

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, subject to the
8 approval of the Legislative Commission, as follows:

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

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

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

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

17 The Legislative Commission shall appoint the chairman of the committee
18 and, in approving the appointments to the committee, shall ensure that not
19 less than two of the members are appointed from the Assembly Standing
20 Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics and not less than two of the
21 members are appointed from the Senate Standing Committee on
22 Government Affairs; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the study include:

24 1. A continuing examination and monitoring of any redistricting
25 systems established or recommended by the 70th session of the Nevada
26 Legislature, or to be established pursuant to any legislation enacted by the
27 70th session of the Nevada Legislature, including the requirements for
28 computer equipment, computer software and the training of personnel;

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

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

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

35 5. The participation in a program of the Bureau of the Census to
36 increase the awareness of the general public concerning the census to ensure
37 a complete and accurate count of all Nevadans in the year 2000; and be it
38 further

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

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

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

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