

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Committee
on Legislative Operations and Elections

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study of the requirements for reapportionment and redistricting in the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS, The 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature will be required to reapportion and redistrict the election districts for the members of the Legislature, the members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Nevada and the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce is required to deliver redistricting data from the decennial census in 2020 to the states not later than April 1, 2021, when the Nevada Legislature will already be in session; and

WHEREAS, The amount of data from the census in 2020 and the necessity to accomplish reapportionment and redistricting in an expeditious manner during the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature will require additional computer software and extensive preparation and testing to allow for the generation and analysis of proposals concerning reapportionment and redistricting; and

WHEREAS, The reapportionment and redistricting must comply with current case law and constitutional and statutory legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has been working with the Bureau of the Census on its 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program and has participated in the Block Boundary Suggestion Project, the Voting District Project and other programs in preparation for the census in 2020 and the subsequent process of reapportionment and redistricting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study of the requirements for reapportionment and redistricting in this State in conjunction with the data from the decennial census of 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study include:

1. A continuing examination and monitoring of any redistricting systems established or recommended for use by the



Nevada Legislature, including the requirements for computer equipment, computer software and the training of personnel;

2. A review of the case law concerning planning for reapportionment and redistricting in other states;

3. A review of the programs of other states relating to planning for reapportionment and redistricting;

4. The continuation of the State's participation in the programs of the Bureau of the Census; and

5. To the extent practicable, the participation in programs of the Bureau of the Census and the State of Nevada to increase the awareness of the general public concerning the census to ensure a complete and accurate count of all Nevadans in the year 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission may enter into contracts or other necessary agreements to establish and test reapportionment and redistricting programs and computer equipment to provide for the timely and efficient commencement of data processing for reapportionment and redistricting before the Legislature convenes in 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission report to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature the results of the study and any action taken in preparation for and any recommendations concerning reapportionment and redistricting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

