ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 361

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine matters related to the upcoming redistricting process in Nebraska. The study shall specifically examine, but not be limited to, the following matters:

(1) The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on redistricting and the census;

(2) The effect of the delayed deadline for census data to be collected and the expected delay in receiving census data for the redistricting process;

(3) Information on what other states are doing to mitigate difficulties in the redistricting process related to COVID-19;

(4) The impact on redistricting if there is a change in the number of legislative districts;

(5) Best practices to add transparency to the process of redistricting through legislative rule changes or other means;

(6) Information about past redistricting practices in Nebraska that might help to aid the process of redistricting;

(7) Best redistricting practices to comply with state and federal law, ensure fair minority representation, ensure fair distribution of legislative districts throughout the state, and ensure Nebraskans are confident in the redistricting process; and

(8) Any other matters related to redistricting that will help the Legislature to fairly complete its redistricting duties in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall upon the

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conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.