

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 249—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to fiscal notes. (BDR 17-932)

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 fiscal notes; revising the information concerning fiscal effect that must be included in the summary of each bill or joint resolution introduced in the Legislature; revising provisions relating to the preparation of fiscal notes relating to petitions for initiative or referendum; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires the summary of a bill or joint resolution introduced in the
- 2 Legislature to include certain statements relating to the fiscal effect on the State and
- 3 local government. (NRS 218D.415) **Section 1** of this bill amends the summary of a
- 4 bill or joint resolution relating to the fiscal effect on the State from “Effect on the
- 5 State: Yes” to “Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.”
- 6 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to consult with the Fiscal Analysis
- 7 Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to determine whether a petition for
- 8 initiative or referendum may have any anticipated financial effect on the State or
- 9 local governments if the initiative or referendum is approved by the voters. If the
- 10 Fiscal Analysis Division determines that the petition may have an anticipated
- 11 financial effect on the State or local governments, the Fiscal Analysis Division is
- 12 required to prepare a fiscal note regarding the petition that includes an explanation
- 13 of any such effect. The Secretary of State is required to post on the Secretary of
- 14 State’s Internet website any fiscal note prepared by the Fiscal Analysis Division not
- 15 later than 10 business days after the Secretary of State receives the petition. (NRS
- 16 295.015) Existing law also authorizes the description of effect of an initiative or
- 17 referendum to be challenged by filing a complaint in the First Judicial District
- 18 Court not later than 15 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after a
- 19 copy of the petition is placed on file with the Secretary of State. (NRS 295.061)
- 20 **Section 2** of this bill revises the deadline for posting the fiscal note prepared by the
- 21 Fiscal Analysis Division on the Internet website of the Secretary of State to be: (1)
- 22 if the description of effect of the petition is challenged in the First Judicial District,



23 not later than 10 business days after the decision of the First Judicial District Court
24 relating to the challenge is issued; or (2) if the description of effect is not
25 challenged in the First Judicial District, not later than 10 business days after the last
26 day to file a challenge.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218D.415 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 218D.415 1. The summary of each bill or joint resolution
4 introduced in the Legislature must include the statement:

5 (a) “Fiscal Note: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal
6 Impact,”

7 “Fiscal Note: Effect on Local Government: No,” or

8 “Fiscal Note: Effect on Local Government: Increases or
9 Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or
10 Detention Facility,”

11 ↪ whichever is appropriate; and

12 (b) “Effect on the State: ~~Yes,~~ *May have Fiscal Impact,*”

13 “Effect on the State: No,”

14 “Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in
15 Executive Budget,”

16 “Effect on the State: Executive Budget,” or

17 “Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in
18 Executive Budget,”

19 ↪ whichever is appropriate.

20 2. The Legislative Counsel shall consult the Fiscal Analysis
21 Division to secure the appropriate information for summaries of
22 bills and joint resolutions.

23 3. If an amendment adds an appropriation to a bill that
24 previously did not include an appropriation or removes all
25 appropriations from a bill that previously included one or more
26 appropriations, the Legislative Counsel shall change the summary of
27 the bill to reflect the inclusion or removal.

28 **Sec. 2.** NRS 295.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 295.015 1. Before a petition for initiative or referendum may
30 be presented to the registered voters for their signatures, the person
31 who intends to circulate the petition must:

32 (a) File a copy of the petition for initiative or referendum,
33 including the description of the effect of the initiative or referendum
34 required pursuant to NRS 295.009, with the Secretary of State.

35 (b) Submit to the Secretary of State on a form prescribed by the
36 Secretary of State:

37 (1) The name and signature of the person.



1 (2) If the person has formed a committee for political action
2 for the purposes of advocating the passage of the initiative or
3 referendum, the name of that committee for political action.

4 (3) The names of not more than three persons who are
5 authorized to withdraw the petition or submit an amended petition.

6 2. If a petition for initiative or referendum or the description of
7 the effect of the initiative or referendum required pursuant to NRS
8 295.009 is amended after the petition is placed on file with the
9 Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1:

10 (a) The revised petition must be placed on file with the Secretary
11 of State before it is presented to the registered voters for their
12 signatures;

13 (b) Any signatures that were collected on the original petition
14 before it was amended are not valid; and

15 (c) The requirements for submission of the petition to each
16 county clerk set forth in NRS 295.056 apply to the revised petition.

17 3. Upon receipt of a petition for initiative or referendum placed
18 on file pursuant to subsection 1 or 2:

19 (a) The Secretary of State shall assign to the petition for
20 initiative or referendum a unique identifier that must:

21 (1) Consist of a serial number or letter, or both; and

22 (2) Distinguish among each different type of petition
23 received.

24 (b) The Secretary of State shall consult with the Fiscal Analysis
25 Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to determine whether
26 the petition for initiative or referendum may have any anticipated
27 financial effect on the State or local governments if the initiative or
28 referendum is approved by the voters. If the Fiscal Analysis
29 Division determines that the petition for initiative or referendum
30 may have an anticipated financial effect on the State or local
31 governments if the initiative or referendum is approved by the
32 voters, the Fiscal Analysis Division must prepare a fiscal note
33 regarding the petition that includes an explanation of any such
34 effect.

35 (c) The Secretary of State shall consult with the Legislative
36 Counsel regarding the petition for initiative or referendum. The
37 Legislative Counsel may provide technical suggestions regarding
38 the petition for initiative or referendum.

39 4. Not later than 10 business days after the Secretary of State
40 receives a petition for initiative or referendum filed pursuant to
41 subsection 1 or 2, the Secretary of State shall post on the Secretary
42 of State's Internet website a copy of the petition, including:

43 (a) The description of the effect of the initiative or referendum
44 required pursuant to NRS 295.009;



1 (b) The unique identifier assigned to the petition by the
2 Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3; *and*

3 (c) ~~[Any fiscal note regarding the petition prepared by the Fiscal
4 Analysis Division pursuant to subsection 3; and-~~

5 ~~—(d)]~~ Any suggestions regarding the petition made by the
6 Legislative Counsel pursuant to subsection 3.

7 ***5. The Secretary of State shall post on the Secretary of State's
8 Internet website any fiscal note regarding a petition prepared by
9 the Fiscal Analysis Division pursuant to subsection 3:***

10 ***(a) If the description of effect of the petition is challenged
11 pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 295.061, not later than 10
12 business days after the decision of the First Judicial District Court
13 relating to the challenge is issued; or***

14 ***(b) If the description of effect is not challenged pursuant to
15 subsection 1 of NRS 295.061, not later than 10 business days after
16 the last day to file a challenge pursuant to subsection 1 of
17 NRS 295.061.***

18 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

