

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MARCH 24, 2005

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to create
Reapportionment Commission. (BDR C-1327)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada
Constitution to create a Reapportionment Commission
and to require the Commission decennially to fix the
number of Senators and Assemblymen, and apportion
them among legislative districts established by the
Commission.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 5 of Article 4 of the Nevada
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. *1.* Senators and members of the Assembly
shall be duly qualified electors in the respective counties and
districts which they represent, and the number of Senators
shall not be less than one-third nor more than one-half of that
of the members of the Assembly.

*2. There is hereby created a Reapportionment
Commission consisting of the following seven members:*

*(a) The Governor, the Secretary of State and the State
Treasurer, who serve as ex officio members;*

*(b) Two members of the Assembly, one of whom is
appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom
is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly; and*

*(c) Two members of the Senate, one of whom is
appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of
whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.*



1 3. The appointments required by subsection 2 must be
2 made not later than 14 calendar days after the
3 commencement of the regular session of the Legislature in
4 the year 2011 and in every 10th year thereafter. If an
5 appointment is not made within the required period, the
6 Governor shall make the appointment. A vacancy occurring
7 in the appointed membership of the Reapportionment
8 Commission must be filled in the same manner as the
9 original appointment. If such a vacancy is not filled within
10 14 calendar days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the
11 Governor shall make the appointment.

12 4. The Governor shall serve as the Chairman of the
13 Reapportionment Commission, which shall meet at the call
14 of the Governor.

15 5. Four members of the Reapportionment Commission
16 constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of
17 the Reapportionment Commission. A majority vote of the
18 quorum is required to take action with respect to any matter.

19 6. It shall be the mandatory duty of the ~~[Legislature at its~~
20 ~~first session after the]~~ Reapportionment Commission on or
21 before October 1 of the year next following each taking of
22 the decennial census of the United States ~~[in the year 1950,~~
23 ~~and after each subsequent decennial census,]~~ to fix ~~[by law]~~
24 the number of Senators and Assemblymen, and apportion
25 them among ~~[the several counties of the State, or among]~~
26 legislative districts ~~[which may be]~~ established by ~~[law,]~~ the
27 Reapportionment Commission, according to the number of
28 inhabitants in ~~[them,]~~ each district, respectively.

29 7. The Governor shall cause the apportionment to be
30 published on or before October 5 of the year in which it is
31 made. The terms of the members of the Reapportionment
32 Commission expire on the date the apportionment is
33 published.

