

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 703

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2011

Introduced by Redistricting Committee: Langemeier, 23, Chairperson; Avery, 28; Conrad, 46; Dubas, 34; Fischer, 43; Nelson, 6; Schilz, 47.

FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to amend sections 32-508, 50-1101, and 50-1152, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change district boundaries of the legislative districts by the adoption of maps by reference; to provide for applicability of sections; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 50-1102, 50-1103, 50-1104, 50-1105, 50-1106, 50-1107, 50-1108, 50-1109, 50-1110, 50-1111, 50-1112, 50-1113, 50-1114, 50-1115, 50-1116, 50-1117, 50-1118, 50-1119.01, 50-1120, 50-1121, 50-1122, 50-1123, 50-1124, 50-1125, 50-1126, 50-1127, 50-1128, 50-1129, 50-1130, 50-1131, 50-1132, 50-1133, 50-1134, 50-1135, 50-1136, 50-1137, 50-1138, 50-1139, 50-1140, 50-1141.01, 50-1142, 50-1143, 50-1144, 50-1145, 50-1146, 50-1147, 50-1148, 50-1149, and 50-1150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 32-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

32-508 The State of Nebraska is divided into forty-nine legislative districts as provided and described in ~~sections 50-1101 to 50-1152.~~ sections 2 and 3 of this act. The members of the Legislature from the even-numbered districts shall be elected for terms of four years at the statewide general election in 1994 and each four years thereafter. The members of the Legislature from the odd-numbered districts shall be elected for terms of four years at the statewide general election in 1996 and each four years thereafter. Candidates for the Legislature shall meet the qualifications found in Article III, sections 8 and 9, of the Constitution of Nebraska. The members of the Legislature shall be elected on the nonpartisan ballot.

Sec. 2. Section 50-1101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~50-1101~~ (1) The State of Nebraska is hereby divided into forty-nine legislative districts. Each district shall be entitled to one member in the Legislature. The descriptions of legislative districts in sections 50-1102 to 50-1150 are taken Legislature adopts the official population figures and maps from the 2000 2010 Census Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) TIGER/Line files Shapefiles published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

(2) The numbers and boundaries of the legislative districts are designated and established by maps identified and labeled as maps LEG11-1, LEG11-1A, LEG11-43002E-2, LEG11-43002E-2A, LEG11-2B, LEG11-3, LEG11-4, LEG11-5, LEG11-6, LEG11-7, LEG11-8, LEG11-9, LEG11-10, LEG11-11, LEG11-12, LEG11-13, LEG11-14, LEG11-15, LEG11-16, LEG11-17, LEG11-18, LEG11-19, LEG11-20, LEG11-21, LEG11-21A, LEG11-22, LEG11-23, LEG11-24, LEG11-25, LEG11-25A, LEG11-26, LEG11-27, LEG11-28, LEG11-29, LEG11-30, LEG11-30A, LEG11-31, LEG11-32, LEG11-32A, LEG11-33, LEG11-34, LEG11-34A, LEG11-35, LEG11-36, LEG11-37, LEG11-37A, LEG11-38, LEG11-38A, LEG11-39, LEG11-40, LEG11-41, LEG11-42, LEG11-43002E-43, LEG11-44, LEG11-45, LEG11-46, LEG11-43002E-47, LEG11-48, and LEG11-43002E-49, filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, and incorporated by reference as part of this legislative bill.

(3) (a) The Clerk of the Legislature shall transfer possession of the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section to the Secretary of State on the effective date of this act.

(b) When questions of interpretation of legislative district boundaries arise, the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section in possession of the Secretary of State shall serve as the indication of the legislative intent in drawing the legislative district boundaries.

(c) Each election commissioner or county clerk shall obtain copies of the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section for the election commissioner's or clerk's county from the Secretary of State.

(d) The Secretary of State shall also have available for viewing on his or her web site the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section identifying the boundaries for the legislative districts.

Sec. 3. Section 50-1152, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~50-1152~~ Sections 50-1102 to 50-1150 The changes made to this section

and section 2 of this act by this legislative bill shall become operative on September 1, 2001, the effective date of this act, except that members of the Legislature from the ~~even-numbered~~ odd-numbered districts shall be nominated at the primary election in 2002 2012 and elected at the general election in November 2002 2012 for the term commencing January 8, 2003- January 9, 2013. The members of the Legislature elected or appointed prior to September 1, 2001, the effective date of this act, shall represent the newly established districts for the balance of their terms, with each member representing the same numbered district as prior to September 1, 2001, the effective date of this act.

Sec. 4. Original sections 32-508, 50-1101, and 50-1152, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 5. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 50-1102, 50-1103, 50-1104, 50-1105, 50-1106, 50-1107, 50-1108, 50-1109, 50-1110, 50-1111, 50-1112, 50-1113, 50-1114, 50-1115, 50-1116, 50-1117, 50-1118, 50-1119.01, 50-1120, 50-1121, 50-1122, 50-1123, 50-1124, 50-1125, 50-1126, 50-1127, 50-1128, 50-1129, 50-1130, 50-1131, 50-1132, 50-1133, 50-1134, 50-1135, 50-1136, 50-1137, 50-1138, 50-1139, 50-1140, 50-1141.01, 50-1142, 50-1143, 50-1144, 50-1145, 50-1146, 50-1147, 50-1148, 50-1149, and 50-1150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.