

Assembly Bill No. 258—Assemblymen Frierson, Carlton, Monroe-Moreno, Benitez-Thompson, Carrillo; Araujo, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Cohen, Daly, Diaz, Flores, Fumo, Jauregui, Joiner, Miller, Neal, Ohrenschall, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Swank, Watkins and Yeager

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AN ACT relating to the Nevada Commission for Women; revising provisions governing the members, officers and powers of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law creates the Nevada Commission for Women and provides for the membership, officers, powers and duties of the Commission. (Chapter 2331 of NRS) **Section 1** of this bill declares the legislative intent for the creation of the Commission as the advancement of women toward full equality in all areas.

Existing law requires that the members appointed to the Commission reflect varied political philosophies regarding issues of concern to women and that not more than five members of the Commission be from the same political party. (NRS 2331.020) **Section 1** expands the qualifications for membership to require that, insofar as practicable, the membership of the Commission reflect the diversity of this State.

Under existing law, members of the Commission serve terms of 3 years and are eligible for reappointment to an additional consecutive term. (NRS 2331.030) The Governor is required under existing law to designate a Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission. The term of the Chair, Vice Chair and any other officer of the Commission is 1 year. (NRS 2331.020) **Section 1** authorizes the Governor to reappoint a Chair, Vice Chair or other officer of the Commission to an additional term of 1 year.

Existing law: (1) requires the Commission to study the changing roles of women in society and recommend proposed legislation; and (2) authorizes the Commission to collect and disseminate information on activities, programs and essential services available to women in this State. (NRS 2331.060) **Section 2** of this bill grants the Commission additional powers toward its declared mission of advancing women toward full equality in all areas.

Existing law authorizes the Commission to engage the services of volunteers and consultants without compensation. (NRS 2331.080) Under existing law, the Commission is authorized to apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions and other money from public and private sources to be used for the costs of carrying out its powers and duties. (NRS 2331.090) **Section 3** of this bill authorizes the Commission to pay for the services of consultants as independent contractors for specific projects from the money received by the Commission.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 233I.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233I.020 1. *The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the creation of the Nevada Commission for Women is necessary to advance women toward full equality in all areas.*

2. The Nevada Commission for Women, consisting of 10 members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

~~2-~~ 3. The members appointed to the Commission must , *insofar as practicable, reflect the diversity of this State, including, without limitation, the* varied political philosophies regarding issues of concern to women.

~~3-~~ 4. The Governor shall designate one member of the Commission to serve as Chair and one member of the Commission to serve as Vice Chair.

~~4-~~ 5. Each Chair, Vice Chair and other officer of the Commission shall serve for a term of 1 year ~~+~~

~~5-~~ *and may be reappointed for one additional term.*

6. No more than five members of the Commission may be from the same political party.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 233I.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233I.060 1. The Commission shall study the changing and developing roles of women in society, including , *without limitation,* the recognition of socioeconomic factors that influence the status of women, and recommend proposed legislation.

2. The Commission may ~~collect~~ :

(a) *Collect* and disseminate information on activities, programs and essential services available to women in Nevada.

(b) *Advise executive and legislative bodies on the effect of proposed legislation on women.*

(c) *Inform the news media, educators, governmental officers, professional, business and labor leaders and other persons in positions of authority or influence about issues pertaining to women.*

(d) *Provide referrals and serve as a resource for information on issues pertaining to women.*

(e) *Identify and recommend qualified women for positions in all levels of government.*



*(f) Promote and facilitate collaboration among commissions and organizations for women at the local, state and national levels.*

*(g) Recognize and promote the contributions that women in this State make at the local, state and national levels.*

*(h) Enter into any contract or other agreement appropriate to carry out the provisions of this chapter, subject to the prior approval of the Director of the Department of Administration.*

*(i) Prepare an annual work program outlining the objectives and tasks of the Commission for the year.*

**Sec. 3.** NRS 233I.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233I.080 1. The Director of the Department of Administration shall provide staff assistance to the Commission as the Governor deems appropriate.

2. The Commission may engage the services of ~~volunteer~~ :

*(a) Volunteer* workers ; and ~~consultants without salary~~

*(b) Consultants on specific projects pursuant to NRS 333.700* as is necessary from time to time ~~+~~ , *within the limits of money available to the Commission pursuant to NRS 233I.090.*

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.



