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TAXES

AB 316 – Firearm Sales Exemption

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Dickman, et al (13 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsors: Senators Gustavson and Settlemeyer; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 32-918)

Exempts occasional sales of firearms from sales and use taxes, including transfer from out of state, unless the sale involves a retailer or other person licensed to sell firearms.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB316.pdf

AB 326 – Classic Cars: Tags; and Vehicle Depreciation

Sponsor: Assemblyman Carrillo; referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 326)

Removes light commercial vehicles from eligibility for Classic Vehicle plates. For classic plate passenger cars, the DMV will verify odometer readings on registration renewal to ensure the maximum of 5,000 miles per year is not exceeded. Owners must own another registered passenger car or motorcycle to qualify for Classic plates. The depreciation schedule for passenger cars is accelerated to reach 45% of original value at 5 years and 5% at 9 years. Similar depreciation changes are made for buses, trucks and trailers. Minimum governmental services tax on cars is reduced to \$6 from \$12.

Note: Also see SB 396, this heading.

NTA Position: Oppose change of depreciation. The amount of the reduction proposed reduces the revenue that was to be deposited to the State Highway Trust Fund. It would be nice to be able to support the reduction if there was another way of making up the loss of over \$60 million each year to the highway trust fund.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB326.pdf

AB 332 – Public Works Materials

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 28-256)

Prohibits any public body from entering a public works contract that avoids payment of sales and use taxes on materials and goods. Repeals the exemption that NSHE projects are public works only if 25% or more of the money is public or the cost is over \$100,000.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB332.pdf

AB 350 - MBT Credit for Scholarship Donation

Sponsor: Assemblyman Araujo, et al (13 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 38-1057)

Allows a credit against the MBT, up to the amount of MBT due, for donations to early childhood education scholarship organizations. Donors must apply to Department of Tax for approval and then have 10 days after approval to make the donation. For Fiscal Year 2015-16, \$10 million is approved for these credits. The approved amount increases to 110% of the previous year each fiscal year afterward. Restrictions are made on who the organization may give grants to and annual reporting of donations and grants is to be made to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

Note: Also see SB 412, below in this section.

NTA Comment: There is no fiscal note to show what the anticipated loss of revenue to the State's general fund would be. Given the number of exemption, abatement and credit bills introduced to date, no action should be taken on any of these bills until it can be determined what the potential loss of revenue to the general fund will be.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB350.pdf

TAXES CONTINUED

AB 366 – Motor Fuel Tax Use

Sponsor: Assemblyman Silberkraus, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 32-927)

Changes the directed use of certain motor vehicle taxes by counties, cities and towns to construction, maintenance and repair of any “right of way”, which includes existing public roads, highways, streets, or alleys to make use of these funds uniform among local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB366.pdf

AB 372 – Insurance Premium Tax Credit

Sponsor: Assemblyman Stewart; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 57-1003)

Makes extensive changes to the insurance premium tax credit, including limiting the amount of time that an insurer may take the credit. Requires that an insurer must apply to the Governor’s office on Economic Development to receive the credit and specifies the conditions that must be met to obtain the credit.

Effective: January 1, 2016. Does not allow certain insurers to obtain the credit after January 1, 2021.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB372.pdf

AB 380 – Internet Sales Tax Collection

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 32-964)

Based on Colorado and New York laws, requires a broad span of out-of-state retailers to collect and remit Nevada sales taxes, including, but not limited to, those controlled groups that have a component representative in the state; and retailers who have gross receipts of \$10,000 or more in four consecutive quarters through a commission agreement or referral relationship with a Nevada resident including a website link.

Note: See SB 382 this issue, under this heading.

NTA Position: Support. Nevada law requires a person who purchases goods over the Internet and does not pay Nevada sales and use tax to remit the tax they should have paid to the Department of Taxation. This happens only in the rarest of cases. This bill is needed to stop the erosion of revenue from the sales and use tax.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB380.pdf

AB 382 – State Business License – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 7-962)

Resets the annual fee for the state business license as follows: \$500 for those required to file annual lists; \$350 for cooperatives, non-profits (NRS 81), and partnerships; \$300 for independent contractors; \$200 for sole proprietorships and anyone else required to obtain a license. Applies to fee due on or after July 1, 2015.

Effective: Applies to the fee due on or after July 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB382.pdf

AB 391 – Property Tax Exemption for Religious Land

Sponsor: Assemblyman Hickey, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 32-825)

Allows vacant land used exclusively for worship to be exempted from property tax.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB391.pdf

Note: The Live Entertainment Tax was originally enacted in the 2003, second special session. As enacted in NRS 368A the administration was bifurcated between the Gaming Control Board and Department of Taxation. The rate structure was also bifurcated. The rate levied was 10% including on food, beverage and merchandise sold on the premises, if occupancy was under 7,500 persons. For occupancy over 7,500 persons the rate is 5% charged only on admission.

AB 392 – Live Entertainment Tax: Non-Gaming Properties – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 32-585)

Changes Live Entertainment Tax to the “Luxury Discretionary Spending Tax on admission and amusement services” Removes references to the administration by Gaming Control (see AB 393 below); defines admission; expands the definition of “Admission charge” to “Admission and amusement charge; revises those activities which are exempt from the tax; and changes the rate of the tax to 8%, and for occupancy of 7,500 or less and removes the requirement that merchandise also be taxed at the 8% rate. The tax is not imposed upon movies or participatory activities.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB392.pdf

AB 393 – Live Entertainment Tax: Gaming Properties – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 41-591)

Creates a new chapter in Title 41(gaming) which duplicates for the most part the provisions currently found in NRS 368A - Tax on Live Entertainment. Changes the rate of the tax so that it is the same as proposed in AB 392 above.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB393.pdf

NTA Position: Qualified Support. The establishment of one rate and reduction of the rate are steps in the right direction. It is unfortunate that the administration is still bifurcated and in some instances an amusement or admission appears to be treated differently between gaming and taxation.

TAXES CONTINUED**AB 411 – Lodging Tax for School Facilities – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Hansen; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 20-25)

Puts the Washoe County Lodging Tax at the same rate and distribution as Clark County, 2 percent, with a portion being redirected to capital projects for county schools. Also applies to cities within Washoe. Raises the Washoe transfer tax to the same level as Clark County, \$1.25 per \$500 of value or fraction thereof, and directs 60 cents per \$500 of value to the school district for capital projects.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB411.pdf

AB 412 – Property Tax Changes

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 31-963)

This bill has two main components. The first is to allow the board of county to increase the property tax rate 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value on all property within a county and to allow the board of county commissioners or the board of school district trustees to increase the rate of property tax 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value on all property within a county including cities without a vote of the people and to be approved by a majority of the commissioners or trustees. Both provisions are outside the combined property tax cap of \$3.64 and may not be used for salaries or be considered to settle or used to determine the financial ability in arbitration disputes. Of the 5 cents allowed to school districts, 2 cents may be used for operating. The second component changes the partial property tax abatement to 6 percent for non-residential property, instead of the current formula which allows the 8 percent partial abatement cap to fluctuate, and exempts commercial property, which is reduced in value due to an appeal based on obsolescence, use of the income approach or discounted cash flow to receive the partial abatement for property tax. Additionally, the bill authorizes certain loan agreements between the Local Government Pooled Investment Fund and the State Treasurer, and requires a performance audit of the State Board of Equalization conducted by the Audit Division of LCB.

Note: This bill is identical to SB 415, below in this section, except for the sponsor and house of introduction.

NTA Position: Qualified Opposition. Under current statute counties already have the ability to impose a 5 cent property tax per \$100 of assessed value without a vote of the people if all the cities in the county agree. Per SB 207 which has been signed by the Governor, school districts have been given the authority to roll-over their tax rate for school debt without a vote of the people to pay for school facilities.

Effective: Dates vary from upon passage and approval, to July 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB412.pdf

SB 312 – Lodging Tax: Reno Casinos – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Kieckhefer; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 21-834)

In Reno, a \$1 surcharge per night is to be added to hotel room charges of hotels in the tourism improvement district with a nonrestricted gaming license. Proceeds are to go to the county fair and recreation board and if no such board, to be spent by the city only on tourism promotion. Another district and a governing body is created for all other property in the county and city. The governing body is to impose a \$3 per night surcharge on hotel rooms and to use the proceeds as follows: 1/3 to promote tourism and 2/3rds for improving and maintaining publicly owned facilities for tourism and entertainment, except a minor league baseball stadium.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB312.pdf

SB 334 – Medical Equipment Exemption

Sponsor: Senator Roberson, et al (8 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-262)

Requires putting a question on the 2016 general election ballot as to whether the Sales and Use Tax Act of 1955 should be amended to exempt durable medical equipment, prescription mobility enhancing equipment, hearing aids and accessories, and prescription eyeglasses or ocular devices from sales and use taxes. The same exemptions would be applied to the Local School Support Tax Law.

Effective: If approved by voters in November of 2016, these changes would become effective on January 1, 2017 and will expire on December 31, 2026.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB334.pdf

SB 337 – Clark County: More Cops Amendment

Sponsors: Senators Parks and Denis; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR S-1043)

Amends the Clark County Sales and Use Tax Act of 2005 to provide that money generated by the tax must be used exclusively to hire and equip non-supervisory, entry-level personnel and may not be put in reserve for long-term future use. Repeals the provision that money may be used to supplant existing funding for the police department.

Effective: These changes expire by limitation on October 1, 2025.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB337.pdf

SB 342 – Tax on Hard Cider

Sponsor: Senator Smith, et al (8 c-sponsors); referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-875)

Defines cider, including sparkling and carbonated, and sets the tax on cider at 16 cents per gallon or partial gallon.

Note: This is the same rate category as for beer.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB342.pdf

TAXES CONTINUED**SB 346 – MBT Credits for Child Care**

Sponsor: Senator Spearman, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-1015)

Employers who assist with the cost of day care for employee's children may take a credit of 50% of those costs, up to \$2500 per employee per year, from the Modified Business Tax. Excess credits may be carried forward for 5 years.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

Note: Also see SB 412 this page.

NTA Comment: There is no fiscal note to show what the anticipated loss of revenue to the State's general fund would be. Given the number of exemption, abatement and credit bills introduced to date, no action should be taken on any of these bills until it can be determined what the potential loss of revenue to the general fund will be.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB346.pdf

SB 377 – Property Tax Appeals

Sponsor: Senator Parks, by request; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-542)

Clarifies the rules for assessment appeals to the board of equalization to state that an appeal is considered filed by mail on the date of the postal service postmark on the envelope. If the postmark is missing or illegible, the appeal is considered filed on the date received by the board. No postmark other than that of the postal service is acceptable as the date of filing. For common interest communities, if the association does not provide adequate information to proportionately assess common elements to the individual units, the tax is payable by the association or person who is the owner of the common elements.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB377.pdf

SB 378 - Creates "A Supplemental Revenue Fee" (Tax)

Sponsor: Senator Spearman, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-150)

This bill repeals the Modified Business Tax (MBT) for general business, but maintains the MBT for financial institutions at a 2 percent rate and adds businesses subject to the net proceeds of minerals tax to the MBT - financial institutions. and establishes a tax for the privilege of doing business in Nevada on each business entity whose gross receipts exceed \$25,000 of \$50 plus 0.465 percent of the taxable gross receipts of the business for the calendar quarter. The calculation of revenue and the greatest majority of the administration and compliance provisions parallel the Governor's Tax Bill, SB 252.

NTA Comment: As with SB 252 this bill is a tax bill not a fee bill as the money is remitted to the State's general fund. Also, as with SB 252, the tax is based on gross receipts primarily because government wants as much stability as possible in its revenue base. Unfortunately tax bills based on gross revenue do not take into account the impact on business when there is no profit or because cash flow problems are created for a business. It is also unfortunate that banking, and now mining, are being singled out to pay the 2 percent rate on the MBT.

NTA Position: Pending.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB378.pdf

SB 382 – Internet Sales Tax Collection

Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Munford; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-660)

Note: See AB 380, page 52 of this Issue for description and NTA position.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB382.pdf

SB 396 – Vehicle Depreciation

Sponsor: Senator Roberson, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assembly members Kirkpatrick and Paul Anderson; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-119)

Contingently reduces by half the valuation of vehicles subject to the governmental services tax imposed on depreciated value at registration and renewal. This will only take effect if a new tax enacted by this legislature is estimated by LCB to produce as much tax revenue as will be lost by this bill taking effect.

Note: Also see AB 326, page 51, this Issue

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB396.pdf

SB 412 – MBT Credit for College Fund Contributions

Sponsors: Senators Harris and Lipparelli; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 32-1033)

Employers, including financial institutions, who make contributions matching an employee's to one of the state's college savings plans, may take a credit of 25% of the contribution, up to \$500 per year, per employee, against the employer's MBT payment. Unused credits may be carried forward for 5 years.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 and July 1 2016 for all other purposes.

Note: Also see SB 346 this page.

NTA Comment: There is no fiscal note to show what the anticipated loss of revenue to the State's general fund would be. Given the number of exemption, abatement and credit bills introduced to date, no action should be taken on any of these bills until it can be determined what the potential loss of revenue to the general fund will be.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB412.pdf

TAXES CONTINUED**SB 415 –Property Tax Changes**

Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (2 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 31-659)

Note: See AB 412, page 53 this Issue for description and NTA Position.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB415.pdf

FEEs**AB 311 – Mortgage Personnel Licensing – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Araujo, et al (2 co-sponsors); Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-668)

This is an extensive bill addressing many aspects of mortgages and escrow and related personnel, redoing licensing requirements and fees. The Nevada Private Money Real Estate Loan Act covers private money lenders and practices and sets endorsement fees as follows: application and renewal - \$50, amendment -\$20 change of endorsement - \$10. For mortgage brokers, bankers or servicers, fees are to be not more than: application - \$2,500 for a principal office, \$500 for a branch office; renewal: \$500 per office plus an assessment of not more than \$25 per mortgage brokered, made or serviced in the preceding year; ownership transfer - \$500; reinstatement - \$200. For loan originators, license fees to be not more than: application and renewal - \$185; duplicate or amendment - \$50; sponsorship change - \$50; reinstatement - \$75.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB311.pdf

AB 313 – Retired Unarmed Contestants – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsors: Assemblymen Munford and Trowbridge; Referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 41-932)

Adds a \$1.00 fee to tickets to live professional contests of unarmed combat with gross admissions of \$500,000 and \$.50 to tickets for such contests with gross admissions under \$500,000. The additional fees are to be used by the Athletic Commission for medical costs of injuries sustained during paid contestants' careers. The Commission is to determine eligibility rules.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB313.pdf

AB 323 – State Business License and Secretary of State Fees Eliminated

Sponsor: Assemblyman Wheeler; Referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 7-171)

This bill eliminates fees paid to the office of the Secretary of State for various filings including, but not limited to, the annual business license fee, domestic and foreign corporate filing fees, and LP and LLP initial and annual list filing fees. Also eliminated is the requirement of the operator of a facility where an exhibition is held (convention center) to pay the business license fee.

Effective: July 1, 2015

NTA Comment: Again, there is no fiscal note available to see what the dollar amount of the reduction to the State's General Fund would be. As this bill does not have any replacement revenue, what programs or services would be reduced or cut?

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB323.pdf

AB 325 – Private Guardian Licensing – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblyman Sprinkle, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-976)

Requires private professional guardians to be licensed and sets requirements, including bonds and insurance. Application and licensing fees are to be set by regulation as follows: Application fee of not more than \$750 plus reasonable investigation costs for primary office and \$300 or less for branch offices; Initial and renewal license fee of \$1500 or less and \$300 or less for each branch office. Licenses expire on July 1 of each year. Administration falls to the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB325.pdf

AB 365 – Vehicle Protection Warrantors – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblyman Oscarson; referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 57-1055)

Requires vehicle protection warrantors to register with the Commission of Insurance and pay an initial and annual renewal fee of \$1,300. Purchase of a vehicle warranty as a condition for financing is prohibited. Revises the definition of "service contract" to include specific products.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB365.pdf

AB 403 – Body Cameras; Police Investigation Costs – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Shelton, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-813)

Requires uniformed peace officers to wear body cameras and law enforcement agencies to adopt policies and procedures covering use of the devices. If an investigation causes a law enforcement agency to take punitive action against an officer, the costs of the investigation must be paid by the officer. Requires advisory review boards to review internal investigations of officers and the policies and procedures of law enforcement agencies.

Effective: January 1, 2016

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB403.pdf

FEES CONTINUED**AB 408 – Public Lands – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Fiore, et al (15 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining. (BDR 26-1060)

Prohibits the Federal Government from owning or regulating activity on any land it has not acquired and used for specified government purposes. Maintains that the rights to own and use such land are the common property of Nevada citizens. Prohibits the Federal Government from owning water rights in Nevada. Requires the state registrar to appropriate and register certain rights on public lands and to hold an annual auction to sell permits to use land not appropriated for other uses. After 4 years, a permit holder can claim the right to use the land. County commissions are, by ordinance, to impose a tax on the profits of such permit sales.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB408.pdf

SB 286 – Crematoriums and Funeral Homes – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Brower; referred to Committee on Commerce Labor and Energy. (BDR 54-905)

Requires cremation facilities to be licensed by the Funeral and Cemetery Services Board and mandates operators of the equipment must complete a certification program. The application fee is \$375 and renewal is \$200. The same fees apply to applications for death care consultants. Annual continuing education requirements are set for certain industry personnel. Provision for the licensing process are amended, including, but not limited to, requiring all license applicants to be fingerprinted.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB286.pdf

SB 288 – Controlled Substance Prescribers – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsors: Senators Denis and Woodhouse, Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Araujo and Sprinkle; referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-889)

Requires prescribers of controlled substances (schedules II, III and IV) to register with the State Board of Pharmacy, pay a registration fee and a fee for the prescription and distribution tracking system. All prescriptions for controlled substances must be entered in the Board's computer program. Prescribing of these substances without being registered is a Class D felony. Every 6 months, prescribers must access the database and verify that all prescriptions showing the person as the prescriber are accurate.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB288.pdf

SB 305 – Industrial Cannabis (Hemp) Farming – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 49-656)

Prohibits the cultivation of industrial cannabis except by an agricultural research institution or a registered grower or seed breeder. Purchase, storage and product manufacturing of industrial cannabis is legal for a registered producer. The State Board of Agriculture is to set fees for these registrations based on costs. Proceeds go to the newly created Industrial Cannabis Account. Entities registered as a medical marijuana establishment may not be registered under this provision, but individuals can. Creates the Industrial Cannabis Advisory Board to report, by January 1, 2021, to the Legislature on the economic impact of industrial cannabis in Nevada and other authorized growing states.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB305.pdf

SB 306 – Common Interest Community Liens – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsors: Senators Ford and Hammond; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 10-55)

Amends provisions of an association's super-priority lien and the procedure for a foreclosure sale by the association. Among other changes, the sale of such property must be recorded with the county clerk including a statement that the property is subject to redemption for a period of 60 days after the sale.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB306.pdf

SB 311 – Irrigation District Debt – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Kieckhefer; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 48-831)

For irrigation districts that have contracted with the U.S. to comply with the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act, the authorized indebtedness is increased to \$6 million from \$1 million. Assessments may be calculated by rounding up to full acres.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB311.pdf

SB 357 – Pharmacist Practices – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Smith, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Carrillo; referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. (BDR 54-869)

Registered pharmacists, if certain training is acquired, may administer certain drugs and vaccines directly to patients. With specific education, training or experience, pharmacists may be endorsed by the Board of Pharmacy as an advanced practice pharmacist and perform certain additional patient care services. An application fee is to be set by the Board not to exceed the cost of issuing the endorsement.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB357.pdf

FEES CONTINUED**SB 365 – Crowdfunding Exemption – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Sponsor: Senator Kihuen, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 7-878)

Exempts from Secretary of State registration requirements certain securities offered by a Nevada-based issuer through an internet website, commonly known as “crowdfunding,” if provisions regarding the issuer and purchaser are met. The issuer must pay an exemption and filing fee to be established by the Administrator of the Securities Division. The amount of the offer is limited to \$1 million in any 12-month period or \$2 million if the issuer has been audited for its most recent fiscal year.

Note: See AB 258 on page 41 of Issue 7 under “Fees”.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB365.pdf

SB 372 – Medical Marijuana Personnel Training

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-657)

This extensive bill requires medical marijuana establishment agents to get specific education and training as a condition of registration card renewal. The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is to select a training provider. The provider may charge up to \$250 per person for the training and is to submit a \$25 fee to the Division for each certificate issued. Provision is made for medical marijuana for animals. Other provisions include mandating at least one dispensary for each 20,000 people, restricting transfer of more than 49 percent of ownership in the first 3 years of operation, and declaring written documentation submitted to the Division is not confidential and revises provisions making it unlawful to drive with marijuana in one’s system.

Effective: October 1, 2015 and April 1, 2016

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB372.pdf

SB 373 – Travel Insurance Providers – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Hardy; referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. (BDR 57-689)

Producers of limited line travel insurance must be licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance, and pay all applicable fees. The license allows them to sell travel insurance through travel retailers. Producers are exempted from the educational and examination requirements. Travel retailers are prohibited from evaluating or commenting on terms and benefits of travel insurance policies. Travel insurance producers are liable for the acts of travel retailers offering their insurance.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB373.pdf

SB 388 – Divorce Fees – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Manendo; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 2-1046)

Once a judge issues a final order in a divorce action on a joint petition of the parties, the county clerk must charge a fee of \$129 the first time a party files to amend that order and \$57 the first time the other party responds. The proceeds go to the juvenile courts.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB388.pdf

SB 395 – Marriage Tourism

Sponsor: Senator Kihuen, et al (6 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 11-530)

Allows county commissions to, by ordinance, add a fee of not more than \$14 to the fee for marriage license and use the money to promote marriage tourism. The bill addresses other issues such as authorizing same sex marriages, allowing wedding chapel brochures at marriage license offices, and postjudgment divorce filings.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB395.pdf

SB 404 – Moped Registration – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsors: Senators Denis and Manendo; referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 43-1016)

Requires mopeds to be registered as motor vehicles but exempts mopeds from the liability insurance requirements. The registration fee is \$33 and disabled moped owners may be issued license plates or stickers denoting that.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB404.pdf

SB 408 – Naturopathic Medicine – Requires 2/3s Majority

Sponsor: Senator Spearman, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. (BDR 54-663)

Creates the Board of Naturopathic Medicine and empowers it, among other matters, to regulate, license, certify physicians, assistants, medical students and other personnel in this specialty. The scope of practice of naturopathic physicians is defined. The schedule of fees, to be set by the Board, may not exceed, for example, \$350 for an initial physician or specialist license and \$300 for annual renewal; \$150 for initial license as a naturopathic assistant and \$100 annual renewal.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for appointments to the Board and regulations and January 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB408.pdf

BUSINESS ISSUES**AB 306 – Nursing Mother Accommodation**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Spiegel, et al (8 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-249)

Requires private and public employers to provide break time and a private area for nursing mothers to express breast milk and prohibits any retaliation against such employees. Administrative penalties are not more than \$5,000 per offense.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB306.pdf

AB 355 - Regulation Approval Process

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Fiore; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-843)

Eliminates all exemptions of state agencies, except the Governor, from the Administrative Procedure Act process for adoption of administrative regulations and allows adoption of permanent regulations by the Legislative Commission or Subcommittee to Review Regulations only during regular legislative sessions.

NTA Position: Amend to remove the provision that regulations can only be approved during regular legislative sessions. Frequently regulations are required to clarify a provision of law or because a new law has been passed that requires an agency or department to adopt specific regulations. Delaying the approval process of a regulation by the committee to review regulations or the legislative commission defeats the purpose of providing clarity to the person or business impacted by the proposed regulation until the next legislative session

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB355.pdf

AB 364 - State Business Portal

Sponsor: Assemblyman Thompson, et al (9 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (9 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 7-696)

This extensive bill includes, but is not limited to, requiring the Secretary of State to assign a unique identification number to each business; providing for the confidentiality of information authorized to be viewed by other agencies or health district; clarifies the representatives that the Secretary of State shall consult with in building the portal; and to the extent possible requires agencies and health districts to utilize the portal for electronic filings.

Effective: October 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB364.pdf

AB 406 – State Business License

Sponsor: Assembly members Moore and Fiore; referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 7-822)

Revises State Business License requirements so that acquiring the license must be done at the time the first annual list filing is due, or within 1 year of commencing business in the state.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB406.pdf

SB 323 – State Business Loan Program

Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Neal; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 18-956)

Requires the Office of Economic Development and Department of Business and Industry to create a loan program for expansion of small businesses owned by minorities, including women. The loan funds are to come from revenue bonds, not to exceed \$10 million, to be paid with proceeds from the loans. Eligibility and other requirements are stipulated.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB323.pdf

SB 325 – State Purchasing

Sponsor: Senator Goicoechea, et al (6 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 27-1024)

Requires the state business presence of a bidder, including taxes paid, employees, locations, etc. to be given at least equal weight to all other factors when considering competitive bids for state purchasing.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB325.pdf

SB 326 – Public Works: 10-hour 4-day Work Week

Sponsors: Senators Farley and Goicoechea; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 28-792)

Amends existing language to allow a 10-hour 4-day work week with written notice of that intention at least 5 days in advance unless the schedule is prevented by conditions beyond the control of the contractor or subcontractor.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB326.pdf

SB 383 – Driver License Restrictions

Sponsor: Senator Gustavson; referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 43-255)

Requires attending physicians who support a patient's application for a medical marijuana card must also report the medical condition of the licensee to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The DMV may examine the licensee and take action as it sees appropriate.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB383.pdf

EDUCATION: K-12**AB 314 – Superintendent Authority**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Munford, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-103)

Requires school boards to address matters submitted by the general public within 60 days or send a written explanation including a referral to an office or person in the school district qualified to address the matter. Limits the superintendent's authority to matters of internal management of the superintendent's office unless an action is ratified by the board and requires any action taken by a superintendent between January 1 and June 30, 2015, must be approved by the board or it will be void.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB314.pdf

AB 319 – Quarterly Financial Reports

Sponsor: Assemblyman Moore, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-823)

Requires school boards to submit quarterly financial reports to the Legislative Committee on Education or Legislature when in session. Reports must include a line item for each expenditure, obligation and revenue source for the quarter and be submitted within 30 days after the end of each quarter.

Fiscal Note: Contains an unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB319.pdf

AB 339 – School Board Composition

Sponsor: Assemblyman Hickey; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-229)

Allows school boards, after a hearing, to request the State Board of Education appoint two members to the board and frames out the process by which those appointed members may be replaced on the board. Provides for redrawing of school board election districts for counties of various populations.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB339.pdf

AB 394 – School Districts

Sponsor: Assemblyman Gardner, et al (8 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-900)

Allows incorporated cities to create local school precincts with the boundaries of the city using an appointed committee and submitting the plan for approval by the Department of Education. Hearings must be held by the governing body of the city as well as the State Board. Allows two or more boards of trustees to consolidate their districts by an interlocal agreement.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB394.pdf

AB 395 – Public Charter School Authority

Sponsor: Assemblyman Gardner, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-902)

Exempts the State Charter School Authority from requirements of the State Budget Act, except that it must submit its budget to the Legislature for approval and the Budget Director for information. Removes all officers and employees of the Authority from classified and unclassified service and gives hiring authority to the Director of the Authority. Maintains employee rights to participate in PERS. Transfer sponsorship and regulatory authority to the Authority from the Department. The Authority will still submit required reports.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and July 1, 2015 and January 1, 2020.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB395.pdf

SB 287 – Cursive Handwriting

Sponsor: Senator Gustavson, Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Dickman; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-849)

Requires cursive handwriting be taught to all elementary school students, including charter schools, and that students be able to produce readable documents by the end of third grade.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB287.pdf

SB 290 – Common Core Repeal

Sponsors: Senators Hammond and Gustavson, Joint Sponsors: Assemblyman O'Neill, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-678)

voids Common Core Standards and related provisions and requires the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools to set new academic requirements based on Massachusetts standards.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

Note: Also see AB 303 on page 45 of Issue 7.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB290.pdf

SB 302 – Private School Tuition Grants

Sponsor: Senator Hammond; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-567)

Students attending private school may receive grants of 90% of the local and basic support per-pupil. Grants must be deposited in an education savings account at designated financial institution and used in prescribed ways. The annual agreement between the Department and the parents is renewable each subsequent year.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB302.pdf

EDUCATION: K-12 CONTINUED**SB 345 – All Day Kindergarten**

Sponsor: Senator Smith, et al (8 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Araujo, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-868)

Requires school districts and charter schools to establish all-day kindergarten classes. Lowers the required school attendance age from 7 to 5 but allows parents to file a waiver and not send 5-year-olds to kindergarten. Adjust the basic support formula for schools to reflect the change in kindergarten school hours.

Fiscal note: Contains an unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB345.pdf

SB 397 – School Funding

Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (12 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Diaz, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-563)

Provides an increasing multiplier in the basic support guarantee for limited English proficient and at-risk students and requires separate reporting on these students. The multiplier goes from 1.05 in the 2017-18 school year to 1.5 in the 2020-21 school year and thereafter. Requires a plan be developed for disabled students that moves their funding to a multiplier of 2.0 from the current special education units approach.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and July 1, 2015, depending on the section.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB397.pdf

SB 411 – School Capital Projects

Sponsor: Senator Smith, Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR S-140)

Authorizes school boards to create a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee to recommend imposing one or more statutory taxes be put to voters by the county board in the 2016 general election. If approved, the additional taxes must go to the school district's capital projects fund. If such a Committee is created in a county, recommendations must be made to the county board by April 2, 2016.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and expires by limitation on April 2, 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB411.pdf

GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL**AB 312 – PERS Retirement Age**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Trowbridge, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-975)

For non-police and firefighter participants who enroll in PERS after July 1, 2016, changes the full benefit retirement age to match Social Security rules. For firefighter and police PERS participants who enroll after July 1, 2016, the retirement age must be 10 years less than those for Social Security. For participants enrolling in PERS after July 1, 2016, the average compensation must be based on the highest 60 months of compensation rather than the current 36 months.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

Note: See also AB 387, below in this section.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB312.pdf

AB 353 - Competitive Bidding

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Dickman, et al (11 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senators Gustavson and Settlemeyer; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 27-920)

Shortens the list of exemptions from required competitive bidding on \$50,000 contracts for local governments and \$100,000 contracts for the state.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB353.pdf

AB 387 – PERS Retirement Age

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-1061)

PERS members, including police and firefighters, who joins the system after July 1, 2015, may not include any purchased credits for years or partial years of service in the calculation for unreduced benefits. The same applies to members joining the Judicial Retirement System and Legislators' Retirement System after July 1, 2015.

Note: See also AB 312, above in this section.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB387.pdf

SB 317 – New Market Jobs Act Amendments

Sponsors: Senators Roberson and Settlemeyer; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 18-91)

Eliminates requirements for businesses to meet certain SBA size eligibility standards and certain decertification provisions. Allows issuers to use special purpose entities for some compliance requirements for two years before direct compliance is required.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB317.pdf

GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL CONTINUED**SB 348 – Unclaimed Property Exemption**

Sponsor: Senator Roberson; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 10-770)

This bill addresses “public infrastructure proceeds.” Amounts that are held by Nevada or an agency or political subdivision of Nevada that were paid to the governmental entity for the purpose of providing security for, or to fund the construction of, public infrastructure are exempt from the unclaimed property act (NRS 120.A.135).

Effective: July 1, 2015 only for public infrastructure proceeds that are in possession, custody or control of the State or local government.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB348.pdf

SB 356 – PERS Records

Sponsor: Senator Smith, et al (8 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Sprinkle, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-1092)

Clarifies that PERS records and files relating to individual members are confidential. A compilation of data from those files does not make the information contained in them a public record.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB356.pdf

SB 392 – Prevailing Wage

Sponsor: Senator Kieckhefer; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 28-828)

Raises the threshold for prevailing wage requirements on public works to \$1 million from \$100,000 and requires the Labor Commission to adjust the threshold every 5 years for inflation. Changes the survey method used to determine the prevailing wage and makes changes to claim filing and the competitive bidding process.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB392.pdf

SB 406 – PERS Changes

Sponsor: Senator Roberson; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-1049)

Make a number of amendments to the PERS provisions, including, but not limited to, felonies cancel all benefits for employees entering the system after July 1, 2015; benefits increases are reduced for all members enrolling after July 1, 2015; spousal benefits, including domestic partners, are enhanced for employees killed on the job; retirement ages are adjusted; and average compensation formulas are adjusted.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB406.pdf

GOVERNMENT: STATE**AB 368 – Silver State Health Exchange Dissolution**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Jones, et al (8 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Senator Gustavson; referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 57-1066)

Repeals all provisions governing the Silver State Health Exchange and requires the Director to notify the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on July 1, 2015 that the Exchange will cease operations and arrange a transition plan to turn the operation over to the federal agency.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for some sections and according to the transition plan for others.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB368.pdf

AB 373 – Occupational Diseases of Bailiffs

Sponsor: Assemblyman Stewart, by request; referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 53-534)

Expands the definition of police officer to include bailiffs and deputy marshals of district, justice or municipal courts for the purposes of coverage and presumed liability for certain occupational diseases, as well as other privileges.

Effective: October 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB373.pdf

AB 390 – Division of Enterprise Information Technology Service

Sponsor: Assemblyman Paul Anderson; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 19-767)

Designates the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services of Department of Administration as a charter agency if and when AB 104 of this session is enacted.

Effective: If AB 104 is passed, July 1 2015 for some provisions and July 1, 2016 for others. Expires by limitation on June 30, 2021, as does AB 104, if enacted.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB390.pdf

AB 414 – Interactive Gaming

Requested by Committee on Judiciary and referred to same. (BDR 41-1072)

Clarifies that the interactive gaming agreements the Governor is authorized to reach with other states apply only to Internet poker and defines Internet poker.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB414.pdf

GOVERNMENT: STATE CONTINUED**SB 315 – State Worker Holiday Pay**

Sponsor: Senator Roberson; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 22-508)

For state workers who are on a 4-day, 10-hour regular schedule of work, holiday pay is for a 10-hour day.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB315.pdf

SB 344 – Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program

Sponsor: Senator Smith, et al (8 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-142)

Requires the Director of Economic Development to place up to 10 demonstrated entrepreneurs in state agencies as unclassified employees for up to two years to foster communications between state government and businesses. The entrepreneurs-in-residence are to do outreach efforts to small business and provide feedback on the value of various programs, among other functions. Appointments of 1 to 10 participants is to occur in each of the next two fiscal years but not after September 2016.

Effective: July 1, 2015 and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB344.pdf

SB 383 – Driver License Restrictions

Sponsor: Senator Gustavson; referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 43-255)

Requires attending physicians who support a patient's application for a medical marijuana card must also report the medical condition of the licensee to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The DMV may examine the licensee and take action as it sees appropriate.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB383.pdf

SB 400 – Commission on Immigration and Migration

Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (3 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Diaz, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-888)

Creates the 27-member Advisory Commission on Immigration and Migration to create a state plan on immigration, use of migrants workers and integration of immigrants into the community. Authorizes the Governor to set up a migrant worker visa pilot program to facilitate supplying legal foreign migrant workers in the state.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB400.pdf

GOVERNMENT: LOCAL**AB 333 – Fire Protection District Consolidation**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Kirner; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 42-650)

In all counties except Clark, allows consolidation of two or more contiguous fire protection districts if all the territory is within the county and if all fire protection related taxes within the districts are equal. The partial property tax abatement to which the owner was entitled prior to the consolidation remain in effect. Prohibits a fire emergency fund for a consolidated district to exceed \$1.5 million.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB333.pdf

AB 413 – Home Rule

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 21-587)

Grants city councils in cities over 15,000 in population the right to exercise all powers not expressly denied by the state for effective operation of government.

Effective: October 1, 2015

Note: See SB 11, page 143, Issue 2.

NTA Position: Oppose. Unlike SB 11, this bill would allow fiscal, structural and functional home rule.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB413.pdf

SB 310 – Tourism Improvement Districts

Sponsor: Senator Kieckhefer; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 22-827)

Makes certain amendments to provisions governing Tourism Improvement Districts, including extending the life of a district to 25 years if it had no financing commitments or receipts in its first full 5 years of existence; and creating a further exemption from the prohibition of using LSST for funding.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB310.pdf

GOVERNMENT: LOCAL CONTINUED**SB 314 – Clark County Health District**

Sponsor: Senator Roberson, Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Thompson; referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-957)

Revises the makeup of the district board of health and provisions of the board and appointment of an administrative director for the district. Requires creation of a public health advisory board.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for some provisions and July 1, 2015 for others.

Note: Also see AB 232 on page 38 of Issue 6.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB314.pdf

SB 318 – Fire Protection District Consolidation

Sponsor: Senator Kieckhefer; referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 42-833)

This bill is identical to AB 333, page 62 this Issue.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB318.pdf

SB 366 – Marijuana Possession

Sponsor: Senator Kihuen, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-884)

Repeals the criminal penalties for possession of 1 ounce or less of marijuana and requires local governments to impose, by ordinance, a civil penalty of not more than \$100.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB366.pdf

SB 395 – Marriage Tourism

Sponsor: Senator Kihuen, et al (6 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 11-530)

Allows county commissions to, by ordinance, add a fee of not more than \$14 to the fee for marriage license and use the money to promote marriage tourism. The bill addresses other issues such as authorizing same sex marriages, allowing wedding chapel brochures at marriage license offices, and postjudgment divorce filings.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB395.pdf

ELECTIONS**AB 320 – Nonpartisan Offices**

Sponsor: Assemblyman Silberkraus, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-923)

Adds constable, county assessor, county clerk, county commissioner, county recorder, county treasurer, district attorney and public administrator to the list of offices designated as nonpartisan. Clarifies that an unopposed candidate declared elected at a primary election does not have to stand in the general election. Governor appointments for vacant county commissioner seats no longer have to follow party lines and county commissions may declare a special election by resolution in lieu of appointment by the Governor to fill a vacancy.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB320.pdf

AB 381 – Filing Deadlines; Challenges

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-966)

Extends the filing deadline for general elections from the 4th Friday in June to July 31 of the election year. Written challenges to a candidate's qualifications may be filed at any time and if a court determines the challenged candidate is ineligible, the candidate must pay all attorney fees and court costs and a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000. In addition to signs at polling places, the Secretary of State or applicable clerk must use any other court-ordered method to advise voters of the ineligibility.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB381.pdf

AB 416 – City Election Dates

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1081)

Requires the elections of incorporated cities to be on the statewide election schedule by 2018. Makes provisions for the terms of current office holders, filing deadlines and other matters accordingly. Requires the same of charter cities.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and July 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB416.pdf

ELECTIONS CONTINUED

SB 293 – Unspent Contributions

Sponsor: Senator Brower, et al (2 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Hickey; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-596)

Former public officers who have unspent campaign contributions must, by September 30, 2017, either declare a candidacy, appear on a ballot, or dispose of any unspent contributions. Former public officers are subject to reporting as long as they have unspent contributions.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB293.pdf

SB 316 – Voter Registration

Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (8 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Elliot Anderson, et al (14 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-652)

Extends voter registration deadlines for most elections to the last day of early voting. Authorizes same day registration and voting for primary and general elections at locations designate by county clerks. Authorizes certain 17-year-olds to preregister to vote. Mandates that at least one polling place in Clark and Washoe counties must be open on Sundays during early voting. Allows electronic delivery of sample ballots.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

Fiscal Note: Contains unfunded mandate not requested by affected local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB316.pdf

SB 322 – Printed Election Materials

Sponsor: Senator Harris, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (BDR 24-733)

Specifies the minimum type size, according to the size of the printed election material, that must be used for the disclosure statement of who paid for the material.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB322.pdf

SB 331 – DMV Voter Registration

Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-969)

Sets procedures for the DMV, with consent of the voter, to transmit voter registration information to the appropriate county clerk of the voter's district.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB331.pdf

SB 368 – Ward Only Voting

Sponsor: Senator Kihuen, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 24-885)

Increases the number of wards in cities over 50,000 to 5 to 7 from 4 to six. The governing boards of affected cities are to fix boundaries for the new wards by October 1, 2015. Disallows member-at-large seats in these cities. Requires primary and general election voting for council or supervisor seats to be by ward only. Makes provisions for existing terms. This bill specifically affects Reno, Sparks, Carson, and Henderson.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and October 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB368.pdf

SB 403 – Candidate Residency

Sponsor: Senator Farley; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-799)

A candidate who is ruled to have violated the residency requirements must return all contributions to supporters or donate the funds to charity if the contributor refuses the refund or cannot be found.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB403.pdf

AB 334 – BDRs for Law Enforcement

Sponsor: Assemblyman Wheeler; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-172)

An association of elected sheriffs and other chief executive officers of city, county or state law enforcement agencies may submit, by September 1 of the preceding year, up to three BDRs for each regular Legislative Session.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB334.pdf

LEGISLATURE**SB 307 – Financial Disclosure**

Sponsor: Senator Roberson; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-768)

Amends both the Lobbying Act and the Financial Disclosure Act to clarify definitions of “gift” and reporting/declaring requirements for activities such as informational trips and events.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB307.pdf

SB 413 – Fiscal Notes on Bills

Sponsor: Senator Smith; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-872)

Makes several changes to the way fiscal notes are solicited and evaluated and printed, including allowing unsolicited fiscal notes from agencies and local governments, and setting procedures for working with legislator sponsors on fiscal notes.

Effective: October 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB413.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET**AB 327 – Veterans Court Coordinator**

Sponsors: Assemblymen Elliot Anderson and Thompson; referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR S-1026)

Appropriates \$200,222 from the General Fund to the Eighth Judicial Court for the salary of a Veterans Court Coordinator. The appropriation is contingent upon matching funds being secured from other sources. Any remaining balance reverts to the General Fund on September 15, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB327.pdf

AB 342 – GOED: Tracking Education Needs

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Neal, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 18-16)

Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Economic Development to fund a program that tracks and predicts the education and skills needed by our future workforce. GOED is to work with DETR and the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board on this project and any amount of the appropriation may be shared with those offices for the project. Any funds remaining revert to the General Fund on September 15, 2017.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB342.pdf

AB 343 – Office of Minority Health

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Neal, et al (3 co-sponsors), by request; referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR S-395)

Makes an appropriation of \$600,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Minority Health of the Office for Consumer Health Assistance of the Department of Health and Human Services. States no specific use for the money. Any remaining balance reverts on September 15, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB343.pdf

AB 378 – Teacher Incentive Pay; Repeal of Class Size Reduction

Sponsors: Assemblywomen Dooling and Shelton; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-807)

Makes an appropriation \$41,156,278 in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and \$81,847,172 in Fiscal Year 2016-17 to create a Master Teacher program of incentive pay. Under the program, teachers who contract to teach in at-risk schools and mentor other teachers are to be paid between \$150,000 and \$200,000 per year, less the amount of regular pay to teachers in that district. Requirements for teachers are made. Teachers apply annually to the Department of Education to receive the incentive pay. Remaining funds revert at the end of each fiscal year. Eliminates the class-size reduction program entirely.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB378.pdf

AB 399 – GOED: Pilot Program

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Neal, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR S-46)

Appropriates \$300,000 to the Office of Economic Development for a pilot program to assist up to 10 existing Nevada businesses expand and grow by providing technical assistance through various colleges and business centers between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2019. The Centers must report to GOED every 6 months. Remaining funds revert on September 20, 2019.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and July 1, 2017 for all other purposes. Expires by limitation on June 30, 2019.

Note: See also SB 182 on page 34 of Issue 5 under “Appropriations Not In Executive Budget”.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB399.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET**SB 295 – STEM Training for Teachers**

Sponsor: Senator Woodhouse, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsors: Assembly members Bustamante Adams and Stewart; referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-789)

Makes an appropriation of \$12 million from the General Fund to the Department of Education for specific professional training for teachers during the 2015-2016 and 2016-17 school years. The Department is to distribute \$7.2 million to the Clark County district, \$3.6 million to the Washoe school district, \$600,000 for other school districts through grants, and \$600,000 for the three regional training programs of the Department. Any remaining balance reverts to the state on September 16, 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB295.pdf

SB 308 – Infrastructure Maintenance

Sponsor: Senator Roberson; referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-764)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the State Public Works Board of \$6 million to address critical infrastructure needs of the state. Remaining funds revert to the state on September 20, 2019.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB308.pdf

SB 332 – Clark County Teacher Evaluations

Sponsor: Senator Roberson, et al (2 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-763)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the Clark County School District of \$1 million in each of the next two fiscal years to assist teachers in the Clark County School District meet teaching standards. This includes conducting observations and doing peer evaluations. Remaining funds at the end of each fiscal year revert to the General Fund.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB332.pdf

SB 347 – Low Performing Schools

Sponsor: Senator Woodhouse, et al (9co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-219)

Appropriates \$25 million in each of the next two fiscal years from the General Fund to Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation. The Department of Education is to distribute these funds primarily to Clark (\$20 million each year) and Washoe (\$4 million each year) county school districts, for use in middle and junior high schools that are in the lowest performing tier to bolster teaching of language and math to limited English proficient students. Additional mandates imposed for use of the money include extended school days and a free summer academy. Funds may roll from the first fiscal year into the next, but remaining funds at the end of the 2016-2017 fiscal year revert on September 15, 2017. Annual reporting is required.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB347.pdf

SB 364 – Child Care Assistance

Sponsor: Senator Kihuen, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR S-880)

Makes an appropriation of \$1.2 million in each of the next two fiscal years from the General Fund to the Fund for Mitigation of the Cliff Effect on Financial Assistance for Child Care. This is a pilot program to be conducted by DHHS in up to five counties, offering child care funding assistance to families who are working and receiving state or federal income assistance and find that an increase in their working income makes them ineligible for assistance but is not enough to cover child care. DHHS is to make grants to the selected counties for distribution to these families. A portion must also go to child care facility meals. A report on pilot program results is to be made to the 2017 Legislature and remaining funds revert in September, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB364.pdf

SB 391 – Reading By Third Grade

Sponsor: Senator Harris, et al (15 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-644)

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Other State Education Programs Account, \$4.9 million for fiscal 2015-16 and \$22.3 million for fiscal 2016-17 to underwrite a competitive grants program for public and charter elementary school K-3 literacy programs. Mandates that by 2019, no child may advance to 4th grade without reading proficiency or a waiver from the superintendent. Remaining funds revert at the end of each fiscal year. Reports are required.

Effective: July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2019.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB391.pdf

SB 399 – Nevada Boost Grant Program

Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-890)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the Nevada Boost Grant Program of \$2 million in each of the next two fiscal years to pay for a grant program to assist with up to \$2,000 of tuition for community college students in their first two semesters. Actual grant amounts, eligibility and awards are governed by the Board of Regents. Biennial reporting is required and remaining funds revert at the end of each fiscal year.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB399.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET CONTINUED
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Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-890)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the Nevada Boost Grant Program of \$2 million in each of the next two fiscal years to pay for a grant program to assist with up to \$2,000 of tuition for community college students in their first two semesters. Actual grant amounts, eligibility and awards are governed by the Board of Regents. Biennial reporting is required and remaining funds revert at the end of each fiscal year.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB399.pdf

SB 405 – Zoom Schools

Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (10 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Education. (BDR S-887)

Makes an appropriation to the Account for Programs for Innovation of \$49.95 million in each of the next two fiscal years to continue and expand the Zoom School program for limited English proficient students. In each of those fiscal years, \$39,035,925 goes to Clark County schools and \$6,743,250 goes to Washoe schools. Other school districts may apply for grants. Clark and Washoe schools are to expand the program from elementary to middle, junior high and high schools. First year money may be used in the second year. Remaining funds at the end of the second fiscal year revert on September 15, 2017. Annual reporting is required.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB405.pdf

GENERAL INTEREST

AB 322 – Smoking Restriction

Sponsor: Assemblyman Sprinkle; referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 15-128)

Prohibits smoking of tobacco in a car when a child under 18 is present. Fines of \$25 or community service may be imposed.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB322.pdf

AB 384 – Oral History Program

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Swank, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-1011)

Establishes the Nevada Legislature Oral History Program in statute to continue the preservation of oral histories, papers, photographs, books, etc. of former and current Legislators by the LCB Research Division, within the limits of available money. The program was initiated with an appropriation in 2007 .

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB384.pdf

SB 354 – Wheelchairs in Bike Lanes

Sponsor: Senator Denis, et al (3 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 43-894)

Gives motorized wheelchairs the same use, rights and protections as bicycles in a bike lane. Motorized wheelchairs are not subject to vehicle registration and drivers do not have to hold a driver license.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB354.pdf

STUDIES

AB 421 - SAGE Commission for Education

Requested by the Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR S-1083)

Creates the 12-member Spending and Government Efficiency Commission to study the public education and higher education systems in this state. Members receive no per diem and are to meet at least every 90 days to make recommendations to the Governor about ways to reduced costs, gain efficiency and generally improve the systems. A final report to the Governor and Legislature is due by February 1, 2017.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB421.pdf

AB 423 – Transportation Infrastructure and Funding

Requested by Committee on Transportation and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR S-1074)

Creates the 6-member, appointed Legislative Committee on Transportation Infrastructure and Funding to evaluate mechanisms to pay for transportation and infrastructure in the state, including working with the Congressional delegation. The Committee may conduct investigations, hold hearings, request LCB assistance and recommend legislation. Reports are due by January 15 of odd-numbered years.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB423.pdf

STUDIES CONTINUED

SCR 6 – School District Realignment

Sponsor: Senator Hammond; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR R-679)

Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study relating to the consolidation, deconsolidation and realignment of the boundaries of school districts in this State with a 6-member committee. The study is to consider redistricting, taxation, revenue, bonding, interlocal agreements, the construction, operation and maintenance of schools, employment contracts, collective bargaining, the transfer of real and personal property, district planning and management, financial planning for school programs and student funding, and athletics. A report is due to the Legislative Commission by October 1, 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SCR/SCR6.pdf

SB 360 – Clean Energy Financing

Sponsor: Senator Spearman, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR S-41)

Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a broad-based, seven-member committee to study the viability of creating green banks or similar entities to finance installation and use of clean energy sources in commercial and residential properties. Support is to be provided by the Governor's Office of Energy. The report is due by January 1, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB360.pdf

SB 381 – Task Force on Financial Security

Sponsor: Senator Ford, et al (7 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assembly members Bustamante Adams and Munford; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR S-1037)

Creates the designated five-member Task Force on Financial Security to conduct a comprehensive examination of the financial security of individuals in Nevada. The Task Force will be paid only by gifts, grants and donations it receives. The report is due to the Legislative Counsel Bureau by September 1, 2016.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for appointments and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes. Expires by limitation on June 30, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB381.pdf

SCR 4 – Energy Efficient Programs

Sponsor: Senator Spearman, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR R-537)

Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a six-member committee of legislators to study energy efficiency programs and incentives in Nevada and other states and make recommendations on standards and efficiency programs for this state to the 2017 Legislature.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SCR/SCR4.pdf

SCR 5 – Prisons

Sponsor: Senator Spearman, et al (8 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR R-536)

Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a six-member committee of legislators to study facilities, conditions and operating procedures at the state's prisons, correctional facilities and parole system, including whether the Division of Parole and Probation should be transferred to the Department of Corrections, and report to the 2017 Legislature.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SCR/SCR5.pdf

SCR 6 – School District Realignment

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Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study relating to the consolidation, deconsolidation and realignment of the boundaries of school districts in this State with a 6-member committee. The study is to consider redistricting, taxation, revenue, bonding, interlocal agreements, the construction, operation and maintenance of schools, employment contracts, collective bargaining, the transfer of real and personal property, district planning and management, financial planning for school programs and student funding, and athletics. A report is due to the Legislative Commission by October 1, 2016.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SCR/SCR6.pdf

AMENDMENTS TO STATE CONSTITUTION

The following proposals to amend the Nevada Constitution must be approved by both the 2015 and 2017 Legislatures, and then be submitted to a vote of the people at the next general election to become effective.

AJR 8 – Two-Thirds Vote for Initiatives

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Dickman, et al (15 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR C-916)

Requires any statutory or constitutional amendment initiative that creates, generates or increases revenue to the State must be approved by two-thirds of voters voting rather than a simple majority.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AJR/AJR8.pdf

AMENDMENTS TO STATE CONSTITUTION CONTINUED

AJR 9 – District Judges

Sponsor: Assemblymen Moore and Jones; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR C-640)

Provides that district judges, rather than being elected in their districts, will be appointed to 8-year terms by the Assembly from candidates submitted to the Assembly by the Commission on Judicial Selection. A special session of the Assembly may be called to fill district court judge vacancies by a petition signed by two-thirds of Assembly members.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AJR/AJR9.pdf

AJR 10 – Elected Official Compensation

Sponsor: Assemblywoman Dooling, et al (5 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR C – 1068)

Proposes to create, by Constitutional amendment, a Citizens Commission on Salaries for Certain Elected Officers, and have that commission set salaries for state offices, including Assembly members, Senators, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller, Attorney General, Supreme Court justices, judges of the Court of Appeals and district courts. The commission would also set the per diem for legislators.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AJR/AJR10.pdf

SJR 14 – Health Exchange Prohibition

Sponsor: Senator Gustavson, Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Dickman; referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. (BDR C-1008)

Prohibits any entity in the state from creating, operating, maintaining or contracting for a health insurance exchange in this state.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SJR/SJR14.pdf

SJR 15 – Voter I.D.

Sponsor: Senator Gustavson, et al (3 co-sponsors), Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Fiore, et al (7 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR C-850)

Requires registered voters to present specific photo identification to vote in person. Requires the Legislature to mandate one or more agencies to issue free photographic voter identification cards to voters who do not have any of the other forms of I.D.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SJR/SJR15.pdf

SJR 17 – Victims of Crimes Rights

Sponsor: Senator Roberson, et al (4 co-sponsors); referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR C-952)

Proposes to replace Article 1, section 8, concerning victims' rights with a new expanded section to cover victims' rights that is modeled after changes made to the California Constitution in 2008.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SJR/SJR17.pdf

SJR 18 – Repeal of Term Limits

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR C-137)

Proposes to repeal terms limits for the offices of Assembly members, Senators, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller, Attorney General and any state office or local governing body.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SJR/SJR18.pdf

SJR 19 – Estate Tax

Sponsor: Senator Segerblom; referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR C-136)

Authorizes the Legislature to provide by law for taxation of estates of \$1 Billion or more at a rate not to exceed 1 percent of the taxable value of the estate.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SJR/SJR19.pdf

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