

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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LEGISLATIVE BILL 277

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-903, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to
- 3 precinct size; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 32-903 (1) The election commissioner or county clerk shall create
4 precincts composed of compact and contiguous territory within the
5 boundary lines of legislative districts. The precincts shall contain not
6 less than seventy-five nor more than one thousand ~~seven hundred fifty~~
7 registered voters based on the number of voters voting at the last
8 statewide general election, except that a precinct may contain less than
9 seventy-five registered voters if in the judgment of the election
10 commissioner or county clerk it is necessary to avoid creating an undue
11 hardship on the registered voters in the precinct. The election
12 commissioner or county clerk shall create precincts based on the number
13 of votes cast at the immediately preceding presidential election or the
14 current list of registered voters for the precinct. The election
15 commissioner or county clerk shall revise and rearrange the precincts and
16 increase or decrease them at such times as may be necessary to make the
17 precincts contain as nearly as practicable not less than seventy-five nor
18 more than one thousand ~~seven hundred fifty~~ registered voters voting at
19 the last statewide general election. The election commissioner or county
20 clerk shall, when necessary and possible, readjust precinct boundaries to
21 coincide with the boundaries of cities, villages, and school districts
22 which are divided into districts or wards for election purposes. The
23 election commissioner or county clerk shall not make any precinct changes
24 in precinct boundaries or divide precincts into two or more parts between
25 the statewide primary and general elections unless he or she has been
26 authorized to do so by the Secretary of State. If changes are authorized,
27 the election commissioner or county clerk shall notify each state and
28 local candidate affected by the change.

29 (2) The election commissioner or county clerk may alter and divide
30 the existing precincts, except that when any city of the first class by
31 ordinance divides any ward of such city into two or more voting districts

1 or polling places, the election commissioner or county clerk shall
2 establish precincts or polling places in conformity with such ordinance.
3 No such alteration or division shall take place between the statewide
4 primary and general elections except as provided in subsection (1) of
5 this section.

6 (3) All precincts and polling places may be consolidated for the use
7 of electronic voting systems into fewer and larger precincts as deemed
8 necessary and advisable by the election commissioner or county clerk.
9 Such precincts, consolidated for electronic voting systems only, may have
10 as many registered voters therein as deemed advisable in the interest of
11 economy and efficiency. At least one electronic voting device shall be
12 provided for every five hundred registered voters voting in the
13 consolidated precinct or polling place at the immediately preceding
14 general election.

15 Sec. 2. Original section 32-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is repealed.