

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 465—ASSEMBLYWOMAN TIFFANY

MARCH 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes additional redistricting of county commissioner election districts.
(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 be omitted~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to county commissioners; authorizing additional redistricting of county commissioner election districts; 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 244.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 244.018 1. If new or changed county commissioner election districts
3 must be established because of changes in population ~~for~~ ***as determined***
4 ***from the data from the decennial census taken by the Bureau of the***
5 ***Census of the United States Department of Commerce, because of***
6 ***changes in*** applicable law ~~or~~ ***or because the board of county***
7 ***commissioners decided to revise those districts pursuant to subsection 4,***
8 the board of county commissioners shall establish ***or adjust the boundaries***
9 ***of*** those districts by ordinance and provide for the election from specified
10 districts of the proper numbers of county commissioners for 4-year and 2-
11 year terms respectively so that the numbers of county commissioners to be
12 elected at each general election thereafter will be as nearly equal as
13 possible.
14 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 244.011, if at the time a
15 general election is to be conducted for the election of county
16 commissioners from new districts there is incumbent any county
17 commissioner, elected at large or from a validly established election
18 district, whose term extends beyond the first Monday of January of the

1 following year, he is entitled to serve out his term and shall be deemed to
2 represent the new district in which he resides.

3 **3. As soon as possible after the data from each decennial census**
4 **taken by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of**
5 **Commerce is made available to the county, the board of county**
6 **commissioners shall revise the county commissioner election districts by**
7 **establishing new county commissioner election districts or adjusting the**
8 **boundaries of the existing county commissioner election districts to the**
9 **extent necessary to ensure the county commissioner election districts are**
10 **as nearly equal in population as practicable.**

11 **4. During the fourth calendar year after the year in which the data**
12 **from the decennial census is made available to the county, the board of**
13 **county commissioners may revise the county commissioner election**
14 **districts by establishing new county commissioner election districts or by**
15 **adjusting the boundaries of the existing county commissioner election**
16 **districts to the extent necessary to ensure the county commissioner**
17 **election districts are as nearly equal in population as practicable if:**

18 **(a) The population in any district exceeds the population in any other**
19 **district by more than 10 percent pursuant to estimates of population**
20 **prepared by an employee of the county in consultation with the**
21 **demographer employed by the department of taxation pursuant to NRS**
22 **360.283; and**

23 **(b) The measure of population used in paragraph (a) is found to be**
24 **reliable by the board of county commissioners.**

25 **5. If the board of county commissioners revises the county**
26 **commissioner election districts pursuant to subsection 4, the revisions**
27 **must be based on a special census conducted pursuant to NRS 244.183 or**
28 **other legally acceptable enumeration of population.**

29 **6. Any county commissioner election district established or adjusted**
30 **pursuant to this section must be composed of entirely contiguous**
31 **territory, be as compact as practicable and preserve natural, political and**
32 **traditional representation.**

33 **7. This section does not authorize an increase or decrease in the**
34 **number of county commissioner election districts in a county.**