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Introduced by Redistricting Committee: Langemeier, 23, Chairperson;
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6; Schilz, 47.

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Committee: Redistricting

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to amend sections 32-508,
2 50-1101, and 50-1152, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to change district boundaries of the
4 legislative districts by the adoption of maps by
5 reference; to provide for applicability of sections; to
6 harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to
7 outright repeal sections 50-1102, 50-1103, 50-1104,
8 50-1105, 50-1106, 50-1107, 50-1108, 50-1109, 50-1110,
9 50-1111, 50-1112, 50-1113, 50-1114, 50-1115, 50-1116,
10 50-1117, 50-1118, 50-1119.01, 50-1120, 50-1121, 50-1122,
11 50-1123, 50-1124, 50-1125, 50-1126, 50-1127, 50-1128,
12 50-1129, 50-1130, 50-1131, 50-1132, 50-1133, 50-1134,
13 50-1135, 50-1136, 50-1137, 50-1138, 50-1139, 50-1140,
14 50-1141.01, 50-1142, 50-1143, 50-1144, 50-1145, 50-1146,
15 50-1147, 50-1148, 50-1149, and 50-1150, Reissue Revised

1 Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 32-508 The State of Nebraska is divided into forty-nine
4 legislative districts as provided and described in ~~sections 50-1101~~
5 ~~to 50-1152.~~ sections 2 and 3 of this act. The members of the
6 Legislature from the even-numbered districts shall be elected for
7 terms of four years at the statewide general election in 1994 and
8 each four years thereafter. The members of the Legislature from the
9 odd-numbered districts shall be elected for terms of four years at
10 the statewide general election in 1996 and each four years
11 thereafter. Candidates for the Legislature shall meet the
12 qualifications found in Article III, sections 8 and 9, of the
13 Constitution of Nebraska. The members of the Legislature shall be
14 elected on the nonpartisan ballot.

15 Sec. 2. Section 50-1101, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 ~~50-1101~~ (1) The State of Nebraska is hereby divided into
18 forty-nine legislative districts. Each district shall be entitled to
19 one member in the Legislature. The ~~descriptions of legislative~~
20 ~~districts in sections 50-1102 to 50-1150 are taken~~ Legislature adopts
21 the official population figures and maps from the 2000-2010 Census
22 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) TIGER/Line files—Shapefiles
23 published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the
24 Census.

25 (2) The numbers and boundaries of the legislative

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

14 (3)(a) The Clerk of the Legislature shall transfer
15 possession of the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section
16 to the Secretary of State on the effective date of this act.

17 (b) When questions of interpretation of legislative
18 district boundaries arise, the maps referred to in subsection (2) of
19 this section in possession of the Secretary of State shall serve as
20 the indication of the legislative intent in drawing the legislative
21 district boundaries.

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

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

5 Sec. 3. Section 50-1152, Reissue Revised Statutes of
6 Nebraska, is amended to read:

7 ~~50-1152 Sections 50-1102 to 50-1150~~ The changes made to
8 this section and section 2 of this act by this legislative bill shall
9 become operative on ~~September 1, 2001,~~ the effective date of this
10 act, except that members of the Legislature from the ~~even-numbered~~
11 odd-numbered districts shall be nominated at the primary election in
12 2002-2012 and elected at the general election in November 2002-2012
13 for the term commencing ~~January 8, 2003.~~ January 9, 2013. The members
14 of the Legislature elected or appointed prior to ~~September 1, 2001,~~
15 the effective date of this act, shall represent the newly established
16 districts for the balance of their terms, with each member
17 representing the same numbered district as prior to ~~September 1,~~
18 2001. the effective date of this act.

19 Sec. 4. Original sections 32-508, 50-1101, and 50-1152,
20 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

21 Sec. 5. The following sections are outright repealed:
22 Sections 50-1102, 50-1103, 50-1104, 50-1105, 50-1106, 50-1107,
23 50-1108, 50-1109, 50-1110, 50-1111, 50-1112, 50-1113, 50-1114,
24 50-1115, 50-1116, 50-1117, 50-1118, 50-1119.01, 50-1120, 50-1121,
25 50-1122, 50-1123, 50-1124, 50-1125, 50-1126, 50-1127, 50-1128,

1 50-1129, 50-1130, 50-1131, 50-1132, 50-1133, 50-1134, 50-1135,
2 50-1136, 50-1137, 50-1138, 50-1139, 50-1140, 50-1141.01, 50-1142,
3 50-1143, 50-1144, 50-1145, 50-1146, 50-1147, 50-1148, 50-1149, and
4 50-1150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

5 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
6 when passed and approved according to law.