

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 189—ASSEMBLYMAN MCARTHUR

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the number of legislative measures that may be requested by certain persons and entities. (BDR 17-619)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Legislature; revising the number of legislative measures that may be requested by certain persons and entities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law limits the number of persons and entities that are authorized to  
2 request the drafting of legislative measures and, with certain exceptions, limits the  
3 number of measures those persons and entities are allowed to request. (NRS  
4 218D.150-218D.220, 219A.220) **Sections 1-6** of this bill reduce the number of  
5 requests for the drafting of legislative measures that may be made by authorized  
6 requesters. **Sections 2 and 4** additionally impose a limit on the current unlimited  
7 allotments of certain requesters.

8 Subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14 adopted by the 2015 Legislature  
9 provides that the standing committees of each House may request, from the first  
10 day of the legislative session to 5 p.m. on the 15th day of the legislative session, not  
11 more than 60 requests. **Section 1** codifies into statute the provisions of this Joint  
12 Standing Rule concerning the additional requests that the standing committees of  
13 the Assembly and the Senate may request during the first 15 days of regular session  
14 and amends this Rule so the standing committees may only submit 30 legislative  
15 measures, in total for each House, for a regular session.

16 Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.4 adopted by the  
17 2015 Legislature provides that the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of  
18 the Assembly may each submit, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another  
19 Legislator or standing committee of the Senate or Assembly, not more than 5  
20 requests. **Section 2** codifies into statute the provisions of this Joint Standing Rule  
21 concerning the additional requests that the Majority Leader of the Senate and the  
22 Speaker of the Assembly may request after a regular session has convened and  
23 amends this Rule so each may request not more than 3 legislative measures.



24 Paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.4 adopted by the  
25 2015 Legislature provides that the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority  
26 Leader of the Assembly may each submit, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf  
27 of another Legislator or standing committee of the Senate or Assembly, not more  
28 than 2 requests. **Section 2** codifies into statute the provisions of this Joint Standing  
29 Rule concerning the additional requests that the Minority Leader of the Senate and  
30 the Minority Leader of the Assembly may request after a regular session has  
31 convened.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218D.150 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 218D.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
4 each:

5 (a) Incumbent member of the Assembly may request the  
6 drafting of:

7 (1) Not more than ~~14~~ 2 legislative measures submitted to the  
8 Legislative Counsel on or before August 1 preceding a regular  
9 session;

10 (2) Not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to the  
11 Legislative Counsel after August 1 but on or before December 10  
12 preceding a regular session; and

13 (3) Not more than 1 legislative measure submitted to the  
14 Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or  
15 before the eighth day of the regular session at 5 p.m.

16 (b) Incumbent member of the Senate may request the drafting  
17 of:

18 (1) Not more than ~~18~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to the  
19 Legislative Counsel on or before August 1 preceding a regular  
20 session;

21 (2) Not more than ~~10~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to  
22 the Legislative Counsel after August 1 but on or before  
23 December 10 preceding a regular session; and

24 (3) Not more than 2 legislative measures submitted to the  
25 Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or  
26 before the eighth day of the regular session at 5 p.m.

27 (c) Newly elected member of the Assembly may request the  
28 drafting of:

29 (1) Not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to the  
30 Legislative Counsel on or before December 10 preceding a regular  
31 session; and

32 (2) Not more than 1 legislative measure submitted to the  
33 Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or  
34 before the eighth day of the regular session at 5 p.m.



1 (d) Newly elected member of the Senate may request the  
2 drafting of:

3 (1) Not more than ~~10~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to  
4 the Legislative Counsel on or before December 10 preceding a  
5 regular session; and

6 (2) Not more than 2 legislative measures submitted to the  
7 Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or  
8 before the eighth day of the regular session at 5 p.m.

9 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on or before  
10 the first day of a regular session, each:

11 (a) Incumbent member of the Assembly must:

12 (1) Prefile at least ~~4~~ 2 of the legislative measures that he or  
13 she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (a)  
14 of subsection 1; or

15 (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which ~~4~~ 2 legislative  
16 measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and  
17 (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 that he or she withdraws.

18 ↪ If an incumbent member of the Assembly does not request the  
19 maximum number of legislative measures authorized by  
20 subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the  
21 number of legislative measures that he or she must prefile or  
22 withdraw pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of  
23 unused requests.

24 (b) Incumbent member of the Senate must:

25 (1) Prefile at least ~~8~~ 5 of the legislative measures that he or  
26 she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (b)  
27 of subsection 1; or

28 (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which ~~8~~ 5 legislative  
29 measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and  
30 (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 that he or she withdraws.

31 ↪ If an incumbent member of the Senate does not request the  
32 maximum number of legislative measures authorized by  
33 subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the  
34 number of legislative measures that he or she must prefile or  
35 withdraw pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of  
36 unused requests.

37 (c) Newly elected member of the Assembly must:

38 (1) Prefile at least ~~2~~ 1 of the legislative measures that he or  
39 she requested pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of  
40 subsection 1; or

41 (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which ~~2~~ 1 legislative  
42 ~~measures~~ *measure* that he or she requested pursuant to  
43 subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 that he or she  
44 withdraws.



1   ↳ If a newly elected member of the Assembly does not request the  
2 maximum number of legislative measures authorized by  
3 subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the number of  
4 legislative measures that he or she must prefile or withdraw  
5 pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of unused  
6 requests.

7   (d) Newly elected member of the Senate must:

8       (1) Prefile at least ~~4~~ 2 of the legislative measures that he or  
9 she requested pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (d) of  
10 subsection 1; or

11       (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which ~~4~~ 2 legislative  
12 measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraph (1) of  
13 paragraph (d) of subsection 1 that he or she withdraws.

14   ↳ If a newly elected member of the Senate does not request the  
15 maximum number of legislative measures authorized by  
16 subparagraph (1) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1, the number of  
17 legislative measures that he or she must prefile or withdraw  
18 pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of unused  
19 requests.

20   3. A Legislator may not request the drafting of a legislative  
21 measure pursuant to subsection 1 on or after the date on which the  
22 Legislator becomes a nonreturning Legislator. For the purposes of  
23 this subsection, “nonreturning Legislator” means a Legislator who,  
24 in the year that the Legislator’s term of office expires:

25       (a) Has not filed a declaration or an acceptance of candidacy  
26 within the time allowed for filing for election as a member of the  
27 Senate or the Assembly;

28       (b) Has failed to win nomination as a candidate for the Senate or  
29 the Assembly at the primary election; or

30       (c) Has withdrawn as a candidate for the Senate or the  
31 Assembly.

32   4. A Legislator may not request the drafting of a legislative  
33 measure pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1 on or after  
34 the date on which the Legislator files a declaration or an acceptance  
35 of candidacy for election to the House in which he or she is not  
36 currently a member. If the Legislator is elected to the other House,  
37 any request that he or she submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b)  
38 of subsection 1 before filing his or her declaration or acceptance of  
39 candidacy for election counts against the applicable limitation set  
40 forth in paragraph (c) or (d) of subsection 1 for the House in which  
41 the Legislator is a newly elected member.

42   5. In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant to  
43 subsection 1:

44       (a) The chair of each standing committee of the immediately  
45 preceding regular session, or a person designated in the place of the



1 chair by the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the  
2 Senate, may request before the date of the general election  
3 preceding a regular session the drafting of not more than 1  
4 legislative measure for introduction by the committee in a subject  
5 within the jurisdiction of the committee for every ~~H-8~~ 25 legislative  
6 measures that were referred to the respective standing committee  
7 during the immediately preceding regular session.

8 (b) A person designated after the general election as a chair of a  
9 standing committee for the next regular session, or a person  
10 designated in the place of a chair by the person designated as the  
11 Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate for  
12 the next regular session, may request on or before December 10  
13 preceding that regular session the drafting of the remaining number  
14 of the legislative measures allowed for the respective standing  
15 committee that were not requested by the previous chair or designee.

16 (c) *The standing committees of each House may, after a*  
17 *regular session has convened but on or before the 15th day of the*  
18 *regular session at 5 p.m., request the drafting of not more than 30*  
19 *legislative measures, in total for each House, for that regular*  
20 *session. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the*  
21 *Assembly each shall determine and provide to the Legislative*  
22 *Counsel a written list of the number of requests for the drafting of*  
23 *a bill that may be submitted pursuant to this paragraph by each*  
24 *standing committee of their respective Houses, up to a total of 30*  
25 *legislative measures per House.*

26 6. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a  
27 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

28 7. The Legislative Counsel shall not assign a number to a  
29 request for the drafting of a legislative measure submitted pursuant  
30 to this section to establish the priority of the request until sufficient  
31 detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative  
32 measure.

33 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218D.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 218D.155 1. In addition to the number of requests authorized  
35 pursuant to NRS 218D.150:

36 (a) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the  
37 Senate may each request before the date of the general election  
38 preceding a regular session, without limitation, the drafting of not  
39 more than ~~H-5~~ 8 legislative measures for that regular session.

40 (b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Minority  
41 Leader of the Senate may each request before the date of the general  
42 election preceding a regular session, without limitation, the drafting  
43 of not more than ~~H-0~~ 5 legislative measures for that regular session.

44 (c) A person designated after the general election as the Speaker  
45 of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority



1 Leader of the Assembly or the Minority Leader of the Senate for the  
2 next regular session may request before the first day of that regular  
3 session the drafting of the remaining number of the legislative  
4 measures allowed for the respective officer that were not requested  
5 by the previous officer.

6 *(d) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of*  
7 *the Senate may, after a regular session has convened, each*  
8 *request, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another*  
9 *Legislator or standing committee of the Assembly or Senate, the*  
10 *drafting of not more than 3 legislative measures for that regular*  
11 *session.*

12 *(e) The Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Minority*  
13 *Leader of the Senate may, after a regular session has convened,*  
14 *each request, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another*  
15 *Legislator or standing committee of the Assembly or Senate, the*  
16 *drafting of not more than 2 legislative measures for that regular*  
17 *session.*

18 2. The Legislative Counsel, the Secretary of the Senate and the  
19 Chief Clerk of the Assembly may *each* request before or during a  
20 regular session ~~[-, without limitation,]~~ the drafting of ~~[as many]~~ *not*  
21 *more than 10* legislative measures ~~[as]~~ *which* are necessary or  
22 convenient for the proper exercise of their duties.

23 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not assign a number to a  
24 request for the drafting of a legislative measure submitted pursuant  
25 to this section to establish the priority of the request until sufficient  
26 detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative  
27 measure.

28 **Sec. 3.** NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may  
30 request the drafting of not more than ~~10~~ *8* legislative measures  
31 before the first day of a regular session, with the approval of the  
32 Legislative Commission, which relate to the affairs of the  
33 Legislature or its employees, including legislative measures  
34 requested by the legislative staff.

35 2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request  
36 the drafting of not more than ~~10~~ *5* legislative measures before the  
37 first day of a regular session, with the approval of the Committee,  
38 which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

39 3. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, joint rule  
40 or concurrent resolution:

41 (a) Any legislative committee created by a statute, other than an  
42 interim legislative committee, may request the drafting of not more  
43 than ~~10~~ *5* legislative measures which relate to matters within the  
44 scope of the committee.



1 (b) Any committee or subcommittee established by an order of  
2 the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request  
3 the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures which relate  
4 to matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that  
5 such a committee or subcommittee may request the drafting of  
6 additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission  
7 approves each additional request by a majority vote.

8 (c) Any other committee established by the Legislature which  
9 conducts an interim legislative study or investigation may request  
10 the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 3 legislative measures which relate  
11 to matters within the scope of the study or investigation.

12 ➤ The requests authorized pursuant to this subsection must be  
13 submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1  
14 preceding a regular session unless the Legislative Commission  
15 authorizes submitting a request after that date.

16 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a  
17 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

18 5. The Legislative Counsel shall not assign a number to a  
19 request for the drafting of a legislative measure submitted pursuant  
20 to this section to establish the priority of the request until sufficient  
21 detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative  
22 measure.

23 **Sec. 4.** NRS 218D.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 218D.175 1. For a regular session, the Governor or the  
25 Governor's designated representative may request the drafting of  
26 not more than ~~110~~ 55 legislative measures which have been  
27 approved by the Governor or the Governor's designated  
28 representative on behalf of the officers, agencies, boards,  
29 commissions, departments and other units of the Executive  
30 Department. The requests must be submitted to the Legislative  
31 Counsel on or before August 1 preceding the regular session.

32 2. The Director of the Office of Finance may request on or  
33 before the 19th day of a regular session ~~[-without limitation,]~~ the  
34 drafting of ~~[as many]~~ not more than 50 legislative measures ~~[as]~~  
35 *which* are necessary to implement the budget proposed by the  
36 Governor and to provide for the fiscal management of the State. In  
37 addition to the requests otherwise authorized pursuant to this  
38 section, the Governor may request the drafting of not more than 5  
39 legislative measures on or before the 19th day of a regular session to  
40 propose the Governor's legislative agenda.

41 3. For a regular session, the following constitutional officers  
42 may request, without the approval of the Governor or the  
43 Governor's designated representative, the drafting of not more than  
44 the following numbers of legislative measures, which must be



1 submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1  
2 preceding the regular session:

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4	Lieutenant Governor..... 3
5	Secretary of State..... <del>16</del> 5
6	State Treasurer..... <del>15</del> 4
7	State Controller..... <del>15</del> 4
8	Attorney General..... <del>120</del> 15
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10 4. In addition to the requests authorized by subsection 3, the  
11 Secretary of State may request, without the approval of the  
12 Governor or the Governor’s designated representative, the drafting  
13 of not more than 2 legislative measures, which must be submitted to  
14 the Legislative Counsel on or before December 31 preceding the  
15 regular session.

16 5. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a  
17 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The legislative  
18 measures requested pursuant to subsections 1 and 3 must be prefiled  
19 on or before the third Wednesday in November preceding the  
20 regular session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or  
21 before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.

22 6. The Legislative Counsel shall not assign a number to a  
23 request for the drafting of a legislative measure submitted pursuant  
24 to this section to establish the priority of the request until sufficient  
25 detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative  
26 measure.

27 **Sec. 5.** NRS 218D.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 218D.190 1. For a regular session, the Supreme Court may  
29 request the drafting of not more than ~~10~~ 5 legislative measures  
30 which have been approved by the Supreme Court on behalf of the  
31 Judicial Department. The requests must be submitted to the  
32 Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular  
33 session.

34 2. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a  
35 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The legislative  
36 measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or  
37 before the third Wednesday in November preceding the regular  
38 session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that  
39 day shall be deemed withdrawn.

40 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not assign a number to a  
41 request for the drafting of a legislative measure submitted pursuant  
42 to this section to establish the priority of the request until sufficient  
43 detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative  
44 measure.





1       **Sec. 6.** NRS 218D.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       218D.210 1. For a regular session, an association of counties  
3 or cities may request the drafting of not more than ~~15~~ 4 legislative  
4 measures. The requests must be submitted to the Legislative  
5 Council on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.  
6       2. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a  
7 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The legislative  
8 measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or  
9 before the third Wednesday in November preceding the regular  
10 session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that  
11 day shall be deemed withdrawn.  
12       3. The Legislative Counsel shall not assign a number to a  
13 request for the drafting of a legislative measure submitted pursuant  
14 to this section to establish the priority of the request until sufficient  
15 detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative  
16 measure.  
17       **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.







