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This issue of Legislative Report contains a summary of amendments to previously reported bills which directly or indirectly will have an impact on our members or be of interest to our members. It does not include industry specific bills. Amendments to Tax and Fee bills were covered in Issue 5-10.

Notes:

On bills with more than one amendment or in 2nd or later Reprint, reporting includes the progressive changes.

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Unless otherwise shown, the effective date of bills reported is July 1, 2015.

To review all bills introduced to date or the BDR list, go to www.leg.state.nv.us and click on "Session Information – 2015".

Newly Reported

AB 175, 2nd Reprint – Taxicab Seatbelts; Transportation Companies – Adds 2/3s Majority Requirement

This bill amends existing law making it a punishable act to not use the seatbelts in taxicabs. By amendment, it also provides for permitting of transportation network companies by the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC is to set requirements for background checks of drivers, vehicle inspections, permit fees, insurance requirements and an annual assessment to be paid by all such companies, among other matters. The assessment amount on gross operating revenue of each company is to cover the Commission's costs for regulation. An excise tax of 3 percent on each total fare will be collected by the Commission. A 3 percent excise fee on each common carrier (taxi, limousine) fare is to be collected by the Transportation Authority. Local governments are prohibited from imposing taxes or fees, certificate or other permit requirements on drivers. The company itself may be required to obtain a business license as applicable to any other business in the jurisdiction. The first \$5 million of these excise taxes is credited to the State Highway Fund and the remainder to the General Fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval October 1, 2015.

SR 7 – Senate Standing Rules for Remainder of 78th Session – Adopted.

Sponsor: Senator Roberson. (BDR R-1275)

Adds a new rule, Rule 22, to the rules originally adopted under SR 1. Rule 22 creates a Senate Parliamentary Procedures Committee. It provides that the majority leader will appoint three members who will consider and recommend changes to the Standing Rules and consider and approve or disapprove proposed amendments to legislative measures and establishes the procedure for submitting amendments to the Rules Committee. SR 7 also changes Rule 31 to allow the President of the Senate to cast a deciding vote on the passage of a bill or joint resolution. Finally, it changes those Rules that require a 2/3s vote to a simple majority.

Business Issues

AB 53, 1st Reprint – Administrative Procedures (Issue 2, page 8)

Amends provisions governing license cases and awarding of costs.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB53_R1.pdf

AB 65, 1st Reprint – Notaries Public (Issue 2, page 8)

Prohibits the Secretary of State from registering a notary public or document preparation service whose license has previously been revoked in any state. Extends course and examination requirements to electronic notaries public.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB65_R1.pdf

AB 129, 1st Reprint – Annuity Payments (Issue 3, page 19)

Replaces all of the original bill language on wage garnishment with provisions governing allowable attachment of annuity payments by creditors in certain circumstances.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB129_R1.pdf

AB 179, 1st Reprint – Personal Information Protection (Issue 5, page 30)

Removes passport number and electronic signatures from the list of specific personal identifiers that must be protected by businesses and narrows the reference to "other information" likely to enhance the opportunity for identity theft. Gives data collectors until July 1, 2016 to comply. The effective date is unchanged from July 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB179_R1.pdf

Business Issues, continued**AB 364, 1st Reprint – State Business Portal (Issue 8, page 58)**

Removes mandatory provisions requiring integration with the Business Portal System and enables government agencies to interact with the business portal at varied levels based on feasibility. Clarifies that the bill does not require a local agency or health district to upgrade its information technology system or incur significant expense to comply. Removes the unfunded mandate.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB364_R1.pdf

SB 24, 1st Reprint – Unemployment Compensation (Issue 2, page 9)

Allows National Guard members called to active service under certain conditions to qualify for unemployment benefits. Shifts responsibility for providing names of workers comp recipients from insurers to the Industrial Relations department and removes authority for the Administrator of the Employment Security Division to charge a fee for comparing lists of workers comp and unemployment recipients.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB24_R1.pdf

SB 108, 1st Reprint – Public Works Threshold (Issue 3, page 19)

Reduces the proposed raise in the public works/prevaling wage threshold to \$500,000 rather than \$1 million from the current \$100,000, and makes the same adjustment in the GOED threshold for awards of contracts to emerging small businesses.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB108_R1.pdf

SB 167, 1st Reprint – Discrimination in Compensation (Issue 5, page 30)

Removes the proposed civil penalty for unlawful employment practices determined as willful. Extends the period for back pay to 3 years from 2 years from the date the complaint is filed.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB167_R1.pdf

SB 193, 1st Reprint – Overtime Calculation (Issue 5, page 31)

Adds a requirement that the minimum wage be increased to \$9.00 per hour for employers that do not offer health insurance to employees.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB193_R1.pdf

SB 224, 1st Reprint – Independent Contractors (Issue 6, page 36)

Replaces the proposed definition of an independent contractor with a set of conclusively presumed conditions. Revises proposed provisions regarding minimum wage claims and removes provisions regarding workers at children's camps.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB224_R1.pdf

SB 231, 2nd Reprint – Workers' Comp (Issue 7, page 44)

Changes provisions regarding controlled substance prescriptions and other covered drugs and amends the time frame for insurers to pay or deny a health claim to 45 days from 30 days. Revises the proposed provisions regarding accidents while the employee is intoxicated.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB231_R2.pdf

SB 232, 1st Reprint – Workers' Comp (Issue 7, page 44)

Amends provisions regarding an employee reopening a claim for a short term disability.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB232_R1.pdf

SB 325, 1st Reprint – State Purchasing (Issue 8, page 58)

Makes the business presence of a bidder a factor of relative weight greater than at least one other factor in evaluating proposals. Proposed language regarding revision of factors to determine the lowest bidder is removed.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB325_R1.pdf

Education: K-12**AB 234, 1st Reprint – Teacher Licensing, Multicultural Training (Issue 6, page 37)**

Moves the multicultural requirements into social studies classes and changes the requirements for teacher multicultural training to the first renewal of teachers initially licensed on or after July 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB234_R1.pdf

AB 394, 1st Reprint – School Districts (Issue 8, page 59)

Replaces the original language with provisions relating only to creation of an advisory and a technical advisory committee to develop a plan for reorganizing the Clark County School District. Outside consultants may be used. The first meeting must be held by August 7, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB394_R1.pdf

K-12, continued**AB 395, 1st Reprint – Charter School Authority (Issue 8, page 59)**

Deletes language making the Charter School Authority and its employees autonomous and moves charter school teachers to unclassified service from classified, serving at the pleasure of the Authority's Director. Removes the three-year term provision of the Director and instead makes the Director's service at the pleasure of the Authority.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB395_R1.pdf

AB 448, 1st Reprint – Achievement School District (Issue 9, page 74)

Makes adjustments to the processes for selection of schools, application for achievement charter school status, selection of governing body members, and use of school district owned buildings.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB448_R1.pdf

SB 19, 1st Reprint – School Board Advisory Questions (Issue 2, page 14)

Limits the number of allowable school board initiated questions on a ballot to one.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB19_R1.pdf

SB 25, 1st Reprint – Education (Issue 2, page 14)

Makes adjustments to the allocation of part-time distance learning funds by the school district. Adds a Nevada PTA representative to the Advisory Council on Parental Involvement. Deletes the proposed provision stating the Superintendent of Public Instruction is responsible for educational programs for children from birth through pre-K.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB25_R1.pdf

SB 211, 1st Reprint – School Hours; Ethnic Studies (Issue 6, page 37)

Deletes language pertaining to school start hours and changes the high school level ethnic studies course to an elective.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB211_R1.pdf

SB 241, 3rd Reprint – School Administrator Collective Bargaining (Issue 7, page 47)

Limits the exclusion of school administrators from collective bargaining to those making over \$120,000 per year. Adds provisions allowing paid leave for certain union activities if the cost is paid or reimbursed, and addressing evergreen clauses, timing of collective bargaining notices, arbitration, at-will employment periods for principals and reappointment intervals for other administrators. Excludes district and justice courts from the definition of "local government employer."

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB241_R3.pdf

SB 302, 1st Reprint – Private School Tuition Grants (Issue 8, page 59)

Replaces Department of Education with State Treasurer in overseeing financial aspects of the program. Allows remaining money in an education savings account after high school to be used for college tuition within 4 years or it reverts to the state. Makes adjustments for special needs children and expands definitions of what non-public school entities qualify as instructors.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB302_R1.pdf

SB 411, 1st Reprint – School Capital Projects (Issue 8, page 60)

Makes changes to the makeup of the Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee that may be established by a school district.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB411_R1.pdf

SB 474, 1st Reprint – Great Teaching and Leading Fund (Issue 9, page 75)

Shifts approval for grant applications from the fund to the State Board of Education. Allows grants to be made for terms of up to 5 years (rather than annual).

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB474_R1.pdf

SB 509, 1st Reprint – Charter Schools (Issue 9, page 75)

Prohibits the Authority from accepting gifts or donations from charter management organizations, committees to form or governing bodies of charter schools. Allows charter management organizations to apply for certain waivers.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB509_R1.pdf

Education: NSHE**AB 111, 1st Reprint – Guinn Scholarship Requirements (Issue 3, page 20)**

Removes the phase-in period to raise the required credit hours for community college students to 9 from 6. The requirement now takes effect July 1, 2015. Deletes language requiring additional required hours.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB111_R1.pdf

NSHE, continued**AB 226, 1st Reprint – Tuition Exemptions (Issue 6, page 37)**

Expands the eligibility to children of “any public employee” killed in the performance of duty.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB226_R1.pdf

SB 128, 1st Reprint – Guinn Scholarship Requirements (Issue 4, page 26)

Removes the phase-in period to raise the required credit hours for community college students to 9 from 6. The requirement now takes effect July 1, 2015. Deletes language requiring additional required hours.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB128_R1.pdf

SB 195, 1st Reprint – Out-of State Tuition; Guinn Scholarship (Issue 5, page 31)

Deletes language relating to out-of-state tuition and community service by Guinn scholarship recipients. Leaves provisions regarding creation of the Office of Western Regional Higher Education Compact in the Governor’s Office.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB195_R1.pdf

Government: Local**AB 19, 1st Reprint – Local Budget Hearings (Issue 2, page 12)**

Changes the specific dates mandated for local government budget hearings to a date between the third Monday in May and the last day of May, as chosen by the local government.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB19_R1.pdf

AB 54, 1st Reprint – Severe Financial Emergencies (Issue 2, page 12)

Further defines duties of the Department of Taxation upon taking over a local government in a severe financial emergency to include opening and renegotiating employment contracts and collective bargaining agreements and negotiating with creditors. Adds authorization for loans from the Severe Financial Emergency Account for general obligations. Clarifies that the Tax Commission is to take remedial action based on recommendations from the Local Government Finance Committee.

NTA Position: Continue to support.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB54_R1.pdf

AB 88, 1st Reprint – Reno City Charter (Issue 2, page 13)

Removes proposed language giving the city’s Charter Committee authorization to request one bill draft.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB88_R1.pdf

AB 116, 1st Reprint – Clark Regional Business Development Council (Issue 2, page 21)

Removes the breakout of expenditures to disadvantaged persons from the reporting requirements for member entities. Adds Assemblywoman Neal as co-sponsor of the bill.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB116_R1.pdf

AB 170, 1st Reprint – General Obligation Bond Use (Issue 5, page 33)

Removes the proposed caps on general obligation bonds for Clark and Washoe Counties. Amends language relating to required public notices. Changes the effective date to October 1, 2015.

NTA Position: Opposition removed.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB170_R1.pdf

AB 182, 1st Reprint – Collective Bargaining (Issue 5, page 33)

Adds an appropriation of \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board to hire a Deputy Commissioner. Remaining funds revert on September 15, 2017. Reverses proposed language to disallow payroll deductions for union dues and adds provisions that every employee has the right to resign from a union. Makes clarifying changes to language on reductions in force and fact-finding and increases back to 25 percent from 16.6 percent the amount of ending fund balance, less capital outlay, excluded from negotiations.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB182_R1.pdf

AB 249, 1st Reprint – Collective Bargaining: Public Notice (Issue 7, page 46)

Adds an appropriation of \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board to hire a Deputy Commissioner. Remaining funds revert on September 15, 2017. Adds to the qualifier provisions regarding funds that may be considered by a fact finder.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB249_R1.pdf

Local Government, continued**AB 280, 1st Reprint – Collective Bargaining (Issue 7, page 47)**

Adds an appropriation of \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board to hire a Deputy Commissioner. Excludes police organizations from provisions on collective bargaining agreement end dates and negotiations.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB280_R1.pdf

AB 445, 1st Reprint – Redevelopment Districts: Henderson and Las Vegas (Issue 9, page 76)

Makes provisions applicable to any city in Clark County. Provides for the recalculation of the total assessed value in a redevelopment area and makes related changes to the distribution formula for taxes on property located in the redevelopment area.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB445_R1.pdf

SB 29, 1st Reprint – Home Rule (Issue 2, page 13)

Clarifies language throughout and adds provisions specifying that no power is given to impose service charges or user fees or regulate business activities already substantially regulated by state or federal agencies.

NTA Position: Continued support

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB29_R1.pdf

SB 168, 1st Reprint – Collective Bargaining (Issue 5, page 33)

Excludes school districts from provisions regarding fund balances. Makes provisions applicable to agreements entered into as of the effective date as well as any extension or renewal entered into on or after the effective date. The effective date is changed to upon passage and approval.

NTA Position: Continued support

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB168_R1.pdf

SB 185, 1st Reprint – Washoe Fire Services (Issue 5, page 33)

Specifies that provisions apply to structure or brush fires.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB185_R1.pdf

SB 238, 1st Reprint – Disincorporation of Ely (Issue 7, page 47)

Changes the ballot question date to June 6, 2017 and, if approved by voters, the disincorporation date to July 1, 2018.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB238_R1.pdf

SB 247, 1st Reprint – Hospital Construction Limits (Issue 7, page 47)

DHHS is authorized to use certain application fees to administer the health planning and development duties for the State. Changes the requirement for DHHS approval of health care construction projects to apply to incorporated city or unincorporated towns under 60,000 and expands guidelines for approval of projects.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB247_R1.pdf

SB 249, 1st Reprint – County Debt Payment (Issue 7, page 47)

Requires payment to be demanded within one year. The commission has no obligation to approve such a demand that is made more than one year after the original allowance.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB249_R1.pdf

SB 310, 2nd Reprint – Tourism Improvement Districts (Issue 8, page 63)

Amends the bill to provide that if no revenue is received for the first 5 years after a TID is created the life of the district is extended to 25 years. Provides the under that condition is an agreement was entered into for financing or reimbursement the reimbursement from the local sales tax may not be more than 0.5625 percent.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB310_R2.pdf

SB 314, 1st Reprint – Clark County Health District (Issue 8, page 63)

Changes requirements to create a district administrative director to a chief medical officer position. Assigns development of the job description, pay and other details to the district health officer. The latter's position and qualifications are to be set by the district board of health.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB314_R1.pdf

SB 395, 1st Reprint – Marriage Tourism (Issue 8, page 63)

Removes references to same-sex marriage. Limits the authority of a county commission to add a fee for marriage tourism to Clark County. Provides more specifics on what entities may display brochures outside county clerk offices in Clark and Washoe.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB395_R1.pdf

Local Government, *continued***SB 476, 2nd Reprint – Conservation District Fees (Issue 9, page 76)**

The required election for a vote of the residents on imposition of special fees may be held at a mass meeting of electors. Adds recognition that conservation districts have special expertise and should serve as cooperating agencies in matters related to federal land management.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB476_R2.pdf

Government: State**AB 17, 1st Reprint – Economic Development Office (Issue 2, page 10)**

The GOED Executive Director may form the non-profit corporation to promote economic development upon approval of the Board. Stipulates the make-up and terms of the non-profit's board of directors. The non-profit board will submit annual reports to the Governor and the Legislature.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB17_R1.pdf

AB 20, 1st Reprint – Budget Carry-Forward Approvals (Issue 2, page 10)

In certain emergency circumstances removes requirements for additional approval by the governor or IFC approval for non-government grants of less than \$20,000 or governmental grants under \$150,000.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB20_R1.pdf

AB 34, 1st Reprint – Fire Protection Districts (Issue 2, page 10)

Amends language regarding circumstances under which a person, firm, association or agency may be charged for the expenses of extinguishing a fire.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB34_R1.pdf

AB 59, 1st Reprint – State Office Space (Issue 2, page 11)

Requires leasing of offices outside of state owned buildings only when no state-building space is available or at the request of an entity exempted by NRS 353.

NTA Position: Support Removed.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB59_R1.pdf

AB 60, 1st Reprint – Conflicts of Interest (Issue 2, page 11)

Removes language extending to public employees regulations on when to abstain from voting. Amends existing language on "willful violations" and further clarifies confidentiality provisions.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB60_R1.pdf

AB 62, 2nd Reprint – Veteran Issues (Issue 2, page 11)

Deletes proposed language requiring GOED to maintain an electronic directory of businesses it has certified as owned by service-disabled veterans that are to get preferential bidding treatment. Amends preferential bidding treatment of disabled veterans on state purchasing contracts. Expands biannual Public Works reporting on bids from disabled veterans to include seniors and special needs adults. Amends the proposed provisions regarding county coroner treatment of unclaimed veteran remains.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB62_R2.pdf

AB 86, 2nd Reprint – Silver State Health Insurance Exchange Board (Issue 2, page 11)

Leaves the size of the board at 7 members; revises the expertise required of members; and stipulates that no more than two members of the board may represent the same area of expertise/experience.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB86_R2.pdf

AB 90, 1st Reprint – Intrastate Mutual Aid (Issue 2, page 11)

Makes clarifying changes to original proposed language.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB90_R1.pdf

AB 135, 1st Reprint – State Records (Issue 4, page 26)

Strengthens disciplinary provisions for employees violating the state records provisions.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB135_R1.pdf

AB 205, 1st Reprint – Mentoring Commission (Issue 6, page 37)

Replaces language creating the Commission with provisions requiring the Legislative Commission on Education to consider guidelines and financial plans for mentorship programs and at-risk children during the 2015-2016 interim.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB205_R1.pdf

State Government, *continued***SB 3, 1st Reprint – Next-of-Kin Registry (Issue 2, page 11)**

Adds driver authorization card holders to the registry and makes other clarifying changes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB3_R1.pdf

SB 183, 1st Reprint – Transportation Authority (Issue 5, page 32)

Revises provisions regarding who may intervene in a certificate of public convenience certificate hearing.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB183_R1.pdf

SB 213, 1st Reprint – Federal Funds Report (Issue 6, page 38)

Makes clarifying changes and limits the scope of required reports to actual experiences.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB213_R1.pdf

SB 214, 1st Reprint – Advisory Council on Federal Assistance (Issue 6, page 38)

Revises the make-up of the Council and reduces its size to 7 members from 17. Reworks the Council's duties and goals.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB214_R1.pdf

SB 472, 1st Reprint – PEBP Eligibility (Issue 9, page 76)

Technical corrections to proposed language.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB472_R1.pdf

SB 490, 1st Reprint – Rainy Day Fund (Issue 9, page 76)

Deletes proposed language to delay implementation of required transfers to July 1, 2016. Note: BDR changed to S-1213.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB490_R1.pdf

Government: General**AB 196, 1st Reprint – Government Funds Investments (Issue 5, page 32)**

Removes language allowing funds of certain entities to be invested in certain corporate or bank bonds.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB196_R1.pdf

AB 312, 1st Reprint – PERS Retirement Age (Issue 8, page 60)

Deletes proposed language to change the retirement age for new employees as of July 1, 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB312_R1.pdf

SB 59, 1st Reprint – State Business Portal (Issue 2, page 9)

Changes the requirements for integration by state and local agencies to an authorization, which also removes the unfunded mandate.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB59_R1.pdf

SB 70, 1st Reprint – Open Meeting Law (Issue 2, page 9)

Expands requirements of notice of possible action to any item regarding a personnel action. Requires minutes to be approved with 45 days or at the next meeting of the public body, whichever comes later. Makes changes to what is confidential related to investigations of violations.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB70_R1.pdf

SB 153, 1st Reprint – Heart-Lung Liability (Issue 5, page 32)

Deletes the language of the original bill. Replaces it by providing a maximum benefit to 20 years of service. Changes the vesting period from 5 years to 20 years. Provides that if a person uses tobacco products or fails to provide a physician's prescribed plan of care they are not eligible for benefits. Establishes the provisions relating to tobacco use are not effective until January 1, 2016.

NTA Position: Continue Support.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB153_R1.pdf

SB 157, 1st Reprint – State and Local Cooperation Act (Issue 5, page 32)

Replaces proposed mandatory process for state agencies and local governments to inform and solicit comments from each other in advance on interpretive rulings to "should, to the extent practicable" inform and work with each other on proposed plans and amendments to plans.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB157_R1.pdf

General Government, *continued***SB 348, 1st Reprint – Unclaimed Property Exemption (Issue 8, page 61)**

Adds a limited exemption for business-to-business obligations.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB348_R1.pdf

SB 406, 1st Reprint – PERS Changes (Issue 8, page 61)

Narrows the list of felonies that would cancel benefits; revises allowances for surviving beneficiaries of members killed in the course of employment; allows employees hired after July 1, 2015 to purchase countable service years in the case of a family medical emergency; and removes the expiration on the exception for retired public employees who fill a position because of a critical labor shortage.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB406_R1.pdf

Elections**AB 23, 1st Reprint – Contribution Reporting; Recall Petitions (Issue 2, page 15)**

For cities with odd-number year elections in June, the date is moved to the second Tuesday after the first Monday. Does a cleanup provision incorporating the term independent expenditure into committee for political action statute. Requires recall committees to do reporting whether or not their petition becomes valid.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB23_R1.pdf

AB 177, 1st Reprint – Candidate Eligibility (Issue 5, page 33)

Requires candidates for election or to fill a vacancy must be residents of the respective district for at least 180 days and the state for at least 2 years before filing or appointment. Adds many provisions regarding ineligible candidates including, but not limited to: Any vote cast for an ineligible candidate is void. Expands the actions that must be taken by local election officials if a candidate is ruled ineligible after ballots are printed. In actions where the candidate is found ineligible, the candidate may be liable for costs of the action. Candidates for the Legislature who file false statements are subject to the Class E felony charge. Makes other changes related to ineligible candidates.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB177_R1.pdf

AB 252, 1st Reprint – Redistricting Commission (Issue 7, page 47)

Reduces the size of the Advisory Committee to four from five members. The latest date the Advisory Committee may submit its plans to the Legislature is April 16 of the regular session following the census.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB252_R1.pdf

AB 253, 1st Reprint – Voter ID (Issue 7, page 47)

Deletes language requiring voters to show a photo ID and, instead, requires voter photos to be included in election board registers and rosters for early voting. If a photo of the voter is not shown in the register, election board officers or deputy clerks are to have equipment available to take a digital colored photo of the voter. The DMV is to provide photos on request. Prohibits certain information about a registered voter from being made available on any list to the public. The new provisions create an unfunded mandate for local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB253_R1.pdf

AB 302, 1st Reprint – Presidential Primaries (Issue 7, page 48)

Deletes proposed language on presidential primaries. Adds provisions allowing major political parties to adopt rules using electronic means for notices. Allows precinct meetings to be consolidated, even for the county at large. At national conventions, state party delegates are held to the state party's preference through the first ballot. The central committee of a major party may request a presidential preference primary be held on one weekday in February of a presidential year and is to be paid for by the State.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB302_R1.pdf

AB 459, 1st Reprint – Voter Eligibility (Issue 9, page 77)

Deletes proposed authorization for the DMV to request information from the Social Security Administration regarding non-citizens with social security numbers. Confidential voter registration information is not subject to legal discovery or subpoena.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB459_R1.pdf

AB 462, 1st Reprint – Election Rosters, Publishing (Issue 9, page 77)

Clarifies language related to county and city clerks providing electronic sample ballots and requires each system be approved by the Secretary of State. Voters may request in writing that their email address be withheld from the public.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB462_R1.pdf

SB 5, 1st Reprint – City Primaries (Issue 2, page 15)

Deletes language amending the charters of Reno and Sparks for the proposed changes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB5_R1.pdf

Elections, continued**SB 104, 1st Reprint – Political Advertising (Issue 3, page 21)**

Clarifies the cost is “per item.”

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB104_R1.pdf

SB 203, 1st Reprint – Central Polling Place; Same Day Voting (Issue 6, page38)

Deletes proposed provisions regarding central polling places and same day registration and voting. Limits preregistration of voters to those aged 17. Allows registered voters who receive electronic sample ballots to have their email kept confidential.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB203_R1.pdf

SB 293, 1st Reprint – Unspent Contributions (Issue 8, page 64)

Extends to 4 years after receiving the first contribution the time allowed for disposing of the funds.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB293_R1.pdf

SB 331, 1st Reprint – DMV Voter Registration (Issue 8, page 64)

Adds provisions to replace existing law on days and hours for early voting places to direct that early voting locations are to be open 7 days a week, including federal holidays, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Temporary polling places are limited to the same hours.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB331_R1.pdf

SB 403, 1st Reprint – Candidate Residency (Issue 8, page 64)

Adds provisions that the Secretary of State must include information on the penalties of false residency statements in any information materials prepared for candidates. Candidate declaration forms must also include the information. Adds several provisions regarding actions that may and may not be taken if a candidate is declared ineligible.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB403_R1.pdf

SB 421, 1st Reprint – Primary Elections (Issue 9, page 77)

In even numbered years, moves the statewide primary to the last Tuesday in February and removes language regarding moving the date according to when other Western states set their primaries.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB421_R1.pdf

SB 433, 1st Reprint – Early Voting Locations (Issue 9, page 77)

Now requires county clerks to publish daily voter turnout by midnight each day during early voting. Requires early voting locations to be open 7 days a week, including holidays, between 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB433_R1.pdf

SB 436, 1st Reprint – Election Procedures (Issue 9, page 78)

Deletes proposed language allowing absentee ballots to be counted up to 7 days after the election under certain circumstances. Adds registration of the effort and all paid and unpaid workers with the county clerk, as well as the Secretary of State, to prerequisites for conducting a voter registration drive. The list of workers must be updated periodically and will be checked against any voter registration forms submitted. For each violation, voter drive workers may be subject to a \$500 civil penalty for not complying and the organization conducting the drive may be fined \$1,000.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB436_R1.pdf

SB 499, 1st Reprint – Blanket Primaries (Issue 9, page 78)

Deletes provisions related to creating a blanket primary. Changes the filing deadlines for petitions to have minor party and independent candidates put on a ballot to 10 days before the filing deadline, giving county clerks 10 days to verify the signatures. The deadline for filling a vacancy in nominations is moved to the fourth Friday in July, a month later. Court challenges to an independent or minor party candidate must be filed by the fourth Friday in June, a week later than existing statute. If a major party has two or more candidates a primary election must be held, regardless of whether there are any other candidates for the office.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB499_R1.pdf

Courts**AB 435, 1st Reprint – Additional Judicial District (Issue 9, page 78)**

Changes the proposed realignment of districts to create the new 11th Judicial District so the new District is made up of Lander, Mineral and Pershing Counties. The Sixth and Eleventh Districts have concurrent jurisdiction over the Humboldt River Decree and the venue for those cases or proceedings are to be determined on an alternating basis.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB435_R1.pdf

Appropriations Not in Executive Budget**AB 378, 1st Reprint – Teacher Incentive Pay (Issue 8, page 65)**

Deletes teacher incentive pay proposal and appropriation. Adds provision making charter schools eligible for funds from federal, state or local sources beyond the basic DSA support guarantee.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB378_R1.pdf

SB 125, 1st Reprint – Regional Air Service (Issue 4, page 25)

The Air Service Development Commission is responsible for awarding guarantee grants to air carriers and local governments may pay their 20 percent share as in-kind contributions.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB125_R1.pdf

SB 133, 1st Reprint – Teacher Reimbursements (Issue 4, page 26)

Includes charter school teachers and allows some donations of unclaimed property to the Account. Sets a maximum reimbursement per teacher of \$250 per year and requires each school board and charter school authority to set up the process and rules for handling teacher claims.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB133_R1.pdf

SB 227, 1st Reprint – Opportunity Grant Program (Issue 7, page 49)

The Board of Regents must also regulate the process by which each student meets the credit-hour requirements.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB227_R1.pdf

SB 236, 1st Reprint –STEM Meetings; Student Recognition (Issue 7, page 49)

The Council may accept gifts or grants to underwrite the recognition events. Events may be held at any college level institution.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB236_R1.pdf

SB 295, 1st Reprint –STEM Teacher Training (Issue 8, page 66)

Requires school districts and charter schools to schedule one day for this training in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB295_R1.pdf

SB 391, 1st Reprint –Reading By Third Grade (Issue 8, page 66)

Allows additional compensation for a learning strategist or highly effective teacher. Adjusts the provisions regarding teacher selection for remedial instruction.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB391_R1.pdf

SB 399, 1st Reprint –Boost Grant Program (Issue 8, page 67)

Clarifies definition of bona fide resident and reduces residency to at least 12 months before the first semester of the grant.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB399_R1.pdf

SB 405, 1st Reprint –Zoom Schools (Issue 8, page 67)

Requires the State Board of Education to develop a definition and reporting process for pupils identified as long-term limited English proficient that can be used for legislation.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB405_R1.pdf

General Interest**AB 4, 1st Reprint - Wineries: Clark and Washoe (Issue 2, page 15)**

Deletes the restrictions prohibiting wineries in Clark and Washoe Counties. Adds provisions to require the percentage of fruit that must be grown in Nevada and requires the State Board of Agriculture to adopt regulations.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB4_R1.pdf

AB 50, 1st Reprint - Contribution Solicitations (Issue 2, page 15)

An alumni association of an accredited institution that solicits specific persons does not have to register with the Secretary of State.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB50_R1.pdf

AB 122, 1st Reprint - Modernist Architecture Day (Issue , page 22)

Changes Modernist Architecture Day to Mid-Century Day and changes the effective date to “upon passage and approval.”

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB4_R1.pdf

General Interest, *continued***AB 130, 1st Reprint - Estate Administration (Issue 4, page 28)**

This bill primarily changes the values that were identified in the original bill and defines the addition of the term “applicable amount,” as \$100,000 for the surviving spouse and for any other claimant \$25,000.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB130_R1.pdf

AB 201, 1st Reprint - Eminent Domain (Issue , page 34)

Clarifies that a local government may not enter into an agreement to use eminent domain to take private property if there is a mortgage or mortgage lien or deed of trust on the property.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB201_R1.pdf

AB 204, 1st Reprint - Handicap Permit Photo (Issue 6, page 39)

Allows a city or county to issue a temporary parking placard or temporary parking sticker and requires an authorization letter to be sent to the holder of the placard or identification card which contains the photograph that appears on the driver’s license or identification card. Changes the effective date of January 1, 2016 to a date on which the director of DMV notifies the Governor and LCB that there are sufficient resources to carry out the provisions of this bill.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB204_R1.pdf

AB 239, 2nd Reprint - Drone Rules (Issue 7, page 49)

Deletes sections 2-17 and 24 of the bill. Revises the definition of aircraft to include “unmanned aerial vehicles” and establishes the conditions under which such a vehicle can be operated. Adds a definition of “critical facility.” Amends the airport language to apply to all airports, not just public, and provides a definition of airport.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB239_R2.pdf

SB 2 - As Enrolled - Maximum Highway Speed (Issue 2, page 15)

Reduces the speed to 80 miles per hour from 85.

Note: This bill passed both houses.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB2_EN.pdf

SB 48, 1st Reprint – Health Information Exchanges (Issue 2, page 16)

Revises definition of health insurance exchange.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB48_R1.pdf

SB 142– As Enrolled – Motorcycle Helmets, Training (Issue 4, page 28)

Deletes language pertaining to wearing of helmets and safety courses. Revises the definition of trimobile. Limits funds in the Account for the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders to that single purpose.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB142_EN.pdf

SB 144, 1st Reprint – Traffic Safety (Issue 4, page 28)

Makes it unlawful to pass another vehicle in a school zone.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB144_R1.pdf

SB 225, 1st Reprint – Liquid Nicotine Products (Issue 7, page 50)

Changes wording from “liquid nicotine” to “vapor products and alternative nicotine products” throughout the bill.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB225_R1.pdf

SB 246, 1st Reprint – Craft Distilleries (Issue 7, page 50)

Samples served at craft distilleries are not to exceed 4 ounces per person, per day and sales must not exceed 1 case per person, per month or 6 cases per year. The quantity of spirits manufactured for export to another state is increased to 40,000 cases instead of 60,000. Adds provisions allowing civil action by a person suffering injury, including economic damage, determined to be a proximate result of violations to this proposed statute.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB246_R1.pdf

SB 354, 1st Reprint – Wheelchairs in Bike Lanes (Issue 8, page 67)

Removes specific references to motorizes wheelchairs as those are considered pedestrians under current law. Revises current provisions regarding pedestrian use of bike lanes to emphasize it is only allowable when the sidewalk is impassable.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB354_R1.pdf

SB 457, 2nd Reprint – Super Speed Ground Transportation (Issue 9, page 82)

Changes the name to the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority. Deletes language transferring any Nevada rights, obligations and property from the former California Nevada Super Speed Ground Transportation Commission.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB457_R2.pdf

Studies**AB 289, 1st Reprint – Mental Health Services (Issue 7, page 50)**

Adds three subcommittees.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB289_R1.pdf

AB 421, 1st Reprint – SAGE Commission for Education (Issue 8, page 67)

Stipulates that appointed members should represent the ethnic, gender and geographic makeup of the state.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB421_R1.pdf

SB 268, 1st Reprint – Veteran Issues (Issue 7, page 50)

Deletes study provisions. Creates the Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma, authorized to accept gifts, grants, donations and other money and administered by the Director of Veterans Affairs. Annual reporting to the IFC is required.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB268_R1.pdf

Constitutional Amendments**AJR 10, 1st Reprint – Elected Official Pay (Issue 8, page 69)**

Amends the appointment authority for the Citizens' Commission. Provides compensation for legislators when performing their duties outside of a regular or special session.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AJR/AJR10_R1.pdf

SJR 17, 1st Reprint – Crime Victim Rights (Issue 8, page 69)

Makes clarifying language changes.

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