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Legislative Process Workshop

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The Nevada Commission for Person's Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing





Agenda

1. Terminology
2. Branches of government
3. How a Bill becomes law
4. Session
5. Staying in the know
6. Making your voices heard.





Terminology

- Legislative Session- the 120-day convening (of the Legislature) to approve budgets for the biennium and make changes to NRS
- Legislature – the collection of elected people (Legislators) that serve during the session. Comprised of two houses: Assembly and Senate
- Legislator – an individual elected to represent a district in Nevada. People run for election either to the Assembly or the Senate





Terminology Cont.

- Bill- a proposed legislation under consideration by a legislature.
- BDR- Bill Draft Response is a request for the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to draft a bill.
- NRS: (Nevada Revised Statute) the current codified laws of the State of Nevada
- NAC: (Nevada Administrative Code) the codified administrative regulations of the Executive Branch
- Nevada Register- a compilation of proposed, adopted, emergency and temporary administrative regulations, notices of intent and informational statements.

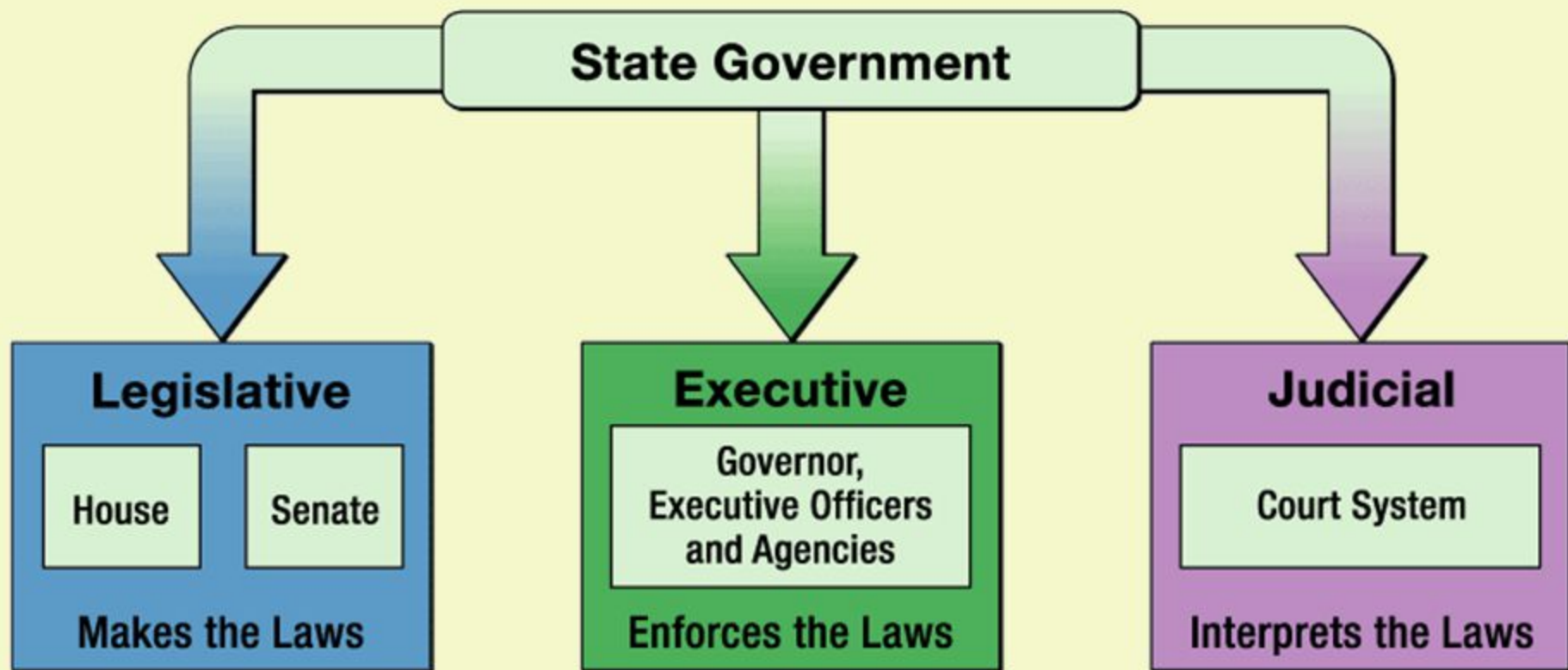


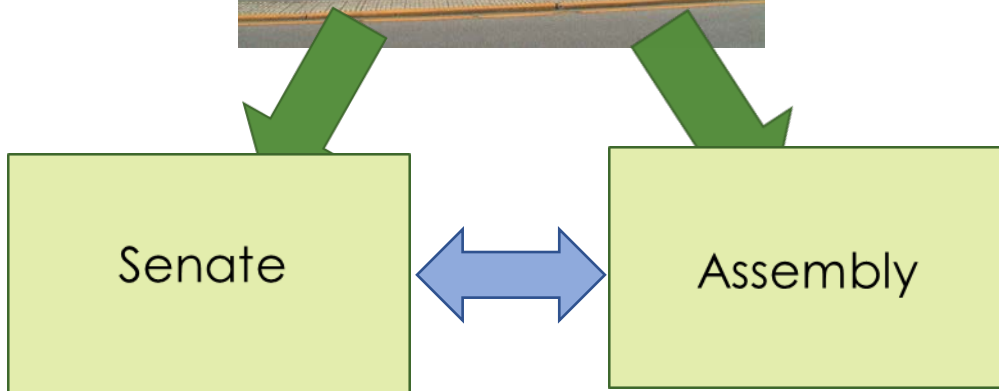


Branches of Government



BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT





The Senate is led by the President pro tempore and the Rules Committee

Assembly is led by the Speaker.



Senate vs. Assembly

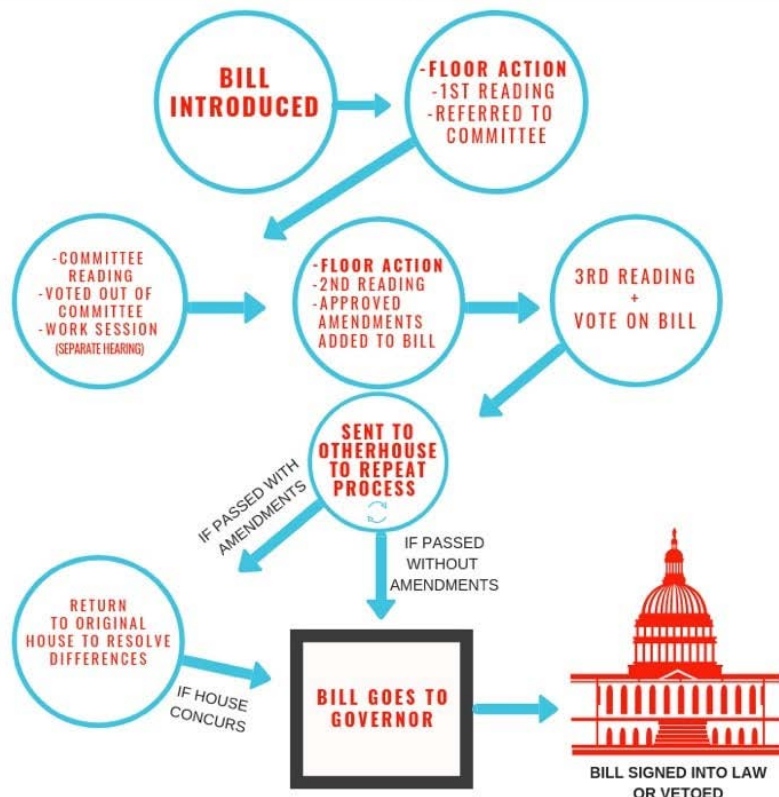
- 21 members
 - Senate is set to be no less than one-third and no greater than one-half of the size of the Assembly
 - 4-year terms, with 10 being elected in one General Election and 11 in the next.
- 42 members from single-member districts
 - 2-year terms at the general election held in even-numbered years.





HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

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Legislative Session

- Feb- May: Department and Division Budget Presentations
- Money committees hear budgets and make changes throughout session.
- Final budgets are approved by the end of the Legislature's 120-day session.
- The state constitution requires a balanced budget.
- Bills move through the Legislative process
- Statute Changes (fiscal or no fiscal impact)
- Appropriations





Interim Session

- The Interim Session begins in July after the regular session ends. (odd year)
- Interim Committees:
 - Hear about issues and needs of Nevadans
 - Assigned to research issues that came up during the regular session
 - Can sponsor Bill Draft Requests for next session
 - Individual Legislators also can sponsor BDRs
- August-September (even year): Committee Work Sessions





Staying in the know!





The Legislative Website

- [Session Info](#)
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Welcome to the Nevada Legislature

The 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 1, 2021.

In addition to being available through our **existing streaming service**, the Nevada Legislature's meetings are also accessible via our new **YouTube channel**.

COVID-19: Helpful Resources For Nevadans



The Legislative Building

- [View Events](#)
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A screenshot of the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) website. The interface includes a dark blue header with the "NELIS" logo, a navigation menu with "Home", "Bills", "Committees", and "Reports & Links", and a main content area with session information and floor sessions.

NELIS NV Legislature Register Sign In

Selected Session: 32nd (2020) Special Session

Thursday, October 8, 2020 - The 32nd Special Session adjourned *Sine Die* on August 6, 2020

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The 32nd (2020) Special Session convened on July 31, 2020 at 9:00 AM and adjourned *sine die* on August 6, 2020 at 12:21 AM.

| Session Information | Floor Sessions of the 32nd (2020) Special Session |
|--|---|
| <p>Legislator Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly Senate <p>Journals and Histories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Journals• Histories <p>Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bills That Decame Law• Bills Vetoed by the Governor• NRS Subject Index of Bills and Resolutions | <p>Assembly Floor Sessions</p> <p>Senate Floor Sessions</p> |





Following a Bill

SB93

Overview | Text | Amendments (1) | Votes (2) | Fiscal Notes (3) | Meetings (5) | Exhibits (3)

Summary: Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired. (BDR 38-440)

Title: AN ACT relating to persons with disabilities; transferring the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired from the Office of the Governor to the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; revising the name and membership of the Commission; making the Executive Director of the Commission a full-time, paid position; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Introduction Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Exempt: DECLARED EXEMPT

Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Digest: Existing law creates the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired within the Office of the Governor. The Commission consists of persons...

Primary Sponsor: Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Most Recent History Action

Chapter 505.
(See full list below)

Upcoming Hearings

None scheduled

Past Hearings

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|---|--------------|----------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Senate Health and Human Services | Feb 18, 2019 | 4:00 PM | Agenda | Minutes | Heard, No Action |
| Senate Health and Human Services (Work Session) | Feb 27, 2019 | 4:00 PM | Agenda | Minutes | Do pass |
| Senate Finance | Apr 01, 2019 | 8:00 AM | Agenda | Minutes | Heard, No Action |
| Senate Finance | Jun 02, 2019 | 10:00 AM | Agenda | Minutes | Amend, and do pass as amended |
| Assembly Ways and Means | Jun 03, 2019 | 8:00 AM | Agenda | Minutes | Heard; Do pass |

Final Passage Votes

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|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Assembly Final Passage | (1st Reprint) | Jun 03, 2019 | Yeas: 41, Nays: 0, Vacant: 1 |
| Senate Final Passage | (As Introduced) | Jun 02, 2019 | Yeas: 21, Nays: 0 |





How Do I Make My Voice Heard?





Participating in the Process

- Help inform the Deaf Commission of system challenges!
 - Attend Commission meetings, provide public comment at designated times.
- Nevada Legislature
 - Attend Interim Committee meetings
 - Follow Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) important to you
 - Provide public comment at Legislative meetings
 - Contact your district representative to educate about issues and solutions





Questions?





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Acronyms

