## SENATE BILL NO. 304—SENATORS SETTELMEYER, ROBERSON; GANSERT AND GOICOECHEA

## MARCH 17, 2017

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN TITUS; OSCARSON AND WHEELER

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing public administrators. (BDR 20-1131)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public administrators; revising provisions governing the payment of compensation for public administrators; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the election, qualifications and duties of a public administrator in securing and administering the estate of an intestate decedent. (Chapter 253 of NRS) For certain counties, the district attorney of the county serves, ex officio, as the public administrator of the county. In Carson City, the Clerk of Carson City serves as the Public Administrator of Carson City. (NRS 253.010)

Existing law provides that public administrators are entitled to be paid as other administrators or executors, subject to certain restriction on the annual salary of certain public administrators. (NRS 245.043, 253.050) This bill requires certain fees or compensation paid to or collected by a public administrator to be deposited in the county treasury. This bill also requires the board of county commissioners to set and pay the annual salary of a public administrator if such salary is not already provided for by statute for elected officers.



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

- **Section 1.** NRS 253.050 is hereby amended to read as follows: 253.050 1. For the administration of the estates of deceased persons, public administrators are entitled to be paid as other administrators or executors are paid. [, subject to the provisions of NRS 245.043.]
- 2. The district attorneys of Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Storey and White Pine Counties as ex officio public administrators and the Clerk of Carson City serving as Public Administrator of Carson City may [retain] collect all fees provided by law [received by them] as public administrators.
- 3. The public administrator is entitled to compensation from the estate or from beneficiaries for the reasonable value of his or her services performed in preserving the property of an estate of a deceased person before the appointment of an administrator. Compensation must be set by the board of county commissioners.
- 4. All fees or compensation paid or collected pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3 must be deposited into the county treasury each month without deduction of any nature.
- 5. Unless an annual salary is otherwise provided pursuant to NRS 245.043, the annual salary of a public administrator must be set by the board of county commissioners and paid out of the county general fund.
- **Sec. 2.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.
  - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.





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