

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 123—ASSEMBLYMEN TITUS; DICKMAN,
DOOLING, EDWARDS, ELLISON, MUNFORD, NELSON,
SILBERKRAUS, STEWART, SWANK, TROWBRIDGE AND
WHEELER

FEBRUARY 6, 2015

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Designates the square dance as the official dance of
the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-677)

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 state emblems; designating the square dance as
the official dance of the State of Nevada; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law designates various emblems of the State of Nevada, including a
2 state song, a state march and a state motto. (Chapter 235 of NRS) This bill
3 designates the square dance as the official state dance of the State of Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, Square dancing is a form of American folk dance
2 which is called, cued or prompted to its participants, and includes
3 variations such as rounds, squares, contras, clogging, line, heritage
4 and modern western square dance; and

5 WHEREAS, Square dancing has been a tradition in the United
6 States since its colonial history, is a wholesome form of family
7 recreation which is easy to learn and to participate in for people of
8 all ages and has been recognized by 23 other states and the United
9 States Congress as an official dance; and

10 WHEREAS, Square dancing is a popular activity in this State,
11 square dance clubs exist throughout the State and the 68th annual
12 Silver State Square and Round Dance Festival will be held this year
13 in Reno; now, therefore,



1 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
2 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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4 **Section 1.** Chapter 235 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
5 thereto a new section to read as follows:

6 *The form of American folk dance known as the square dance is*
7 *hereby designated as the official state dance of the State of*
8 *Nevada.*

9 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

