

Senate Bill No. 421–Committee on Finance

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AN ACT relating to the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the Governor; revising the status of the Director of the Office from employment in the nonclassified service of the State to employment in the unclassified service of the State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law: (1) creates the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the Governor; and (2) requires the Governor to appoint the Director of the Office, who serves in the nonclassified service of the State. (NRS 223.600) Existing law requires the Governor to: (1) determine the salaries and benefits of persons employed in the nonclassified service of the State; and (2) adopt such rules and policies as he or she deems appropriate for the employment of such persons. (NRS 223.085) This bill changes the status of the Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology from employment in the nonclassified service of the State to employment in the unclassified service of the State. In so doing, this bill makes provisions of law that are applicable to unclassified employees of the state personnel system applicable to the Director. (Chapter 284 of NRS)

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 223.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:
223.600 1. The Office of Science, Innovation and

Technology is hereby established in the Office of the Governor.

2. The Governor shall appoint the Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology. In making the appointment, the Governor:

(a) Shall give consideration to any recommendation which is submitted by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

(b) May assemble a panel of persons with appropriate experience in science and technology to make recommendations of qualified candidates for the position of Director.

3. The Director shall devote his or her entire time and attention to the business of his or her office and shall not engage in any other gainful employment or occupation.

4. The Director is ~~classified~~ in the ~~or~~ unclassified service of the State and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.



Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

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