
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 465—ASSEMBLYWOMAN TIFFANY

MARCH 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes more frequent redistricting of county commissioner election districts in certain counties. (BDR 20-1431)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~to omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to county commissioners; authorizing more frequent redistricting of county commissioner election districts in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 244.016 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 244.016 1. In each county whose population is 400,000 or more, the
3 board of county commissioners consists of seven members. Each member
4 must be a resident of, and elected by the registered voters of, a county
5 commissioner election district established pursuant to this chapter.
6 2. The board of county commissioners shall establish seven county
7 commissioner election districts which must be as nearly equal in
8 population as practicable, and each of which must be composed entirely of
9 contiguous territory and be as compact as possible.
10 3. *As soon as possible after the data from each decennial census*
11 *taken by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of*
12 *Commerce is made available to the county, the board of county*
13 *commissioners shall revise the seven county commissioner election*
14 *districts by establishing new county commissioner election districts or*
15 *adjusting the boundaries of the existing county commissioner election*
16 *districts to the extent necessary to ensure the seven county commissioner*
17 *election districts are as nearly equal in population as practicable. During*
18 *the sixth calendar year immediately following the taking of the last*
19 *decennial census, if the population in any county commissioner election*

1 *district exceeds the population in any other county commissioner election*
2 *district by more than 5 percent by any measure of population found*
3 *reliable by the board of county commissioners, the board of county*
4 *commissioners may revise the seven county commissioner election*
5 *districts by establishing new county commissioner election districts or*
6 *adjusting the boundaries of the existing county commissioner election*
7 *districts to the extent necessary to ensure the seven county commissioner*
8 *election districts are as nearly equal in population as practicable. Any*
9 *county commissioner election district established or adjusted pursuant to*
10 *this subsection must be composed of entirely contiguous territory and be*
11 *as compact as possible.*

12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 244.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 244.018 1. If new or changed county commissioner election districts
14 must be established because of changes in population ~~for~~ *as determined*
15 *from the data from the decennial census taken by the Bureau of the*
16 *Census of the United States Department of Commerce, pursuant to*
17 *subsection 3 of NRS 244.016 or because of changes in* applicable law, the
18 board of county commissioners shall establish *or adjust the boundaries of*
19 those districts by ordinance and provide for the election from specified
20 districts of the proper numbers of county commissioners for 4-year and 2-
21 year terms respectively so that the numbers of county commissioners to be
22 elected at each general election thereafter will be as nearly equal as
23 possible.

24 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 244.011, if at the time a
25 general election is to be conducted for the election of county
26 commissioners from new districts there is incumbent any county
27 commissioner, elected at large or from a validly established election
28 district, whose term extends beyond the first Monday of January of the
29 following year, he is entitled to serve out his term and shall be deemed to
30 represent the new district in which he resides.