

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR102

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 16, 2011
Committee On: Redistricting
Introducer: Redistricting
One Liner: Adopt criteria for the 2011 redistricting process

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

Vote Results:

Aye: 9 Senators Avery, Conrad, Dubas, Fischer, Langemeier, Lautenbaugh, Mello, Nelson, Schilz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Senator Chris Langemeier

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
Bob Twiss

Representing:
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The Legislature is responsible for drawing district boundaries for the U.S. House of Representatives, Legislature, Nebraska Supreme Court, Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Public Service Commission, and State Board of Education.

LR 102 prescribes the substantive criteria to be used by the Legislature during the 2011 redistricting process. The criteria are designed to help ensure that the redistricting plans developed by the Legislature are constitutionally acceptable.

Generally, when drawing district boundaries, the Legislature shall:

- (a) Use population data from the 2010 United States Census and census geography;
 - (b) Follow county lines whenever practicable and define districts that are compact and contiguous, are identifiable and understandable to voters, and preserve the cores of prior districts;
 - (c) Not favor a political party or consider the political affiliations of registered voters;
 - (d) Not dilute the voting strength of any minority population; and
 - (e) Create districts that are substantially equal in population.
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Chris Langemeier, Chairperson