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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 797**

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Committee: Urban Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend section
- 2 19-3052, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to change restrictions
- on annexation as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 19-3052, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 19-3052 (1) For purposes of this section, municipality means any
- 4 city of the first class, city of the second class, or village which
- 5 elects members of the city council or village board of trustees by
- 6 districts.
- 7 (2) Any municipality which annexes territory and thereby brings
- 8 sufficient new residents into such municipality so as to require that
- 9 election districts be redrawn to maintain substantial population equality
- 10 between districts shall redistrict its election districts so that such
- 11 districts are substantially equal in population within one hundred and
- 12 eighty days after the effective date of the ordinance annexing the
- 13 territory. Such redistricting shall create election districts which are
- 14 substantially equal in population as determined by the most recent
- 15 federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by
- 16 the United States Bureau of the Census.
- 17 (3) No municipality which proposes to annex territory and thereby
- 18 bring new residents into the municipality shall annex such territory
- 19 unless the redistricting required by subsection (2) of this section will
- 20 be accomplished at least five months eighty days prior to the next
- 21 primary election in which candidates for the city council or village
- 22 board of trustees are nominated.
- 23 (4)(a) No city of the first class or city of the second class shall
- 24 annex any territory during the period from five months eighty days prior
- 25 to any primary election in which candidates for the city council are
- 26 nominated until the date of the general election of the same year if such
- 27 annexation would bring sufficient new residents into such city so as to
- 28 require that election districts be redrawn to maintain substantial
- 29 population equality between districts.
- 30 (b) No village shall annex any territory during the period <u>five</u>
- 31 <u>months</u> eighty days prior to the election at which members of the village

- 1 board of trustees are chosen until the date of such election if such
- 2 annexation would bring sufficient new residents into such village so as
- 3 to require that election districts be redrawn to maintain substantial
- 4 population equality between districts.
- 5 (5)(a) No proposed annexation by a municipality shall be restricted
- 6 or governed by this section unless such annexation would bring sufficient
- 7 new residents into such municipality so as to require the election
- 8 districts of the municipality to be redrawn to maintain substantial
- 9 population equality between districts.
- 10 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a
- 11 municipality to redraw the boundaries of its election districts following
- 12 an annexation unless such annexation brought sufficient new residents
- 13 into such municipality so as to require such redistricting to maintain
- 14 substantial population equality between districts.
- 15 (c) For the purposes of this section only, a municipal annexation
- 16 shall be held to have brought sufficient new residents into such
- 17 municipality so as to require that its election districts be redrawn to
- 18 maintain substantial population equality between districts if, following
- 19 such annexation, the total range of deviation from the mean population of
- 20 each election district, according to the most recent federal decennial
- 21 census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States
- 22 Bureau of the Census, exceeds ten percent.
- 23 Sec. 2. Original section 19-3052, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 24 2019, is repealed.