

SENATE BILL NO. 187—SENATOR DENIS

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Youth Legislature. (BDR 34-516)

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 Nevada Youth Legislature; revising the deadline for appointments to the Youth Legislature; revising the qualifications for appointment to the Youth Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Nevada Youth Legislature, consisting of 21 members  
2 who are each appointed by a member of the Senate, and sets forth the qualifications  
3 for appointment to the Youth Legislature. (NRS 385.515, 385.525, 385.535)  
4 **Section 1** of this bill revises the deadline for appointment to the Youth  
5 Legislature from March 30 of each year to April 30 of each odd-numbered year.  
6 **Section 2** of this bill revises the qualifications for appointment to the Youth  
7 Legislature to require a person be eligible to enroll in a public or private school in  
8 this State for grade 9, 10 or 11 in the school year immediately following  
9 appointment or be a homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a  
10 public school in this State in grade 9, 10 or 11 for the school year immediately  
11 following appointment. **Section 3** of this bill authorizes a person enrolled in grade  
12 12 to fill a vacancy only if the remainder of the unexpired term of office is less than  
13 1 year.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 385.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 385.515 1. The Nevada Youth Legislature is hereby created,  
3 consisting of 21 members.



1 2. Each member of the Senate shall, taking into consideration  
2 any recommendations made by a member of the Assembly, appoint  
3 a person who submits an application and meets the qualifications for  
4 appointment set forth in NRS 385.525. A member of the Assembly  
5 may submit recommendations to a member of the Senate concerning  
6 the appointment.

7 3. ~~After the initial terms:~~

8 ~~—(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, appointments  
9 to the Youth Legislature must be made by each member of the  
10 Senate before ~~March~~ *April* 30 of each *odd-numbered* year.

11 ~~(b)~~ The term of each member of the Youth Legislature begins  
12 June 1 of ~~the year of appointment;~~ *each odd-numbered year.*

13 4. If a member of the Senate does not make an appointment to  
14 the Youth Legislature by ~~March~~ *April* 30 of ~~an~~ *an odd-numbered*  
15 year, the members of the Assembly whose assembly districts are at  
16 least partially located within the senatorial district of that member of  
17 the Senate must collaborate to appoint a person who submits an  
18 application and meets the qualifications for appointment set forth in  
19 NRS 385.525.

20 5. Each member of the Youth Legislature serves a term of  
21 2 years and may be reappointed to one successive 2-year term if the  
22 member continues to meet the qualifications for appointment set  
23 forth in NRS 385.525.

24 **Sec. 2.** NRS 385.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 385.525 1. To be eligible for appointment to the Youth  
26 Legislature, a person:

27 (a) Must be:

28 (1) A resident of the senatorial district of the Senator who  
29 appoints him or her;

30 (2) Enrolled in a public school or private school located in  
31 the senatorial district of the Senator who appoints him or her; or

32 (3) A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to be  
33 enrolled in a public school in the senatorial district of the Senator  
34 who appoints him or her;

35 (b) Must be ~~enrolled~~ :

36 (1) *Eligible to enroll* in a public school or private school in  
37 this State in grade 9, 10 ~~or~~ *or* 11 ~~or 12~~ for the school year ~~in~~  
38 ~~which he or she serves~~ *immediately following the person's*  
39 *appointment; or ~~he or~~*

40 (2) *A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll*  
41 *in a public school in this State in grade 9, 10 ~~or~~ *or* 11 ~~or 12~~ for the*  
42 *school year ~~in which he or she serves;~~ immediately following the*  
43 *person's appointment; and*

44 (c) Must not be related by blood, adoption or marriage within  
45 the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to the Senator who



1 appoints him or her or to any member of the Assembly who  
2 collaborated to appoint him or her.

3 2. If, at any time, a person appointed to the Youth Legislature  
4 changes his or her residency or changes his or her school of  
5 enrollment in such a manner as to render the person ineligible under  
6 his or her original appointment, the person shall inform the Board,  
7 in writing, within 30 days after becoming aware of such changed  
8 facts.

9 3. A person who wishes to be appointed or reappointed to the  
10 Youth Legislature must submit an application on the form  
11 prescribed pursuant to subsection 4 to the Senator of the senatorial  
12 district in which the person resides, is enrolled in a public school or  
13 private school or, if the person is a homeschooled child, the  
14 senatorial district in which he or she is otherwise eligible to be  
15 enrolled in a public school. A person may not submit an application  
16 to more than one Senator in a calendar year.

17 4. The Board shall prescribe a form for applications submitted  
18 pursuant to this section, which must require the signature of the  
19 principal of the school in which the applicant is enrolled or, if  
20 the applicant is a homeschooled child, the signature of a member of  
21 the community in which the applicant resides other than a relative  
22 of the applicant.

23 **Sec. 3.** NRS 385.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 385.535 1. A position on the Youth Legislature becomes  
25 vacant upon:

26 (a) The death or resignation of a member.

27 (b) The absence of a member for any reason from:

28 (1) Two meetings of the Youth Legislature, including,  
29 without limitation, meetings conducted in person, meetings  
30 conducted by teleconference, meetings conducted by  
31 videoconference and meetings conducted by other electronic means;

32 (2) Two activities of the Youth Legislature;

33 (3) Two event days of the Youth Legislature; or

34 (4) Any combination of absences from meetings, activities or  
35 event days of the Youth Legislature, if the combination of absences  
36 therefrom equals two or more,

37 ↪ unless the absences are, as applicable, excused by the Chair or  
38 Vice Chair of the Board.

39 (c) A change of residency or a change of the school of  
40 enrollment of a member which renders that member ineligible under  
41 his or her original appointment.

42 2. A vacancy on the Youth Legislature must be filled:

43 (a) For the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner  
44 as the original appointment **H**, *except that, if the remainder of the*



1 *unexpired term is less than 1 year, the member of the Senate who*  
2 *made the original appointment may appoint a person who:*

3 *(1) Is enrolled in a public school or private school in this*  
4 *State in grade 12 or who is a homeschooled child who is otherwise*  
5 *eligible to enroll in a public school in this State in grade 12; and*

6 *(2) Satisfies the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (a)*  
7 *and (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.525.*

8 (b) Insofar as is practicable, within 30 days after the date on  
9 which the vacancy occurs.

10 3. As used in this section, "event day" means any single  
11 calendar day on which an official, scheduled event of the Youth  
12 Legislature is held, including, without limitation, a course of  
13 instruction, a course of orientation, a meeting, a seminar or any  
14 other official, scheduled activity.

15 **Sec. 4.** If this act becomes effective on or before March 30,  
16 2013:

17 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 385.515 and  
18 385.525, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of this act, respectively, a  
19 member of the Nevada Youth Legislature whose term of office  
20 expires on May 31, 2013, and who is:

21 (a) Eligible to enroll in grade 12 in a public school or private  
22 school in this State for the 2013-2014 school year; or

23 (b) A homeschooled child who is otherwise eligible to enroll in  
24 a public school in this State in grade 12 for the 2013-2014 school  
25 year,

26 ↪ may be reappointed to the Youth Legislature for a 1 year term  
27 that begins on June 1, 2013, and ends on May 31, 2014.

28 2. If a person is reappointed to the Youth Legislature pursuant  
29 to subsection 1, the member of the Senate who reappointed the  
30 person shall, on or before April 30, 2014, appoint another person to  
31 the Youth Legislature as his or her replacement. The person  
32 appointed pursuant to this subsection must meet the qualifications  
33 set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 385.525, as amended by section 2  
34 of this act, or paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 385.535, as  
35 amended by section 3 of this act. The term of office of the person  
36 appointed pursuant to this subsection begins on June 1, 2014, and  
37 ends on May 31, 2015.

38 3. If a vacancy occurs during the term of a member of the  
39 Nevada Youth Legislature who was reappointed pursuant to  
40 subsection 1, the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term in  
41 the manner provided in NRS 385.535, as amended by section 3 of  
42 this act.

43 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

