

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7

Approved by the Governor September 30, 2021

Introduced by Redistricting Committee: Linehan, 39, Chairperson; Blood, 3; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Geist, 25; Lowe, 37; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to amend sections 79-311 and 79-312, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to set the district boundaries for members of the State Board of Education by the adoption of maps by reference; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 79-311, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-311 (1) For the purpose of section 79-310, the state is divided into eight districts. Each district shall be entitled to one member on the board.

(2) The numbers and boundaries of the districts are designated and established by maps identified and labeled as maps ED21-39003, ED21-39003-1, ED21-39003-2, ED21-39003-3, ED21-39003-4, ED21-39003-5, ED21-39003-6, ED21-39003-7, and ED21-39003-8 ~~ED11-1, ED11-2, ED11-3, ED11-4, ED11-5, ED11-5A, ED11-6, ED11-7, and ED11-8~~, filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, and incorporated by reference as part of this legislative bill ~~Laws 2011, LB702~~.

(3)(a) The Clerk of the Legislature shall transfer possession of the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section to the Secretary of State on the effective date of this act ~~May 27, 2011~~.

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

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

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

Sec. 2. Section 79-312, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-312 For purposes of section 79-311, the Legislature adopts the official population figures and maps from the 2020 ~~2010~~ Census Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) TIGER/Line Shapefiles published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Sec. 3. Original sections 79-311 and 79-312, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.