

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 Nevada
5 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 census
8 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 necessity
11 to accomplish reapportionment and redistricting in an expeditious manner
12 during the 71st legislative session will require additional computer software
13 and extensive preparation and testing to allow for the generation and
14 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 committee to conduct the study consists of eight
7 members of the 70th Legislative Session to be appointed as follows:

8 1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of
9 the Senate.

10 2. One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the
11 Senate.

12 3. Three members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the
13 Assembly.

14 4. One member of the Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader of
15 the Assembly.

16 The Legislative Commission shall appoint the chairman of the committee;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the study include:

19 1. A continuing examination and monitoring of any redistricting
20 systems established or recommended by the 70th session of the Nevada
21 Legislature, or to be established pursuant to any legislation enacted by the
22 70th session of the Nevada Legislature, including the requirements for
23 computer equipment, computer software and the training of personnel;

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

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

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

30 5. The participation in a program of the Bureau of the Census to
31 increase the awareness of the general public concerning the census to ensure
32 a complete and accurate count of all Nevadans in the year 2000; and be it
33 further

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

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

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

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