

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 199

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's redistricting process. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the federal and state constitutional and statutory provisions relating to reapportionment and redistricting;

(2) A review of applicable United States Supreme Court and Nebraska Supreme Court decisions relating to redistricting;

(3) A review of the redistricting process used in Nebraska in 1991, 2001, and 2011. The review shall include an in-depth examination of the (a) substantive, administrative, and procedural guidelines used during each of those decades, including the redistricting criteria used during each of those decades, (b) computer software used and the process of creating and merging databases with such software, (c) the role of staff in the process during those previous decades, (d) process timeline, (e) legal challenges, if any, (f) public confidence in the redistricting process, and (g) all other issues necessary to understand the redistricting process;

(4) An examination of the redistricting processes used in other states including, but not limited to, (a) best practices for apportioning districts between changing rural and urban populations, (b) demographic criteria considered in the redistricting process, (c) the role of staff or non-legislative personnel in the process, and (d) public confidence in the redistricting process in other states; and

(5) Any recommendations for the 2021 redistricting process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated

to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.