

Assembly Bill No. 44–Committee  
on Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to state lands; creating the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum; providing provisions governing the Museum Director; requiring the Museum Director to engage in certain duties relating to the Museum; authorizing the Museum Director to establish a store for the sale of gifts and souvenirs; authorizing the Museum Director to establish certain accounts; granting the Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission the authority to appoint and supervise the Museum Director; revising provisions governing the Nevada Indian Commission’s Gift Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Under existing law, the Nevada Indian Commission is the coordinating agency regarding activities and uses of the buildings and grounds of the former Stewart Indian School. (NRS 233A.092) **Section 2** of this bill creates the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum, managed by the Museum Director. **Section 3** of this bill establishes the Museum Director as a classified employee of the State. **Section 4** of this bill requires the Museum Director to engage in various activities for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Museum. **Section 5** of this bill authorizes the Museum to establish stores for the sale of gifts and souvenirs. **Section 6** of this bill authorizes the Museum Director to establish petty cash and change accounts for the Museum. **Section 7** of this bill defines “Museum” for the purposes of chapter 233A of NRS.

Existing law requires the Executive Director of the Commission to perform certain duties. (NRS 233A.065) **Section 8** of this bill adds the requirement that the Executive Director appoint and supervise the Museum Director. Existing law also requires that certain gifts or grants of money be accounted for in the Nevada Indian Commission’s Gift Fund. (NRS 233A.097) **Section 9** of this bill requires that revenues generated by the Museum be accounted for in the Nevada Indian Commission’s Gift Fund.

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

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 233A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** *The buildings and grounds of the former Stewart Indian School that are designated by the Commission are under the management of the Museum Director for the purpose of*



*establishing and maintaining the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum.*

**Sec. 3.** *The Museum Director appointed pursuant to NRS 233A.065:*

*1. Is in the classified service of the State.*

*2. Shall exercise such powers and carry out such duties pursuant to section 4 of this act and as are assigned to the Museum Director by the Executive Director pursuant to NRS 233A.065.*

**Sec. 4.** *The Museum Director shall:*

*1. Prepare and present exhibits in the Museum.*

*2. In cooperation with other state agencies and departments, provide for the security of the Museum.*

*3. Supervise the staff of the Museum.*

*4. Adopt guidelines and plans as determined necessary for the operation of the Museum.*

**Sec. 5.** *The Museum Director may establish one or more stores for the sale of gifts and souvenirs, including, without limitation, publications, books, postcards, artwork and other related materials that, in the judgment of the Museum Director, are appropriately connected with the mission of the Museum pursuant to this chapter.*

**Sec. 6.** *The Museum Director may establish:*

*1. A petty cash account for the Museum in an amount not to exceed \$500. Reimbursement of the money in the petty cash account must be made from appropriated money paid out on claims as other claims against the State are paid.*

*2. A change account for the Museum stores for the sale of gifts and souvenirs in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.*

**Sec. 7.** NRS 233A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
233A.010 As used in this chapter:

*1. "Chair" means the Chair of the Nevada Indian Commission.*

*2. "Commission" means the Nevada Indian Commission.*

*3. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the Nevada Indian Commission.*

*4. "Museum" means the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum established pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

**Sec. 8.** NRS 233A.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233A.065 The Executive Director of the Commission shall:

*1. Be jointly responsible to the Governor and the Commission.*

*2. Direct and supervise all the technical and administrative activities of the Commission.*



3. Attend all Commission meetings and act as Secretary, keeping minutes and audio recordings or transcripts of the proceedings.

4. Report to the Governor and the Commission all matters concerning the administration of his or her office. The Executive Director shall request the advice of the Commission regarding matters of policy, but is responsible, unless otherwise provided by law, for the conduct of the administrative functions of the Commission office.

5. Compile, for Commission approval and submission to the Governor, a biennial report regarding the work of the Commission and such other matters as the Executive Director may consider desirable.

6. Serve as contracting officer to receive funds from the Federal Government or other sources for such studies as the Commission deems necessary.

7. Attend all meetings of any special study committee appointed by the Governor pursuant to this chapter and act as Secretary, keeping minutes and audio recordings or transcripts of the proceedings.

8. *Appoint, supervise and establish the powers and duties of a Museum Director of the Museum.*

9. Perform any lawful act which the Executive Director considers necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

**Sec. 9.** NRS 233A.097 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233A.097 1. Except for gifts or grants specifically accounted for in another fund, all gifts or grants of money , *revenues generated* or other property which the Commission is authorized to accept must be accounted for in the Nevada Indian Commission's Gift Fund, which is hereby created as a special revenue fund. The Fund is a continuing fund without reversion. The Commission may establish such accounts in the Fund as are necessary to account properly for gifts , ~~and~~ grants *and revenues* received. All such money received by the Commission must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Fund. The money in the Fund must be paid out on claims as other claims against the State are paid. Unless otherwise specifically provided by statute, claims against the Fund must be approved by the Executive Director of the Commission or his or her designee.

2. Gifts of property other than money may be sold or exchanged when this is deemed by the Commission to be in the best interest of the Commission. The sale price must not be less than 90



percent of the value determined by a qualified appraiser appointed by the Commission. All money received from the sale must be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the appropriate gift account in the Nevada Indian Commission's Gift Fund. The money may be spent only for the purposes of the Commission. The property may not be sold or exchanged if to do so would violate the terms of the gift.

**Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

