
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13—ASSEMBLYMEN GANSERT,
HARDY, STEWART; GRADY AND HAMBRICK

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Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise
the procedure for reapportioning legislative districts.
(BDR C-678)

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.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the
Nevada Constitution to authorize the Legislature to
reapportion the legislative districts when a certain
percentage of the districts have experienced changes in
population.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The Nevada Constitution requires the Legislature to determine the number of
2 Senators and Assemblymen and to apportion them among the several counties or
3 among legislative districts every 10 years based on the data from the decennial
4 census of the United States. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, § 5)

5 This bill proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to authorize the
6 Legislature to conduct a reapportionment of legislative districts in between the
7 decennial censuses if the population in 15 percent of Assembly or Senate districts is
8 greater than or less than, by more than 10 percent, the average population of the
9 Assembly or Senate districts, respectively.

10 If this proposed resolution is passed by the 2009 Legislature, it must also be
11 passed by the next Legislature and approved and ratified by the people in an
12 election before the proposed amendment to the Nevada Constitution becomes
13 effective.



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

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

9 **2.** It shall be the mandatory duty of the Legislature at its
10 first session after the taking of the decennial census of the
11 United States in the year 1950, and after each subsequent
12 decennial census, to fix by law the number of Senators and
13 Assemblymen, and apportion them among the several
14 counties of the State, or among legislative districts which may
15 be established by law, according to the number of inhabitants
16 in them, respectively.

17 **3. The Legislature may fix by law the number of**
18 **Senators and Assemblymen and apportion them among the**
19 **legislative districts and revise the legislative districts during**
20 **a legislative session that falls during the period between**
21 **decennial censuses whenever the population in:**

22 **(a) Fifteen percent or more of the assembly districts is**
23 **greater or less than, by more than 10 percent, the average**
24 **population of the assembly districts; or**

25 **(b) Fifteen percent or more of the senate districts is**
26 **greater or less than, by more than 10 percent, the average**
27 **population of the senate districts,**

28 **↪ using any measure of population that is found to be**
29 **reliable by the Legislature. The Legislature may provide by**
30 **law for procedures to facilitate the operation of this**
31 **subsection.**

