2017 Legislative Session

April 2017

The complete Bill Draft Request (BDR) list for the 2017 Legislative Session is now available on the Legislature’s website (www.leg.state.nv.us). The bills listed below are being tracked by PERS staff for potential impact to the Retirement System. Updates on bills since the last report have been provided in blue ink on the tracking list below. Bills that failed the April 14 legislative committee deadline appear in red. This list will be updated monthly.

Assembly Bills

Assembly Bill 71 (BDR #429) – State Controller – Revises provisions governing public employees’ retirement. 4/14 – Pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.3.1 – no further action allowed.

Assembly Bill 464 (BDR #542) – Assembly Committee on Government Affairs – Revises provisions governing certain reports required to be submitted by or to certain governmental entities. A hearing was held on April 13 and the Committee on Government Affairs do passed the bill during their work session the same day. The Retirement Board adopted a neutral position on Assembly Bill 464, as introduced, at their April 20 meeting.

Assembly Joint Resolution 10* (2015 Session) – Assemblymen Dooling, Gardner, Seaman, Shelton, Stewart, and Trowbridge) – Proposes to amend the Nevada constitution to revise provisions relating to the compensation of certain elected officials. This resolution was heard on March 28 in the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. The resolution was scheduled for work session on April 13 and the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections do passed the resolution.

Senate Bills

Senate Bill 26 (BDR #418) – Senate Committee on Government Affairs – Makes certain changes concerning governmental entities that contract with or invest in companies that boycott Israel. The Board took a neutral position on this bill at their March 16, 2017, meeting. This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs and was heard on Monday, March 20, at 1:00 p.m. The Committee took no action on the bill at that time. On April 7 the bill was scheduled for work session and amended and do passed by the Committee on Government Affairs.
Senate Bill 217 (BDR #842) – Senate Minority Leader – Revises provisions governing the membership of the Public Employees’ Retirement Board. This bill changes the composition of the Retirement Board and increases the number of board members to nine. The Board took a position in opposition to this bill at their March 16, 2017, meeting. 

*This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs. 4/14 – Pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.3.1 – no further action allowed.*

Senate Bill 297 (BDR #843) – Senate Minority Leader – Revises provisions governing public employees’ retirement. 

*This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs. 4/14 – Pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.3.1 – no further action allowed.*

Senate Bill 384 (BDR #506) – Senator Ratti – Provides for the confidentiality of certain information in the records and files of public employee retirement systems. 

*This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, and a hearing was held on Friday, March 31. Staff testified that the Retirement Board had not had an opportunity to take a position on the bill but that staff would be recommending the Retirement Board support the bill. The bill was scheduled for work session on April 5 and a conceptual amendment was offered by Senator Ratti. The Committee voted unanimously to amend and do pass the bill. The Retirement Board adopted a position supporting Senate Bill 384, as introduced or as currently amended, at their April 20 meeting.*

*Senate Bill 507 (BDR #17-1126) – Senate Legislative Operations and Elections – Revises the interim committee structure of the Legislature. This bill has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.*