

SENATE BILL NO. 20—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF  
STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the submission of certain publications to the State Publications Distribution Center. (BDR 33-305)

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

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

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AN ACT relating to governmental publications; revising provisions governing the submission of certain publications to the State Publications Distribution Center by certain state agencies and local governments; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the State Publications Distribution Center within the State  
2 Library and Archives. (NRS 378.170) Under existing law, state agencies and local  
3 governments, with certain exceptions, are required to deposit paper copies of  
4 certain publications, upon release, with the Center for distribution to certain  
5 libraries throughout the State. If such a state agency or local government releases a  
6 publication in an electronic format or medium, the state agency or local government  
7 is required to notify the Center of the release and provide the Center with access to  
8 the publication. (NRS 378.180) A “publication” is defined to include any  
9 information in any format or medium that is: (1) produced pursuant to the authority  
10 or at the expense of a state agency or local government; (2) required by law to be  
11 distributed by a state agency or local government; or (3) distributed publicly by a  
12 state agency or local government outside that state agency or local government.  
13 (NRS 378.160)

14 **Section 1** of this bill excludes from the definition of “publication” certain  
15 records of a local government which have been scheduled for disposition or  
16 retention.

17 **Section 3** of this bill reduces the number of paper copies of a publication that a  
18 state agency or local government is required to deposit with the Center. Unless a  
19 publication is available only in paper form, **section 3** requires a state agency or



20 local government to provide the Center with an electronic version of the publication  
21 in lieu of depositing paper copies. If the publication is available only in paper form  
22 at the time copies are deposited with the Center, but is later released in an  
23 electronic format or medium, **section 3** also requires the state agency or local  
24 government to provide the Center with an electronic version of the publication  
25 when it becomes available. Finally, **section 3** prescribes requirements for the  
26 submission of an electronic version of a publication to the Center by a state agency  
27 or local government. **Section 2** of this bill requires the State Library and Archives  
28 Administrator to adopt regulations prescribing the procedures for submitting an  
29 electronic version of a publication to the Center.

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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 378.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       378.160 As used in NRS 378.150 to 378.210, inclusive:  
3       1. "Center" means the State Publications Distribution Center  
4 created by NRS 378.170.  
5       2. "Depository library" means a library with which the Center  
6 has entered into an agreement pursuant to NRS 378.190.  
7       3. "Local government" means every political subdivision or  
8 other entity which has the right to levy or receive money from ad  
9 valorem or other taxes or any mandatory assessments, and includes,  
10 without limitation, counties, cities, towns, boards, school districts  
11 and other districts organized pursuant to chapters 244A, 309, 318,  
12 379, 474, 541, 543 and 555 of NRS, NRS 450.550 to 450.750,  
13 inclusive, and any agency or department of a county or city which  
14 prepares a budget separate from that of the parent political  
15 subdivision. The term includes the Nevada Rural Housing  
16 Authority.  
17       4. "Publication" includes any information in any format or  
18 medium that is produced pursuant to the authority of or at the total  
19 or partial expense of a state agency or local government, is required  
20 by law to be distributed by a state agency or local government, or is  
21 distributed publicly by a state agency or local government outside  
22 that state agency or local government. The term does not include:  
23       (a) Nevada Revised Statutes with annotations;  
24       (b) Nevada Reports;  
25       (c) Bound volumes of the Statutes of Nevada;  
26       (d) Items published by the University of Nevada Press and other  
27 information disseminated by the Nevada System of Higher  
28 Education which is not designed for public distribution; ~~for~~  
29       (e) Official state records scheduled for retention and disposition  
30 pursuant to NRS 239.080 ~~for~~; *or*



1 *(f) Records of a local government which have been scheduled*  
2 *for disposition pursuant to NRS 239.124 or retention pursuant to*  
3 *NRS 239.125.*

4 5. "State agency" includes the Legislature, constitutional  
5 officers or any department, division, bureau, board, commission or  
6 agency of the State of Nevada.

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 378.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 378.170 1. There is hereby created within the State Library  
9 and Archives a State Publications Distribution Center.

10 2. The State Library and Archives Administrator ~~may make~~ :

11 *(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), may adopt*  
12 *such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of*  
13 *the Center.*

14 *(b) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the procedures for*  
15 *submitting an electronic version of a publication to the Center*  
16 *pursuant to NRS 378.180.*

17 **Sec. 3.** NRS 378.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 378.180 1. ~~Every~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this*  
19 *subsection, every* state agency shall:

20 ~~[(a) For each publication of the state agency that was published,~~  
21 ~~printed or copied by the state agency itself or by a private printer,~~  
22 ~~deposit with the Center, upon release, 12 copies of the publication.] ,~~  
23 *upon release of each of its publications, provide the Center with*  
24 *an electronic version of the publication.*

25 ~~[(b) For each publication printed for or on behalf of the state~~  
26 ~~agency by the State Printing Office:~~

27 ~~—— (1) In addition to the number of copies otherwise required by~~  
28 ~~the state agency, request the State Printing Office to print 12 copies~~  
29 ~~of that publication; and~~

30 ~~—— (2) Deposit or request the State Printing Office to deposit~~  
31 ~~those additional copies.] If a publication is available only in paper~~  
32 *form, the state agency shall deposit 10 copies of the publication*  
33 *with the Center.*

34 2. ~~Every~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,*  
35 *every* local government shall, upon release ~~of~~ *of each of its*  
36 *publications, deposit with the Center at least six copies of each of*  
37 *its publications.] provide the Center with an electronic version of*  
38 *the publication. If a publication is available only in paper form,*  
39 *the local government shall deposit six copies of the publication*  
40 *with the Center.*

41 3. ~~Every~~ *If a publication is available only in paper form at*  
42 *the time copies are deposited with the Center pursuant to*  
43 *subsection 1 or 2, every* state agency and local government shall,  
44 upon release of ~~the~~ *the* publication in an electronic format or



1 medium, ~~notify the Center of such release and~~ provide the Center  
2 with ~~access to~~ *an electronic version of* the publication.

3 *4. If a state agency or local government provides an*  
4 *electronic version of a publication to the Center pursuant to this*  
5 *section, the state agency or local government shall:*

6 *(a) Include, in a conspicuous location at or near the beginning*  
7 *of the publication, the date on which the publication was initially*  
8 *released by the state agency or local government; and*

9 *(b) Submit the electronic version of the publication in*  
10 *accordance with regulations adopted by the State Library and*  
11 *Archives Administrator pursuant to NRS 378.170.*

12 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

