

SENATE BILL NO. 133—SENATOR RHODS

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing initiative petitions.
(BDR 24-1)

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

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

AN ACT relating to initiative petitions; providing that petition districts from which signatures for an initiative petition must be gathered are conterminous with assembly districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires the Legislature to create petition districts from which
2 signatures for a petition for initiative must be gathered. This bill provides that
3 petition districts are conterminous with assembly districts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 293.069 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.069 "Petition district" means ~~["a district established by the~~
3 ~~Legislature pursuant to NRS 293.127561.]~~ *an assembly district*
4 *created pursuant to the provisions of NRS 218B.600 to 218B.805,*
5 *inclusive, for the election of members to the Assembly.*
6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.127561, 293.127562 and 295.005 are hereby
7 repealed.
8 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.



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TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

293.127561 Establishment of petition districts; criteria.

1. The Legislature shall establish petition districts from which signatures for a petition for initiative that proposes a statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution of this State must be gathered. The petition districts must be established in a manner that is fair to all residents of the State, represent approximately equal populations and ensure that each signature is afforded the same weight.

2. Petition districts must be:

(a) Based on the population databases compiled by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce as validated and incorporated into the geographic information system by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for use by the Nevada Legislature.

(b) Designated in the maps filed with the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.127562.

293.127562 Maps of petition districts: Duties of Director of Legislative Counsel Bureau. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall:

1. Retain in an office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, copies of maps of the petition districts established pursuant to NRS 293.127561.

2. Make available copies of the maps to any interested person for a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual costs of producing copies of the maps.

3. File a copy of the maps with the Secretary of State.

295.005 "Petition district" defined. As used in NRS 295.005 to 295.061, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, "petition district" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293.069.

