
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 537—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 15, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes additional redistricting of county commissioner election districts.
(BDR 20-1274)

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 ~~[omitted material]~~ 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 ***as determined from***
4 ***the data from the decennial census taken by the Bureau of the Census of***
5 ***the United States Department of Commerce, pursuant to subsection 3*** or
6 ***because of changes in*** applicable law, the board of county commissioners
7 shall establish ***or adjust the boundaries of*** those districts by ordinance and
8 provide for the election from specified districts of the proper numbers of
9 county commissioners for 4-year and 2-year terms respectively so that the
10 numbers of county commissioners to be elected at each general election
11 thereafter will be as nearly equal as possible.
12 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 244.011, if at the time a
13 general election is to be conducted for the election of county
14 commissioners from new districts there is incumbent any county
15 commissioner, elected at large or from a validly established election
16 district, whose term extends beyond the first Monday of January of the
17 following year, he is entitled to serve out his term and shall be deemed to
18 represent the new district in which he resides.

- 1 3. As soon as possible after the data from each decennial census
2 taken by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of
3 Commerce is made available to the county, the board of county
4 commissioners shall revise the county commissioner election districts by
5 establishing new county commissioner election districts or adjusting the
6 boundaries of the existing county commissioner election districts to the
7 extent necessary to ensure the county commissioner election districts are
8 as nearly equal in population as practicable. During the fourth calendar
9 year after the year in which the data from the decennial census is made
10 available to the county, the board of county commissioners may revise
11 the county commissioner election districts by establishing new county
12 commissioner election districts or by adjusting the boundaries of the
13 existing county commissioner election districts to the extent necessary to
14 ensure the county commissioner election districts are as nearly equal in
15 population as practicable if:
16 (a) The population in any district exceeds the population in any other
17 district by more than 10 percent pursuant to:
18 (1) A special census conducted pursuant to NRS 244.183; or
19 (2) Information prepared by an employee of the county in
20 consultation with the demographer employed by the department of
21 taxation pursuant to NRS 360.283; and
22 (b) The measure of population used in paragraph (a) is found to be
23 reliable by the board of county commissioners.
24 4. Any county commissioner election district established or adjusted
25 pursuant to this section must be composed of entirely contiguous territory
26 and be as compact as possible.
27 5. This section does not authorize an increase or decrease in the
28 number of county commissioner election districts in a county.