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SENATE BILL NO. 190—SENATORS WOODHOUSE AND PARKS

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada 2020 Census Commission.  
(BDR S-727)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to the decennial census; creating the Nevada 2020 Census Commission; prescribing the membership, powers and duties of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the population of the  
2 United States be conducted every 10 years to apportion congressional  
3 representation among the states. (U.S. Const. Art. 1, § 2) The 24th federal decennial  
4 census, which is conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States  
5 Department of Commerce, will be taken April 1, 2020. (13 U.S.C. § 141) This bill  
6 creates the Nevada 2020 Census Commission to develop and coordinate an  
7 outreach program to increase awareness about and encourage the full participation  
8 of Nevadans in the 2020 decennial census in order to ensure a complete and  
9 accurate count of all Nevadans in the 2020 decennial census.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Nevada 2020 Census Commission is  
2 hereby created to develop and coordinate an outreach program to  
3 increase awareness about and encourage the full participation of  
4 Nevadans in the 2020 decennial census in order to ensure a  
5 complete and accurate count of all Nevadans in the 2020 decennial  
6 census.  
7 2. The Commission consists of:  
8 (a) Four members who are not Legislators, appointed as follows:



1 (1) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the  
2 Senate;

3 (2) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

4 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
5 Senate; and

6 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
7 Assembly.

8 (b) The following members appointed by the Governor:

9 (1) A member who represents the Office of the Governor;

10 (2) Members who represent each of the following  
11 populations that historically have been undercounted in the  
12 decennial census or organizations that directly serve those  
13 populations:

14 (I) Young children;

15 (II) Racial and ethnic minorities;

16 (III) Persons who do not speak fluent English;

17 (IV) Low-income populations;

18 (V) Persons who are homeless or lack secure housing;

19 (VI) Undocumented immigrants;

20 (VII) College students;

21 (VIII) Persons living in rural areas; and

22 (IX) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning  
23 persons;

24 (3) Members who represent local committees formed for the  
25 purpose of conducting outreach efforts relating to the 2020  
26 decennial census;

27 (4) One member who represents the Nevada System of  
28 Higher Education, from a list of persons nominated by the Board of  
29 Regents of the University of Nevada;

30 (5) One member who represents the Clark County School  
31 District, from a list of persons nominated by the superintendent of  
32 schools of the Clark County School District;

33 (6) One member who represents the Washoe County School  
34 District, from a list of persons nominated by the superintendent of  
35 schools of the Washoe County School District;

36 (7) Not more than four members who represent school  
37 districts other than those described in subparagraphs (5) and (6),  
38 from a list of persons nominated by the Superintendent of Public  
39 Instruction; and

40 (8) Not more than five members who represent businesses or  
41 faith-based, nonprofit or other private organizations.

42 (c) The demographer employed pursuant to NRS 360.283 or his  
43 or her designee.

44 3. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same  
45 manner as the original appointment.



1 4. The Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from  
2 among its members. Any vacancy in the office of Chair or Vice  
3 Chair must be filled in the same manner.

4 5. The members of the Commission shall serve without  
5 compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem expense  
6 allowances and travel expenses provided for state officers and  
7 employees generally while engaged in the business of the  
8 Commission.

9 6. A member of the Commission who is an officer or employee  
10 of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved  
11 from his or her duties without loss of his or her regular  
12 compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Commission  
13 and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the  
14 Commission in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency  
15 or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or  
16 employee who is a member of the Commission to make up the time  
17 the member is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a  
18 member of the Commission or take annual leave or compensatory  
19 time for the absence.

20 7. The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar  
21 quarter and may meet at other times at the call of the Chair or a  
22 majority of its members.

23 8. The Chair of the Commission may, with the approval of the  
24 Commission, appoint committees from its members to assist in  
25 carrying out any of the functions or duties of the Commission.

26 **Sec. 2.** The Nevada 2020 Census Commission created by  
27 section 1 of this act:

28 1. Shall, without limitation:

29 (a) Manage and oversee money received by the Commission to  
30 support the 2020 decennial census, including, without limitation,  
31 expending such money to:

32 (1) Enter into a contract with a consultant to oversee a  
33 statewide public education and outreach campaign concerning the  
34 2020 decennial census;

35 (2) Employ staff to assist the Commission in carrying out its  
36 powers and duties;

37 (3) Provide grants of money to local community-based  
38 organizations to conduct outreach efforts regarding the 2020  
39 decennial census among populations that are identified in  
40 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of section 1 of  
41 this act; and

42 (4) Provide resources necessary to ensure a complete and  
43 accurate census count in this State.



1 (b) Develop and implement a state plan to ensure a complete and  
2 accurate count of the population of this State during the 2020  
3 decennial census.

4 (c) Collaborate and coordinate with the Bureau of the Census of  
5 the United States Department of Commerce regarding its activities,  
6 as determined appropriate by the Chair.

7 2. May perform such other activities as deemed appropriate by  
8 the Commission to ensure a complete and accurate count of the  
9 population of this State during the 2020 decennial census.

10 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
11 and expires by limitation on December 31, 2020.

