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SENATE BILL NO. 30—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes a board of county commissioners to withhold longevity pay for certain elected county officers under certain circumstances. (BDR 20-468)

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.

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AN ACT relating to counties; authorizing a board of county commissioners to adopt a resolution withholding longevity pay for elected county officers under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law, with certain limitations, entitles an elected county officer,  
2 including a member of a board of county commissioners, who has served in his or  
3 her office for more than 4 years to receive an additional salary of 2 percent of his or  
4 her base salary for each full calendar year the officer has served in his or her office.  
5 (NRS 245.044) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes a board of county commissioners to  
6 adopt a resolution withholding such longevity pay for any fiscal year. **Section 1**  
7 requires that the resolution: (1) be approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the  
8 members of the board; (2) provide for withholding only the longevity pay due for  
9 the fiscal year for which the resolution is issued; (3) direct the county treasurer to  
10 withhold the longevity pay for each elected county officer; (4) include a finding  
11 that the financial resources of the county justify the withholding of the longevity  
12 pay; (5) expire by limitation at the end of the fiscal year for which the resolution is  
13 adopted; and (6) be transmitted to the county treasurer not less than 10 days after  
14 the adoption of the resolution. **Section 1** further provides that, upon the expiration  
15 of the resolution, an elected county officer is not entitled to receive the withheld  
16 longevity pay retroactively as additional pay in any subsequent fiscal year and that  
17 the fiscal year for which the longevity pay was withheld must be included in the  
18 calculation of full calendar years served by the officer for the purpose of calculating  
19 longevity pay in subsequent calendar years.



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

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 245 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       1. *A board of county commissioners may, for any fiscal year,*  
4 *adopt a resolution withholding the additional salary of 2 percent to*  
5 *which an elected county officer is otherwise entitled pursuant to*  
6 *subsection 1 of NRS 245.044 for that fiscal year. A resolution*  
7 *adopted pursuant to this section must:*

8       (a) *Be approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members*  
9 *of the board;*

10       (b) *Provide for withholding only that additional salary of 2*  
11 *percent to which an elected county officer is otherwise entitled*  
12 *pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 245.044 for the fiscal year for*  
13 *which the resolution is adopted;*

14       (c) *Direct the county treasurer to withhold the additional*  
15 *salary of 2 percent for each elected county officer;*

16       (d) *Include a finding by the board that the financial resources*  
17 *of the county for the fiscal year for which the resolution is adopted*  
18 *are insufficient to pay the additional salary of 2 percent to which*  
19 *the elected county officers are otherwise entitled pursuant to*  
20 *subsection 1 of NRS 245.044;*

21       (e) *Expire by limitation at the end of the fiscal year for which*  
22 *the resolution is adopted; and*

23       (f) *Be transmitted to the county treasurer not less than 10 days*  
24 *after the adoption of the resolution.*

25       2. *Upon the expiration of a resolution adopted by a board of*  
26 *county commissioners pursuant to this section:*

27       (a) *An elected county officer is not entitled to receive*  
28 *retroactively in any subsequent fiscal year the additional salary of*  
29 *2 percent withheld pursuant to the resolution; and*

30       (b) *The fiscal year for which the additional salary of 2 percent*  
31 *was withheld pursuant to the resolution must be included in the*  
32 *calculation pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 245.044 of full*  
33 *calendar years served by the elected county officer for the*  
34 *purposes of calculating additional salary to which the officer may*  
35 *be entitled in a subsequent fiscal year pursuant to subsection 1 of*  
36 *NRS 245.044.*

37       **Sec. 2.** NRS 245.044 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38       245.044 1. ~~[On]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of*  
39 *this act, on* and after July 1, 1973, if an elected county officer has  
40 served in his or her office for more than 4 years, the officer is  
41 entitled to an additional salary of 2 percent of his or her base  
42 salary for the appropriate fiscal year as provided in subsection 2 of



1 NRS 245.043 or his or her annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3  
2 of NRS 245.043, as applicable, for each full calendar year the  
3 officer has served in his or her office.

4 2. The additional salary ~~provided in this section for~~ *to which*  
5 an ~~eligible~~ *elected* county officer ~~is~~ *is entitled pursuant to*  
6 *subsection 1:*

7 (a) Must be ~~computed~~ *calculated* on July 1 of each year by  
8 multiplying 2 percent of the base salary for the appropriate fiscal  
9 year as provided in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043 or the annual  
10 salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 245.043, as applicable,  
11 by the number of full calendar years the elected county officer has  
12 served in his or her office; and

13 (b) Must not exceed 20 percent of the base salary for the  
14 appropriate fiscal year as provided in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043  
15 or the annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 245.043, as  
16 applicable.

17 3. Service on the Board of Supervisors of Carson City for the  
18 initial term which began on July 1, 1969, and ended on the first  
19 Monday of January, 1973, shall be deemed to constitute 4 full  
20 calendar years of service for the purposes of this section.

21 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.



