

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of requirements for reapportionment and redistricting. (BDR R-1225)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of the requirements for reapportionment and redistricting in the State of Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, The 71st session of the Nevada Legislature will be required
- 2 to reapportion and redistrict the election districts for the members of the
- 3 Legislature, the members in the United States House of Representatives
- 4 from the State of Nevada, the Board of Regents of the University of
- 5 Nevada System and the State Board of Education; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of
- 7 Commerce is required to deliver redistricting data from the decennial
- 8 census in 2000 to the states not later than April 1, 2001, when the Nevada
- 9 Legislature already will be in session; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The amount of data from the census in 2000 and the
- 11 necessity to accomplish reapportionment and redistricting in an expeditious
- 12 manner during the 71st legislative session will require additional computer
- 13 software and extensive preparation and testing to allow for the generation
- 14 and analysis of proposals concerning reapportionment and redistricting; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The reapportionment and redistricting must comply with
- 16 current case law and constitutional and statutory legal requirements; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has been working with the Bureau of
- 18 the Census on the Block Boundary Suggestion Program and other programs
- 19 in preparation for the census in 2000 and the process of reapportionment
- 20 and redistricting; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
2 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to study
3 the requirements for reapportionment and redistricting in this state in
4 conjunction with the data from the decennial census of 2000; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the study include:

7 1. A continuing examination and monitoring of any redistricting
8 systems established or recommended by the 70th session of the Nevada
9 Legislature, or to be established pursuant to any legislation enacted by the
10 70th session of the Nevada Legislature, including the requirements for
11 computer equipment, computer software and the training of personnel;

12 2. A review of the case law concerning the legal requirements for
13 reapportionment and redistricting;

14 3. A review of the programs concerning planning for reapportionment
15 and redistricting in other states;

16 4. The continuation of the state's participation in the programs of the
17 Bureau of the Census; and

18 5. The participation in a program of the Bureau of the Census to
19 increase the awareness of the general public concerning the census to
20 ensure a complete and accurate count of all Nevadans in the year 2000; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission may enter into contracts or
23 other necessary agreements to establish and test reapportionment and
24 redistricting programs and computer equipment to provide for the timely
25 and efficient commencement of data processing for reapportionment and
26 redistricting before the Legislature convenes in 2001; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That no action may be taken by the study committee on
28 recommended legislation unless it receives a majority vote of the Senators
29 on the committee and a majority vote of the Assemblymen on the
30 committee; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission report to the 71st session
32 of the Nevada Legislature the results of the study and any action taken in
33 preparation for and any recommendations concerning reapportionment and
34 redistricting.