

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS**

**Thirty-third Special Session
November 13, 2021**

The Senate Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 5:10 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2021, in Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada, and Online. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair
Senator Roberta Lange, Vice Chair
Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro
Senator Fabian Donate
Senator Pete Goicoechea
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert
Senator Carrie A. Buck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Stewart, Policy Analyst
Asher Killian, Counsel
Suzanne Efford, Committee Secretary

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

This is a work session to consider action on Senate Bill (S.B.) 1, which was heard earlier today in a joint session with the Assembly Select Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

SENATE BILL 1: Revises the election districts for members of the Legislature, members of the State Board of Education and Representatives in Congress and the petition districts for certain statewide initiatives or referendums. (BDR 17-9)

MICHAEL STEWART (Policy Analyst):

This bill revises the districts from which members of the Legislature, members of the State Board of Education and representatives to the U.S. Congress are elected. It also revises the petition districts for certain initiatives and

referendums proposing state-wide ballot measures. Those are coterminous with districts for representatives to Congress. The measure also authorizes the Chair of the Legislative Commission to direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to contract for professional and other services for certain actions or proceedings related to election or petition districts. There are no amendments for consideration at this time.

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We heard a lot of testimony today from the community, and many of the changes suggested will probably make their way into the legislation. However, with time being of the essence in this Special Session, it is important to keep this bill moving.

SENATOR LANGE MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 1.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I appreciate the important feedback we received on S.B. 1 from our colleagues and members of the public. We will be looking at all of the suggestions to make sure we incorporate those that need to be changed in the map. I am happy to support the bill, with the understanding that there may be some future changes.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I cannot support S.B. 1 as written. I am looking forward to seeing if some of the amendments presented today can be accepted.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I will not be in support of the measure. We heard loud and clear from different interest groups that they are not well represented, and we can do a better job. There are clearly some maps that would work better for those interest groups, particularly with regard to the disenfranchisement of two-thirds of Washoe County.

THE MOTION PASSED. (SENATORS BUCK, GOICOECHEA AND SEEVERS GANSERT VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Is there any public comment? Hearing none, we are adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Lynn Hendricks,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: _____

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