

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1—Committee on Legislative

Affairs and Operations

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

WHEREAS, The 71st session of the Nevada Legislature will be required to reapportion and redistrict the election districts for the members of the Legislature, the members in the United States House of Representatives from the State of Nevada, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada System and the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce is required to deliver redistricting data from the decennial census in 2000 to the states not later than April 1, 2001, when the Nevada Legislature already will be in session; and

WHEREAS, The amount of data from the census in 2000 and the necessity to accomplish reapportionment and redistricting in an expeditious manner during the 71st legislative session will require additional computer software and extensive preparation and testing to allow for the generation and analysis of proposals concerning reapportionment and redistricting; and

WHEREAS, The reapportionment and redistricting must comply with current case law and constitutional and statutory legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has been working with the Bureau of the Census on the Block Boundary Suggestion Program and other programs in preparation for the census in 2000 and the process of reapportionment and redistricting; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That the committee to conduct the study consists of eight members of the 70th Legislative Session to be appointed, subject to the approval of the Legislative Commission, as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.
2. One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
3. Three members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
4. One member of the Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

The Legislative Commission shall appoint the chairman of the committee and, in approving the appointments to the committee, shall ensure that not less than two of the members are appointed from the Assembly Standing Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics and not less than two of the

members are appointed from the Senate Standing Committee on Government Affairs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study include:

1. A continuing examination and monitoring of any redistricting systems established or recommended by the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature, or to be established pursuant to any legislation enacted by the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature, including the requirements for computer equipment, computer software and the training of personnel;
2. A review of the case law concerning the legal requirements for reapportionment and redistricting;
3. A review of the programs concerning planning for reapportionment and redistricting in other states;
4. The continuation of the state's participation in the programs of the Bureau of the Census; and
5. The participation in a program of the Bureau of the Census to increase the awareness of the general public concerning the census to ensure a complete and accurate count of all Nevadans in the year 2000; and be it further

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

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

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

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