

SENATE BILL NO. 480—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises the membership of the county fair and recreation board in certain counties. (BDR 20-1113)

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 county government; revising the membership of the county fair and recreation board of certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes a county fair and recreation board in any county whose  
2 population is 100,000 or more and less than 700,000 (currently Washoe County).  
3 The board must consist of 13 members, of whom one must be a representative of  
4 banking or other financial interests, and another of whom must be a representative  
5 of business or commercial interests. Both of those members must be chosen from a  
6 list of nominees submitted by the chamber of commerce of the largest incorporated  
7 city in the county (currently Reno). (NRS 244A.601)  
8 This bill deletes the provisions providing for the appointment of a member  
9 representing banking or other financial interests and another member representing  
10 business or commercial interests. Instead, this bill requires the appointment of a  
11 member representing the resort hotel business or other commercial or  
12 noncommercial interests related to tourism.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 244A.601 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3 244A.601 1. In any county whose population is 100,000 or  
4 more, and less than 700,000, the county fair and recreation board  
5 consists of ~~13~~ *12* members who are appointed as follows:  
6 (a) Two members by the board of county commissioners.



1 (b) Two members by the governing body of the largest  
2 incorporated city in the county.

3 (c) One member by the governing body of the next largest  
4 incorporated city in the county.

5 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, ~~eight~~ **seven**  
6 members by the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b)  
7 and (c). The members entitled to vote shall select:

8 (1) One member who is a representative of air service  
9 interests from a list of nominees submitted by the airport authority  
10 of the county. The nominees must not be elected officers.

11 (2) One member who is a representative of motel operators  
12 from a list of nominees submitted by one or more associations that  
13 represent the motel industry.

14 (3) One member who is a representative of ~~banking or other~~  
15 ~~financial interests from a list of nominees submitted by the chamber~~  
16 ~~of commerce of the largest incorporated city in the county.~~

17 ~~— (4) One member who is a representative of other business or~~  
18 ~~commercial interests.]~~ **the resort hotel business or other commercial**  
19 **or noncommercial interests relating to tourism** from a list of  
20 nominees submitted by the chamber of commerce of the largest  
21 incorporated city in the county.

22 ~~(5)]~~ **(4)** One member who is a representative of other  
23 business or commercial interests, including gaming establishments,  
24 from a list of nominees submitted by a visitor's bureau, other than a  
25 county fair and recreation board or a bureau created by such a board,  
26 that is authorized by law to receive a portion of the tax on transient  
27 lodging, if any. If no such bureau exists in the county, the  
28 nominations must be made by the chamber of commerce of the third  
29 largest township in the county.

30 ~~(6)]~~ **(5)** Three members who are representatives of the  
31 association of gaming establishments whose membership  
32 collectively paid the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to  
33 NRS 463.370 in the county in the preceding year, from a list of  
34 nominees submitted by the association. If there is no such  
35 association, the three appointed members must be representative of  
36 gaming.

37 ↪ If the members entitled to vote find the nominees on a list of  
38 nominees submitted pursuant to this paragraph unacceptable, they  
39 shall request a new list of nominees.

40 2. The terms of members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a),  
41 (b) and (c) of subsection 1 are coterminous with their terms of  
42 office. The members appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of  
43 subsection 1 must be appointed for 2-year terms. Any vacancy  
44 occurring on the board must be filled by the authority entitled to  
45 appoint the member whose position is vacant. Each member



1 appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 may succeed  
2 himself or herself only once.

3 3. If a member ceases to be engaged in the business or  
4 occupation which he or she was appointed to represent, he or she  
5 ceases to be a member, and another person engaged in that business  
6 or occupation must be appointed for the unexpired term.

7 4. Any member appointed by the board of county  
8 commissioners or a governing body of a city must be a member of  
9 the appointing board or body.

10 **Sec. 2.** 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
11 terms of the members selected to the county fair and recreation  
12 board pursuant to subparagraphs (3) and (4) of paragraph (d) of  
13 subsection 1 of NRS 244A.601 as that section exists on June 30,  
14 2015, expire on that date.

15 2. As soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2015:

16 (a) The chamber of commerce of the largest incorporated city in  
17 the county shall submit to the members of the county fair and  
18 recreation board entitled to vote the list of nominees described in  
19 subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS  
20 244A.601, as amended by section 1 of this act; and

21 (b) The members of the county fair and recreation board entitled  
22 to vote shall select from the list of nominees the member described  
23 in subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS  
24 244A.601, as amended by section 1 of this act.

25 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become  
26 effective upon passage and approval.

27 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.



