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LEGISLATIVE BILL 13

Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

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Committee: Redistricting

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to amend sections 50-1153
2 and 50-1154, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to set the
3 district boundaries of the legislative districts by the adoption of
4 maps by reference; to provide for applicability of sections; to
5 harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to
6 declare an emergency.

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

1 Section 1. Section 50-1153, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 50-1153 (1) The State of Nebraska is hereby divided into forty-nine
4 legislative districts. Each district shall be entitled to one member in
5 the Legislature. The Legislature adopts the official population figures
6 and maps from the 2020 ~~2010~~ Census Redistricting (Public Law 94-171)
7 TIGER/Line Shapefiles published by the United States Department of
8 Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

9 (2) The numbers and boundaries of the legislative districts are
10 designated and established by maps identified and labeled as maps XXX to
11 XXX ~~LEG11-1, LEG11-1A, LEG11-43002E-2, LEG11-43002E-2A, LEG11-2B,~~
12 ~~LEG11-3, LEG11-4, LEG11-5, LEG11-6, LEG11-7, LEG11-8, LEG11-9, LEG11-10,~~
13 ~~LEG11-11, LEG11-12, LEG11-13, LEG11-14, LEG11-15, LEG11-16, LEG11-17,~~
14 ~~LEG11-18, LEG11-19, LEG11-20, LEG11-21, LEG11-21A, LEG11-22, LEG11-23,~~
15 ~~LEG11-24, LEG11-25, LEG11-25A, LEG11-26, LEG11-27, LEG11-28, LEG11-29,~~
16 ~~LEG11-30, LEG11-30A, LEG11-31, LEG11-32, LEG11-32A, LEG11-33, LEG11-34,~~
17 ~~LEG11-34A, LEG11-35, LEG11-36, LEG11-37, LEG11-37A, LEG11-38, LEG11-38A,~~
18 ~~LEG11-39, LEG11-40, LEG11-41, LEG11-42, LEG11-43002E-43, LEG11-44,~~
19 ~~LEG11-45, LEG11-46, LEG11-43002E-47, LEG11-48, and LEG11-43002E-49,~~ filed
20 with the Clerk of the Legislature, and incorporated by reference as part
21 of this legislative bill ~~Laws 2011, LB703.~~

22 (3)(a) The Clerk of the Legislature shall transfer possession of the
23 maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section to the Secretary of
24 State on the effective date of this act ~~May 27, 2011.~~

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

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

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

4 Sec. 2. Section 50-1154, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 50-1154 The changes made to this section and section 50-1153 by this
7 legislative bill ~~Laws 2011, LB703,~~ shall become operative on the
8 effective date of this act. ~~The May 27, 2011,~~ ~~except that~~ members of the
9 Legislature from the even-numbered ~~odd-numbered~~ districts shall be
10 nominated at the primary election in 2022 ~~2012~~ and elected at the general
11 election in November 2022 ~~2012~~ for the term commencing January 4, 2023
12 ~~January 9, 2013~~. The members of the Legislature elected or appointed
13 prior to the effective date of this act ~~May 27, 2011,~~ shall represent the
14 newly established districts for the balance of their terms, with each
15 member representing the same numbered district as prior to the effective
16 date of this act ~~May 27, 2011~~.

17 Sec. 3. Original sections 50-1153 and 50-1154, Reissue Revised
18 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

19 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
20 passed and approved according to law.