SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19
(File No. 76, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*)

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Legislative Commission's Committee to Study the Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting during the 2009-2010 Legislative Interim. The following four recommendations were adopted during the Committee's meetings on July 21, 2010, and December 6, 2010:

1.   Purchase eight autoBound redistricting software licenses—four to be used by caucuses of the Senate and Assembly, two for staff, and two for public workstations—and the required parallel hardware, including: (a) four workstations to be used by the caucuses, each including a laptop computer with a docking station, a large monitor, and a small desktop color plotter; (b) two projectors that would be shared for presentations; and (c) four desktop computers, including a large monitor and a desktop color plotter to be used for the two public workstations and two staff workstations.

2.   Hire four session-only employees (one for each caucus), who would be located in the Information Technology Services Unit of the Legislative Counsel Bureau in order to assist with Geographic Information Systems support and provide related services for reapportionment and redistricting during the 2011 Legislative Session.

3.   Select, for use during the 2011 reapportionment and redistricting exercise, an elections database that includes comprehensive election information from the following elections:

   a.   2006 General Election contest for Nevada Governor—Gibbons (R) (48 percent) vs. Titus (D) (44 percent);

   b.   2008 General Election contest for President of the United States—McCain (R) (43 percent) vs. Obama (D) (55 percent);

   c.   2010 General Election contest for United States Senate—Angle (R) (45 percent) vs. Reid (D) (50 percent); and

   d.   2010 General Election contest for State Treasurer—Marshall (D) (48 percent) vs. Martin (R) (44 percent).

4.   Adopt rules for inclusion in the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 2011 Legislative Session addressing: (a) the responsibility for redistricting measures and approval of research requests; (b) equality of representation for congressional

districts, state legislative districts, and the districts for the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; (c) the use of a population database for reapportionment and redistricting; (d) the use of census geography for district boundaries; (e) procedures for the Senate and Assembly committees tasked with reapportionment and redistricting; (f) compliance with the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. § 1973(a)); and (g) public participation in the reapportionment and redistricting process.