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AN ACT relating to the Department of Transportation; revising the composition of the Board of Directors of the Department; revising provisions relating to the appointment of persons to the Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides for a seven-member Board of Directors that administers the Department of Transportation. (NRS 408.106) The Board includes the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General and the State Controller, all of whom serve ex officio, and three members who are appointed by the Governor, who must be residents of the State of Nevada and who must each reside in a different highway district. This bill: (1) removes from the Board the Attorney General; (2) adds an additional member who must be appointed by the Governor; and (3) requires that the members appointed by the Governor reside in certain highway districts.

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

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

Section 1. NRS 408.106 is hereby amended to read as follows:

408.106 1. There is hereby created a Department of Transportation, administered by a seven-member Board of Directors consisting of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, ~~the Attorney General~~ and the State Controller, who serve ex officio, and ~~three~~ *four* members who are appointed by the Governor. If one of the ~~four~~ *three* constitutional offices is vacant, the Secretary of State shall serve ex officio on the Board until the vacancy is filled.

2. The Governor shall appoint as members of the Board ~~three~~ *four* persons who are residents of Nevada, informed on and interested in the construction and maintenance of highways and other matters relating to transportation. ~~Each of the three~~ *The* members so appointed must ~~reside in a different highway district and~~ *be residents of Nevada as follows:*

(a) Two members who must reside in a highway district that includes a county whose population is 700,000 or more;

(b) One member who must reside in a highway district that includes a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000; and

(c) One member who must reside in a highway district that does not include a county whose population is 100,000 or more.



3. All the members appointed pursuant to subsection 2 must be informed on and interested in the construction and maintenance of highways and other matters relating to transportation, and must possess at least one of the following qualifications:

(a) Knowledge of engineering evidenced by the possession of a bachelor of science degree in civil or structural engineering and licensure in this State as a professional engineer.

(b) Demonstrated expertise in financial matters and business administration.

(c) Demonstrated expertise in the business of construction evidenced by the possession of a license as a general contractor and experience as a principal officer of a firm licensed in this State.

↳ The Governor shall not appoint **to the Board** any person who is currently employed in the field of or has a substantial financial interest in the construction or maintenance of highways in this State.

~~3-~~ **4.** The Governor shall serve as the Chair of the Board and the members of the Board shall elect annually a Vice Chair.

~~4-~~ **5.** Each member of the Board who is not a public officer is entitled to receive as compensation \$80 for each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a meeting of the Board or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Board plus the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

~~5-~~ **6.** After the initial terms, the appointed members of the Board shall serve terms of 4 years.

7. As used in this section, "highway district" means a portion of this State designated by the Board as a highway district for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the Board.

Secs. 2 and 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2014.

