AN ACT relating to state financial administration; directing the issuance of Nevada silver coins; providing that such coins are legal tender for all debts in this state; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Chapter 353 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that:
1. The State of Nevada, at the time of its admission to the United States, was a sovereign entity on equal footing with the 13 sovereignties that formed the compact known as the Constitution of the United States.
2. In ratifying and approving the Constitution of the United States, Nevada agreed to delegate certain of her sovereign powers to three agencies of government, all in the form provided by the Constitution.
3. Among the powers delegated by Nevada was the sovereign power to issue money. That power was delegated by Nevada and its sister states to the Congress of the United States in Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States, on condition that the Congress would issue all money.
4. Nevada also, in Section 10 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States, agreed not to issue its own money. This agreement was also conditioned upon the Congress discharging its obligation to issue money as the agent of Nevada and its sister states.

5. The purported delegation by the Congress of the power to issue money to the Federal Reserve Bank, a privately owned corporation, is a violation of the terms of the Constitution of the United States.

6. The failure of the Congress to discharge its obligation to issue all of the money pursuant to Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States absolves the State of Nevada from its constitutional obligation not to issue money.

Sec. 3. 1. The State of Nevada shall issue into circulation coins of the State of Nevada in the face amount of $50,000,000. The coins must contain 1 ounce of fine silver, must be alloyed to 90 percent fineness and must bear The Great Seal of the State of Nevada on one side and the words “Contains One Troy Ounce Fine Silver,” “Twenty Dollars,” “Nevada Legal Tender” and the year of issue on the other side. The coins so issued are legal tender for all debts, public and private, in this state.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, when the coins authorized by subsection 1 are received into the State Treasury, they must be reissued. The coins must not be held as a reserve except as the Legislature otherwise directs.

3. If the number of coins subject to the control of the State Treasurer diminishes to 500,000, the State of Nevada shall make successive issues of coins in accordance with subsection 1 in the face amount of $50,000,000, unless the total face value of the coins already issued is $500,000,000, in which case the State of Nevada shall issue no further coins without prior approval of the Legislature.

4. If the Legislature of the State of Nevada determines that the Congress of the United States is fulfilling its constitutional obligation to issue money by:
   (a) Requiring the Federal Reserve Bank to retire its circulating notes; and
   (b) Causing the issuance of sufficient notes of the United States and other currency to meet the needs of the commerce of the United States and of Nevada,
the State Treasurer shall retire the coins authorized by this section as they are received into the State Treasury.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.