

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—SENATOR RHOADS

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Adopts requirements for overall characteristics of congressional districts in this state for purposes of reapportionment and redistricting by 71st session of Nevada Legislature. (BDR R-705)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Adopting requirements for the overall characteristics of the congressional districts in this state for the purposes of reapportionment and redistricting by the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature.

- 1 WHEREAS, The 71st session of the Nevada Legislature is required to
- 2 reapportion and redistrict the congressional districts of the State of Nevada;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, The rural areas of this state are of vital concern to all
- 5 Nevadans, as the rural areas provide important industries that greatly
- 6 contribute to the state and local economies, including, without limitation,
- 7 industries based on agriculture, mining, ranching and recreation; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Issues concerning rural areas, including, without limitation,
- 9 federal land management, land exchanges, military activities, endangered
- 10 species, noxious weeds and invasive species, water, wildlife and the
- 11 proposed nuclear waste repository, are of concern to all Nevadans; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The urban areas of northern and southern Nevada are of vital
- 13 concern to all Nevadans, as those areas in the aggregate comprise a
- 14 significant portion of the total population of Nevada and provide important
- 15 industries that greatly contribute to the state and local economies,
- 16 including, without limitation, industries based on gaming, tourism and
- 17 technology; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Issues concerning urban areas in northern and southern
- 19 Nevada, including, without limitation, business development, federal
- 20 regulation of gaming, environmental policy and urban sprawl, are of
- 21 concern to all Nevadans; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Improved political representation of all Nevadans can be
- 23 attained in Congress only through the application of a reapportionment and
- 24 redistricting plan that includes a portion of the rural and urban areas of this
- 25 state in each congressional district in this state; and
- 26 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature recognizes that an agreement on the
- 27 overall characteristics of each congressional district in Nevada early in the
- 28 legislative session will avoid unnecessary complications caused by the



1 proposal of a wide variety of redistricting plans based on different overall
2 characteristics for each congressional district in Nevada; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature, having considered the needs of the
4 people of this state as well as the importance of the rural areas in this state,
5 the urban areas in this state and the issues specific to each of these areas,
6 finds it advisable that each congressional district in Nevada include a
7 portion of at least two rural counties in Nevada, a portion of Washoe
8 County, representing urban areas in northern Nevada, and a portion of
9 Clark County, representing urban areas in southern Nevada; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
12 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby agrees that for the
13 purposes of reapportionment and redistricting by the 71st session of the
14 Nevada Legislature, each congressional district in Nevada must include a
15 portion of at least two rural counties in Nevada, a portion of Washoe
16 County and a portion of Clark County.

