

COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

Every 10 years, during the interim prior to each redistricting session, the Nevada Legislature conducts an interim study of the requirements for reapportionment and redistricting. This interim study “sets the stage” in advance of the redistricting session to ensure the Legislature is prepared to commence reapportionment and redistricting as soon as statewide data from the United States Census Bureau is received.

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 9 of the 2019 Legislative Session](#) directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of requirements for the reapportionment and redistricting of election districts for Nevada’s members of the State Legislature, the United States House of Representatives, and the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

The study must include:

- An examination and monitoring of any redistricting systems established or recommended by the Nevada Legislature;
- A review of pertinent case law;
- A review of redistricting programs and plans used in other states; and
- The continuation of Nevada’s participation in programs of the U.S. Census Bureau, including participation in the decennial census to ensure a complete and accurate count of all Nevadans.

Pursuant to [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\) 218D.160](#), the committee may request five bill drafts. Pursuant to [NRS 218E.205](#), the committee must complete its business no later than June 30, 2020. However, historically, this interim study committee has held meetings and made final recommendations after this deadline. It is anticipated that a request to extend beyond the June 30, 2020, deadline will be submitted to the Legislative Commission in the spring of 2020.

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Meeting Dates

Monday, January 27, 2020 – 9:30 AM
Monday, March 23, 2020 – 9:30 AM

Future meeting dates to be determined (suggest late May/early June 2020 and mid- to late-fall 2020)

Typical recommendations from the interim study relate to computer software and hardware needs and purchases; staffing needs; the selection of an “election database” for comprehensive election data from various elections leading up to the redistricting session; and suggestions for Joint Standing Rules for use by the Assembly and Senate.