each of whom is from the African American studies  
7 department or similar cultural studies program at the Nevada State College, the  
8 University of Nevada, Las Vegas or the University of Nevada, Reno; (2) one  
9 representative of Juneteenth Nevada, or a similar nonprofit organization in this  
10 State whose mission is focused on Juneteenth education, unity and diversity; (3)  
11 one member who represents a professional association representing African-  
12 American businesses; (4) one member who represents an African American cultural  
13 awareness advocacy group; (5) one member who represents an educational  
14 advocacy group with a statewide presence; and (6) one member who represents a  
15 cultural history organization in this State. **Section 7** of this bill requires the  
16 Department to provide administrative support to the Commission.

17 **Section 8** of this bill sets forth the duties of the Commission, which are to: (1)  
18 create and distribute written, electronic or printed materials to educate the public on  
19 the history and meaning of Juneteenth Day in the State of Nevada and the United  
20 States; (2) develop strategies with businesses, nonprofit organizations and  
21 community groups to support education on the significance of Juneteenth Day; (3)  
22 support the efforts of businesses, community groups and local governments to  
23 establish events and programs relating to Juneteenth Day throughout the State; and  
24 (4) support programs in the arts to celebrate Juneteenth Day.



25 **Section 9** of this bill creates the Juneteenth Education and Economic Fund for  
26 the support of the Commission.  
27 **Sections 3-6** of this bill define certain terms.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act, unless*  
5 *the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in*  
6 *sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to*  
7 *them in those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Commission” means the Juneteenth Educational*  
9 *and Economic Commission created by section 7 of this act.*

10 **Sec. 4.** *“Department” means the Department of Tourism and*  
11 *Cultural Affairs.*

12 **Sec. 5.** *“Director” means the Director of the Department.*

13 **Sec. 6.** *“Fund” means the Juneteenth Educational and*  
14 *Economic Fund created by section 9 of this act.*

15 **Sec. 7. 1.** *The Juneteenth Educational and Economic*  
16 *Commission is hereby created within the Department.*

17 **2.** *The Juneteenth Educational and Economic Commission is*  
18 *composed of:*

19 *(a) Eight voting members appointed by the Governor based on*  
20 *recommendations from the Director, as follows:*

21 *(1) One member from the African American studies*  
22 *department or similar cultural studies program at the University of*  
23 *Nevada, Las Vegas;*

24 *(2) One member from the African American studies*  
25 *department or similar cultural studies program at the University of*  
26 *Nevada, Reno;*

27 *(3) One member from the African American studies*  
28 *department or similar cultural studies program at the Nevada*  
29 *State College;*

30 *(4) One representative of Juneteenth Nevada or any*  
31 *successor nonprofit organization in this State whose mission is*  
32 *focused on Juneteenth Day education, unity and diversity;*

33 *(5) One member who represents a professional association*  
34 *representing African-American businesses;*

35 *(6) One member who represents an African American*  
36 *cultural awareness advocacy group;*

37 *(7) One member who represents an educational advocacy*  
38 *group with a statewide presence; and*



1           (8) *One member who represents a cultural history*  
2 *organization in this State.*

3           (b) *The following ex officio, nonvoting members:*

4           (1) *A representative of the Nevada Arts Council; and*

5           (2) *A representative of the Division Museums and History.*

6           3. *The term of each voting member of the Commission is 4*  
7 *years. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 4*  
8 *years. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the*  
9 *Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original*  
10 *appointment.*

11           4. *The Commission shall meet once each calendar quarter. At*  
12 *the first regular meeting of each year, the members of the*  
13 *Commission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair by majority vote*  
14 *who shall serve until the next Chair and Vice Chair is elected.*

15           5. *A majority of members of the Commission constitutes a*  
16 *quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those*  
17 *members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official*  
18 *action taken by the Commission.*

19           6. *While engaged in the business of the Commission, each*  
20 *member is entitled to receive:*

21           (a) *A salary of \$80 per day for each day's attendance at each*  
22 *meeting of the Commission; and*

23           (b) *The per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for*  
24 *state officers and employees generally.*

25           7. *The Department shall provide administrative support to the*  
26 *Commission as necessary for the Commission to carry out its*  
27 *duties.*

28           **Sec. 8. 1. The Commission shall:**

29           (a) *Create and distribute written, electronic or printed*  
30 *materials to educate the public on the history and meaning of*  
31 *Juneteenth Day in the State of Nevada and the United States;*

32           (b) *Develop strategies with businesses, nonprofit organizations*  
33 *and community groups to support education in this State on the*  
34 *significance of Juneteenth Day;*

35           (c) *Support the efforts of businesses, community groups and*  
36 *local governments to establish events and programs relating to*  
37 *Juneteenth Day throughout the State; and*

38           (d) *Support programs in the arts to celebrate Juneteenth Day.*

39           2. *On or before July 1 of each year, the Commission shall*  
40 *submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel*  
41 *Bureau for submission to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is*  
42 *not in session, the Legislative Commission. The report must*  
43 *include, without limitation, a summary of the work of the*  
44 *Commission during the past fiscal year and any recommendations*



1 *for legislation to improve awareness of Juneteenth Day and*  
2 *African American history in this State.*

3 **Sec. 9. 1.** *There is hereby created the Juneteenth*  
4 *Educational and Economic Fund in the State Treasury, to be*  
5 *administered by the Director, for the support of the Commission.*

6 **2.** *Any interest earned on money in the Fund must be credited*  
7 *to the Fund.*

8 **3.** *Money that remains in the Fund at the end of a fiscal year*  
9 *does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the*  
10 *Fund must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*

11 **4.** *The Director may accept gifts, bequests, grants,*  
12 *appropriations and donations from any source for deposit in the*  
13 *Fund.*

14 **Sec. 10.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
15 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
16 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

17 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective upon passage and  
18 approval.

