

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to general improvement districts. (BDR 25-1047)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State: No.

AN ACT relating to general improvement districts; increasing the compensation of the board of trustees of certain general improvement districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes, under certain circumstances, the creation of a general improvement district to provide certain governmental services and facilities to the residents of the district. (NRS 318.116) Existing law further sets forth the maximum compensation of a member of a board of a district. (NRS 318.085) Existing law authorizes, with certain exceptions, the board of a district with basic powers relating to storm drainage facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, refuse collection and disposal facilities and water facilities, or any combination of such facilities, to compel all owners of inhabited property in the district to use the district’s system for the collection and disposal of sewage, garbage and other refuse by connection with the district’s sewer system or otherwise. (NRS 318.170) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes each member of a board of such a district to receive as compensation not more than \$14,500 per year if the district provides service to at least 5,000 connections.



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

Section 1. NRS 318.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

318.085 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 318.0953 and 318.09533:

1. After taking oaths and filing bonds, the board shall choose one of its members as chair of the board and president of the district, and shall elect a secretary and a treasurer of the board and of the district, who may or may not be members of the board. The secretary and the treasurer may be one person.
2. The board shall adopt a seal.
3. The secretary shall keep audio recordings or transcripts of all meetings and, in a well-bound book, a record of all of the board's proceedings, minutes of all meetings, any certificates, contracts, bonds given by employees and all corporate acts. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 241.035, the book, audio recordings, transcripts and records must be open to inspection of all owners of real property in the district as well as to all other interested persons. A copy of the minutes or audio recordings must be made available to a member of the public upon request at no charge pursuant to NRS 241.035.
4. The treasurer shall keep strict and accurate accounts of all money received by and disbursed for and on behalf of the district in permanent records. The treasurer shall file with the county clerk,



at the expense of the district, a corporate surety bond in an amount not more than \$50,000, the form and exact amount thereof to be approved and determined, respectively, by the board of county commissioners, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office. Any other officer or trustee who actually receives or disburses money of the district shall furnish a bond as provided in this subsection. The board of county commissioners may, upon good cause shown, increase or decrease the amount of that bond.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each member of a board of trustees of a district organized or reorganized pursuant to this chapter may receive as compensation for his or her service not more than \$6,000 per year. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each* member of a board of trustees of a district that is organized or reorganized pursuant to this chapter and which is granted the powers set forth in NRS 318.140, 318.142 and 318.144 may receive as compensation for his or her service not more than \$9,000 per year. *Each member of a board of trustees of a district may receive as compensation for his or her service not more than \$14,500 per year if:*

(a) Pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 318.170, the district has compelled owners of inhabited property in the district to use the district's system for the collection and disposal of sewage, garbage and other refuse by connection to the district's sewer system; and

(b) The district's sewer system has at least 5,000 connections.

6. The compensation of the members of a board is payable monthly, if the budget is adequate and a majority of the members of the board vote in favor of such compensation, but no member of the board may receive any other compensation for his or her service to the district as an employee



or otherwise. Each member of the board must receive the same amount of compensation. If a majority of the members of the board vote in favor of an increase in the compensation of the trustees, the increase may not become effective until January 1 of the calendar year immediately following the next biennial election of the district as set forth in NRS 318.095.

~~6.~~ 7. As used in this section, “compensation” does not include any contribution made to the Public Employees’ Retirement System on behalf of a member of the board of trustees.

Sec. 2. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

