
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 187—ASSEMBLYMEN MCARTHUR;
BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, DIAZ, ELLISON, FLORES,
GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HAMBRICK,
HAMMOND, HANSEN, HARDY, HICKEY, KIRKPATRICK,
KIRNER, KITE, LIVERMORE, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL,
SHERWOOD, STEWART AND WOODBURY

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CEGAVSKE, GUSTAVSON,
HALSETH, KIHUEN AND SETTELMAYER

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the number of legislative measures that may
be requested by certain persons and entities.
(BDR 17-2)

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 Legislature; revising the number of
legislative measures that may be requested by certain
persons and entities; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law limits the number of persons and entities that are authorized to
2 request the drafting of legislative measures and, with certain exceptions, limits the
3 number of measures those persons and entities are allowed to request. (NRS
4 218D.150-218D.215, 385.565, 432B.178) In addition to imposing a limit on the
5 current unlimited allotments of certain requesters, this bill reduces by
6 approximately one-half the number of requests for the drafting of legislative
7 measures by most of the other authorized requesters.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218D.150 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 218D.150 1. Each:

4 (a) Incumbent member of the Assembly may request the
5 drafting of not more than ~~6~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to
6 the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the
7 commencement of a regular session of the Legislature and not more
8 than ~~5~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel
9 after September 1 but on or before December 15 preceding the
10 commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

11 (b) Incumbent member of the Senate may request the drafting of
12 not more than ~~4~~ 6 legislative measures submitted to the
13 Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the
14 commencement of a regular session of the Legislature and not more
15 than ~~4~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative
16 Counsel after September 1 but on or before December 15 preceding
17 the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

18 (c) Newly elected member of the Assembly may request the
19 drafting of not more than ~~5~~ 3 legislative measures submitted to
20 the Legislative Counsel on or before December 15 preceding the
21 commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

22 (d) Newly elected member of the Senate may request the
23 drafting of not more than ~~4~~ 5 legislative measures submitted to
24 the Legislative Counsel on or before December 15 preceding the
25 commencement of a regular session of the Legislature.

26 2. In addition to the number authorized pursuant to
27 subsection 1:

28 (a) The chair of each standing committee of the immediately
29 preceding regular legislative session, or a person designated in the
30 place of the chair by the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority
31 Leader of the Senate, as the case may be, may request before the
32 date of the general election preceding the commencement of the
33 next regular legislative session the drafting of not more than 1
34 legislative measure for introduction by the committee in a subject
35 within the jurisdiction of the committee for every ~~4~~ 25 legislative
36 measures that were referred to the respective standing committee
37 during the immediately preceding regular legislative session.

38 (b) A person designated after a general election as a chair of a
39 standing committee for the next regular legislative session, or a
40 person designated in the place of a chair by the person designated as
41 the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate
42 for the next regular legislative session, may request on or before



1 December 15 preceding the commencement of the next regular
2 legislative session the drafting of the remaining number of the
3 legislative measures allowed for the respective standing committee
4 that were not requested by the previous chair or designee.

5 3. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
6 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218D.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 218D.155 1. In addition to the number authorized pursuant to
9 NRS 218D.150:

10 (a) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the
11 Senate may each request before the date of the general election
12 preceding the commencement of the next regular legislative session,
13 without limitation, the drafting of not more than ~~{5}~~ 8 legislative
14 measures for that session.

15 (b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Minority
16 Leader of the Senate may each request before the date of the general
17 election preceding the commencement of the next regular legislative
18 session, without limitation, the drafting of not more than ~~{10}~~ 5
19 legislative measures for that session.

20 (c) A person designated after a general election as the Speaker
21 of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority
22 Leader of the Assembly or the Minority Leader of the Senate for the
23 next regular legislative session may request before the
24 commencement of the next regular legislative session the drafting of
25 the remaining number of the legislative measures allowed for the
26 respective officer that were not requested by the previous officer.

27 2. The Legislative Counsel, the Secretary of the Senate and the
28 Chief Clerk of the Assembly may *each* request before or during a
29 regular legislative session ~~[, without limitation,]~~ the drafting of ~~{as~~
30 ~~many}~~ *not more than 10* legislative measures ~~{as}~~ *which* are
31 necessary or convenient for the proper exercise of their duties.

32 **Sec. 3.** NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may
34 request the drafting of not more than ~~{5}~~ 8 legislative measures
35 before the commencement of a regular legislative session, with the
36 approval of the Commission, which relate to the affairs of
37 the Legislature or its employees, including measures requested by
38 the legislative staff.

39 2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request
40 the drafting of not more than ~~{10}~~ 5 legislative measures before the
41 commencement of a regular legislative session, with the approval of
42 the Committee, which relate to matters within the scope of the
43 Committee.

44 3. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute or
45 concurrent resolution of the Legislature:



1 (a) Any other legislative committee created by statute may
2 request the drafting of not more than ~~[10]~~ 5 legislative measures
3 which relate to matters within the scope of the committee.

4 (b) An interim committee which conducts a study or
5 investigation pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request the drafting of
6 not more than ~~[5]~~ 3 legislative measures which relate to matters
7 within the scope of the study or investigation, except that such a
8 committee may request the drafting of additional legislative
9 measures if the Legislative Commission approves each additional
10 request by a majority vote.

11 (c) Any other committee established by the Legislature which
12 conducts an interim legislative study may request the drafting of not
13 more than ~~[5]~~ 3 legislative measures which relate to matters within
14 the scope of the study.

15 ➔ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218E.205, measures
16 authorized to be requested pursuant to this subsection must be
17 submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1
18 preceding the commencement of a regular session of the Legislature
19 unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submitting a request
20 after that date.

21 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
22 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

23 **Sec. 4.** NRS 218D.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 218D.175 1. The Governor or the Governor's designated
25 representative may transmit to the Legislative Counsel on or before
26 September 1 preceding a regular legislative session not more than
27 ~~[100]~~ 50 requests for the drafting of legislative measures approved
28 on behalf of state agencies, boards and departments of the Executive
29 Branch of the State Government pursuant to subsection 1 of
30 NRS 218D.105.

31 2. The Department of Administration may request on or before
32 the 19th day of the legislative session ~~[, without limitation,]~~ the
33 drafting of ~~[as many]~~ not more than 50 legislative measures ~~[as]~~
34 *which* are necessary to implement the budget proposed by the
35 Governor and to provide for the fiscal management of the State. In
36 addition to the requests otherwise authorized pursuant to this
37 section, the Governor may request the drafting of not more than ~~[5]~~
38 3 legislative measures on or before the 19th day of the legislative
39 session to propose the Governor's legislative agenda.

40 3. The following constitutional officers may request the
41 drafting of not more than the following numbers of legislative
42 measures on or before September 1 preceding a regular legislative
43 session:



1 Lieutenant Governor 1
 2 Secretary of State 5
 3 State Treasurer 2
 4 State Controller 2
 5 Attorney General ~~15~~ 8
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7 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
 8 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The measures requested
 9 pursuant to subsections 1 and 3 must be prefiled on or before
 10 December 15 preceding the regular session. A measure that is not
 11 prefiled on or before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

12 **Sec. 5.** NRS 218D.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 13 218D.190 1. The Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division
 14 of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall prepare and assist in the
 15 preparation of legislative measures at the request of the Supreme
 16 Court if the legislative measures are transmitted to the Legislative
 17 Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the commencement of
 18 the next regular session of the Legislature. The Supreme Court may
 19 transmit to the Legislative Counsel pursuant to this section not more
 20 than ~~10~~ 5 legislative measures on behalf of the Supreme Court.

21 2. Every requested legislative measure must set forth the
 22 substance of the provisions desired or which may be needed with the
 23 reasons therefor.

24 3. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
 25 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The measures requested
 26 pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before December 15
 27 preceding the regular session. A measure that is not prefiled on or
 28 before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

29 **Sec. 6.** NRS 218D.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 30 218D.210 1. An association of counties or cities may directly
 31 request the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the
 32 Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare no more than ~~5~~ 3 legislative
 33 measures for a regular legislative session.

34 2. A request for the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant
 35 to this section must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or
 36 before September 1 preceding the commencement of a regular
 37 session of the Legislature.

38 3. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
 39 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The measures requested
 40 pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before December 15
 41 preceding the regular session. A measure that is not prefiled on or
 42 before that date shall be deemed withdrawn.

43 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



