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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 703**

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

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Committee: Redistricting

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to amend sections 32-508,  
2 50-1101, and 50-1152, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
3 Nebraska; to change district boundaries of the  
4 legislative districts by the adoption of maps by  
5 reference; to provide for applicability of sections; to  
6 harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to  
7 outright repeal sections 50-1102, 50-1103, 50-1104,  
8 50-1105, 50-1106, 50-1107, 50-1108, 50-1109, 50-1110,  
9 50-1111, 50-1112, 50-1113, 50-1114, 50-1115, 50-1116,  
10 50-1117, 50-1118, 50-1119.01, 50-1120, 50-1121, 50-1122,  
11 50-1123, 50-1124, 50-1125, 50-1126, 50-1127, 50-1128,  
12 50-1129, 50-1130, 50-1131, 50-1132, 50-1133, 50-1134,  
13 50-1135, 50-1136, 50-1137, 50-1138, 50-1139, 50-1140,  
14 50-1141.01, 50-1142, 50-1143, 50-1144, 50-1145, 50-1146,  
15 50-1147, 50-1148, 50-1149, and 50-1150, Reissue Revised  
16 Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

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

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

17           ~~50-1101~~ (1) The State of Nebraska is hereby divided into  
18 forty-nine legislative districts. Each district shall be entitled to  
19 one member in the Legislature. The ~~descriptions of legislative~~  
20 ~~districts in sections 50-1102 to 50-1150 are taken~~ Legislature adopts  
21 the official population figures and maps from the 2000-2010 Census  
22 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) TIGER/Line files—Shapefiles  
23 published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the  
24 Census.

25           (2) The numbers and boundaries of the legislative

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

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

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

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

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

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

7           ~~50-1152 Sections 50-1102 to 50-1150~~ The changes made to  
8 this section and section 2 of this act by this legislative bill shall  
9 become operative on ~~September 1, 2001,~~ the effective date of this  
10 act, except that members of the Legislature from the ~~even-numbered~~  
11 odd-numbered districts shall be nominated at the primary election in  
12 2002-2012 and elected at the general election in November 2002-2012  
13 for the term commencing ~~January 8, 2003.~~ January 9, 2013. The members  
14 of the Legislature elected or appointed prior to ~~September 1, 2001,~~  
15 the effective date of this act, shall represent the newly established  
16 districts for the balance of their terms, with each member  
17 representing the same numbered district as prior to ~~September 1,~~  
18 2001. the effective date of this act.

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

21           Sec. 5. The following sections are outright repealed:  
22 Sections 50-1102, 50-1103, 50-1104, 50-1105, 50-1106, 50-1107,  
23 50-1108, 50-1109, 50-1110, 50-1111, 50-1112, 50-1113, 50-1114,  
24 50-1115, 50-1116, 50-1117, 50-1118, 50-1119.01, 50-1120, 50-1121,  
25 50-1122, 50-1123, 50-1124, 50-1125, 50-1126, 50-1127, 50-1128,

1 50-1129, 50-1130, 50-1131, 50-1132, 50-1133, 50-1134, 50-1135,  
2 50-1136, 50-1137, 50-1138, 50-1139, 50-1140, 50-1141.01, 50-1142,  
3 50-1143, 50-1144, 50-1145, 50-1146, 50-1147, 50-1148, 50-1149, and  
4 50-1150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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