

SENATE BILL NO. 187—SENATORS DENIS AND KIECKHEFER

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN STEWART;
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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Youth Legislature. (BDR 34-516)

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 Nevada Youth Legislature; revising the deadline for appointments to the Youth Legislature; revising the qualifications to serve on the Youth Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Nevada Youth Legislature, consisting of 21 members
2 who are each appointed by a member of the Senate, and sets forth the qualifications
3 for appointment to the Youth Legislature. (NRS 385.515, 385.525, 385.535)
4 **Section 1** of this bill revises the deadline for appointment to the Youth
5 Legislature from March 30 of each year to April 30 of each odd-numbered year.
6 **Section 2** of this bill revises the qualifications to serve on the Youth Legislature to
7 require a person to be enrolled in a public or private school in this State in grade 9,
8 10 or 11 for the first school year of the term for which he or she is appointed or be a
9 homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in this
10 State in grade 9, 10 or 11 for the first school year of the term for which he or she is
11 appointed. **Section 3** of this bill adds to the list of acts which create a vacancy on
12 the Youth Legislature graduation from high school or completion of an educational
13 plan of instruction for grade 12 or otherwise ceasing to attend school or be
14 homeschooled. **Section 3** further authorizes the appointment of a person enrolled in
15 grade 12 to fill a vacancy only if the remainder of the unexpired term of office is
16 less than 1 year.



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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 385.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 385.515 1. The Nevada Youth Legislature is hereby created,
3 consisting of 21 members.
4 2. Each member of the Senate shall, taking into consideration
5 any recommendations made by a member of the Assembly, appoint
6 a person who submits an application and meets the qualifications
7 ~~{for appointment}~~ set forth in NRS 385.525. A member of the
8 Assembly may submit recommendations to a member of the Senate
9 concerning the appointment.
10 3. ~~{After the initial terms:~~
11 ~~—(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, appointments
12 to the Youth Legislature must be made by each member of the
13 Senate before ~~{March}~~ *April* 30 of each *odd-numbered* year.
14 ~~{(b)}~~ The term of each member of the Youth Legislature begins
15 June 1 of ~~{the year of appointment.}~~ *each odd-numbered year.*
16 4. If a member of the Senate does not make an appointment to
17 the Youth Legislature by ~~{March}~~ *April* 30 of ~~{a}~~ *an odd-numbered*
18 year, the members of the Assembly whose assembly districts are at
19 least partially located within the senatorial district of that member of
20 the Senate must collaborate to appoint a person who submits an
21 application and meets the qualifications ~~{for appointment}~~ set forth
22 in NRS 385.525.
23 5. Each member of the Youth Legislature serves a term of
24 2 years and may be reappointed to one successive 2-year term if the
25 member continues to meet the qualifications ~~{for appointment}~~ set
26 forth in NRS 385.525.
27 **Sec. 2.** NRS 385.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:
28 385.525 1. To be eligible ~~{for appointment}~~ to *serve on* the
29 Youth Legislature, a person:
30 (a) Must be:
31 (1) A resident of the senatorial district of the Senator who
32 appoints him or her;
33 (2) Enrolled in a public school or private school located in
34 the senatorial district of the Senator who appoints him or her; or
35 (3) A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to be
36 enrolled in a public school in the senatorial district of the Senator
37 who appoints him or her;
38 (b) ~~{Must}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of*
39 *NRS 385.535, must be* ~~{enrolled}~~ :
40 (1) *Enrolled* in a public school or private school in this State
41 in grade 9, 10 ~~{}~~ *or* 11 ~~{or 12}~~ for the *first* school year ~~{in which he~~



1 ~~or she serves~~ of the term for which he or she is appointed; or ~~be~~
2 ~~at~~

3 (2) A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll
4 in a public school in this State in grade 9, 10 ~~11~~ or 11 ~~12~~ for the
5 first school year ~~in which he or she serves;~~ of the term for which
6 he or she is appointed; and

7 (c) Must not be related by blood, adoption or marriage within
8 the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to the Senator who
9 appoints him or her or to any member of the Assembly who
10 collaborated to appoint him or her.

11 2. If, at any time, a person appointed to the Youth Legislature
12 changes his or her residency or changes his or her school of
13 enrollment in such a manner as to render the person ineligible under
14 his or her original appointment, the person shall inform the Board,
15 in writing, within 30 days after becoming aware of such changed
16 facts.

17 3. A person who wishes to be appointed or reappointed to the
18 Youth Legislature must submit an application on the form
19 prescribed pursuant to subsection 4 to the Senator of the senatorial
20 district in which the person resides, is enrolled in a public school or
21 private school or, if the person is a homeschooled child, the
22 senatorial district in which he or she is otherwise eligible to be
23 enrolled in a public school. A person may not submit an application
24 to more than one Senator in a calendar year.

25 4. The Board shall prescribe a form for applications submitted
26 pursuant to this section, which must require the signature of the
27 principal of the school in which the applicant is enrolled or, if
28 the applicant is a homeschooled child, the signature of a member of
29 the community in which the applicant resides other than a relative
30 of the applicant.

31 **Sec. 3.** NRS 385.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 385.535 1. A position on the Youth Legislature becomes
33 vacant upon:

34 (a) The death or resignation of a member.

35 (b) The absence of a member for any reason from:

36 (1) Two meetings of the Youth Legislature, including,
37 without limitation, meetings conducted in person, meetings
38 conducted by teleconference, meetings conducted by
39 videoconference and meetings conducted by other electronic means;

40 (2) Two activities of the Youth Legislature;

41 (3) Two event days of the Youth Legislature; or

42 (4) Any combination of absences from meetings, activities or
43 event days of the Youth Legislature, if the combination of absences
44 therefrom equals two or more,



1 ↪ unless the absences are, as applicable, excused by the Chair or
2 Vice Chair of the Board.

3 (c) A change of residency or a change of the school of
4 enrollment of a member which renders that member ineligible under
5 his or her original appointment.

6 2. *In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, a position on*
7 *the Youth Legislature becomes vacant if:*

8 (a) *A member of the Youth Legislature graduates from high*
9 *school or otherwise ceases to attend public school or private*
10 *school for any reason other than to become a homeschooled child;*
11 *or*

12 (b) *A member of the Youth Legislature who is a homeschooled*
13 *child completes an educational plan of instruction for grade 12 or*
14 *otherwise ceases to be a homeschooled child for any reason other*
15 *than to enroll in a public school or private school.*

16 3. A vacancy on the Youth Legislature must be filled:

17 (a) For the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner
18 as the original appointment ~~§~~, *except that, if the remainder of the*
19 *unexpired term is less than 1 year, the member of the Senate who*
20 *made the original appointment may appoint a person who:*

21 (1) *Is enrolled in a public school or private school in this*
22 *State in grade 12 or who is a homeschooled child who is otherwise*
23 *eligible to enroll in a public school in this State in grade 12; and*

24 (2) *Satisfies the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (a)*
25 *and (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.525.*

26 (b) Insofar as is practicable, within 30 days after the date on
27 which the vacancy occurs.

28 ~~§~~ 4. As used in this section, “event day” means any single
29 calendar day on which an official, scheduled event of the Youth
30 Legislature is held, including, without limitation, a course of
31 instruction, a course of orientation, a meeting, a seminar or any
32 other official, scheduled activity.

33 **Sec. 4.** If this act becomes effective on or before March 30,
34 2013:

35 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 385.515 and
36 385.525, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of this act, respectively, a
37 member of the Nevada Youth Legislature whose term of office
38 expires on May 31, 2013, and who is:

39 (a) Eligible to enroll in grade 12 in a public school or private
40 school in this State for the 2013-2014 school year; or

41 (b) A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in
42 a public school in this State in grade 12 for the 2013-2014 school
43 year,

44 ↪ may be reappointed to the Youth Legislature for a 1 year term
45 that begins on June 1, 2013, and ends on May 31, 2014.



1 2. If a person is reappointed to the Youth Legislature pursuant
2 to subsection 1, the member of the Senate who reappointed the
3 person shall, on or before April 30, 2014, appoint another person to
4 the Youth Legislature as his or her replacement. The person
5 appointed pursuant to this subsection must meet the qualifications
6 set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 385.525, as amended by section 2
7 of this act, or paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of NRS 385.535, as
8 amended by section 3 of this act. The term of office of the person
9 appointed pursuant to this subsection begins on June 1, 2014, and
10 ends on May 31, 2015.

11 3. If a vacancy occurs during the term of a member of the
12 Nevada Youth Legislature who was reappointed pursuant to
13 subsection 1, the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term in
14 the manner provided in NRS 385.535, as amended by section 3 of
15 this act.

16 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



