

Assembly Bill No. 12–Committee
on Growth and Infrastructure

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to transportation; revising the qualifications for a Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation; moving the position of Chief Engineer of the Department from the classified service to the unclassified service of the State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Department of Transportation, which is administered by a seven-member Board of Directors and has various powers and duties relating to the construction, improvement and maintenance of the highways in this State. (Chapter 408 of NRS) Under existing law, the Department consists of a Director, three Deputy Directors, a Chief Engineer and certain Divisions, which are headed by assistant directors. (NRS 408.111) In addition to certain educational requirements, existing law requires that a Deputy Director have: (1) at least 2 years of administrative experience as the assistant director, the Chief Engineer or the head of the Engineering or Planning Division of the Department; or (2) equivalent experience. (NRS 408.178) This bill: (1) clarifies that the positions to which the minimum qualification of 2 years of administrative experience apply are any assistant director of the Department or the Chief Engineer; and (2) changes the alternative experience qualification to a minimum of 15 years of progressively responsible experience in engineering or project management. This bill also moves the position of Chief Engineer in existing law from the classified service to the unclassified service of the State. (NRS 408.178)

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

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

Section 1. NRS 408.178 is hereby amended to read as follows:
408.178 1. Each Deputy Director:

- (a) Is in the unclassified service of the State.
- (b) Must hold a master’s degree in public or business administration, hold the degree of bachelor of science in civil, structural, mechanical or industrial engineering, or be a licensed professional engineer.

(c) Must have at least ~~2~~ ***two*** :

(1) Two years of administrative experience as ~~the~~ ***an*** assistant director ~~;~~ ***or*** the Chief Engineer ; or ~~the head of the Engineering or Planning Division of the Department, or have equivalent~~

(2) Fifteen years of progressively responsible experience ~~;~~ ***in engineering or project management.***



2. The Chief Engineer:

(a) Is in the ~~classified~~ *unclassified* service of the State.

(b) Must be a licensed professional engineer.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, must have at least 3 years of experience as the final engineering authority for a state's agency which has duties similar to those of the Department.

3. If the Director or the Deputy Director appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 408.175 is a licensed professional engineer, he or she may also act as the Department's Chief Engineer.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

