Appendix C

Nevada Reapportionment and Electoral College Information

The 33rd (2021) Special Session of the Nevada Legislature adjourned *sine die* on November 16, 2021. <u>Senate Bill 1</u> revised the boundaries of the existing 4 congressional districts, 21 Senate districts, and 42 Assembly Districts. <u>Assembly Bill 1</u> revised the boundaries of the existing 13 Board of Regents of the University of Nevada districts.

Final district maps and shapefiles are available on the <u>District Plans tab</u>. The <u>2021 District Lookup Tool</u> is an interactive map allowing users to search by address to find their 2021 districts.

For a compilation of overview maps and statistical tables for the four new redistricting plans, access the <u>2021 Nevada</u> <u>Redistricting: Overview Maps and Statistical Tables</u> publication.

Find state Senate and Assembly Districts as well as other reapportionment information here https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Districts/Reapp/2021/district-plans#districts-final



Redistricting Background

Reapportionment and Redistricting in Nevada: An Overview (Legislative Counsel Bureau)

Every ten years, following the Federal Census, the Nevada State Legislature is responsible for reapportioning and redistricting the districts for:

- The United States House of Representatives;
- The Nevada State Senate;
- The Nevada State Assembly; and
- The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

The Nevada Constitution provides that "representation shall be apportioned according to population" (Article 1, Section 13) and that the census "...shall serve as the basis of representation in both houses of the Legislature" (Article 15, Section 13).

"Redistricting" is the act of redrawing the boundaries for election districts. Because the population shifts over time, district boundaries must be adjusted periodically to ensure districts are equally populated. Since the 1960s, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that electoral districts must have equal population or nearly equal population so that each person's vote has equal weight (known as the "one-person, one-vote" requirement).

"Reapportionment" is the division of a given number of elected members among established political subdivisions in accordance with an existing plan or formula. For example, the 435 seats of the U.S. House of Representatives are reapportioned among the 50 states every 10 years following the decennial census.

Local governments also reapportion and redistrict the districts for county commission, city council, and school board of trustees. Please contact one of these local governing bodies in your community for more information.

Redistricting History

In 2011, the Nevada Legislature was unable to complete the redistricting process during the 120-day regular legislative session due to an impasse that arose when Governor Brian Sandoval vetoed the redistricting measures approved by the Legislature. The governor did not call for a special legislative session to complete redistricting, thus the process fell to the courts (at the time, the legislature could not call itself into special session). Following a number of hearings, judicial briefs, motions, and pleas, District Court Judge James T. Russell appointed three Special Masters to accomplish redistricting. The court-approved maps produced by the Special Masters included four congressional districts (an increase of one), and retained the size of the Nevada Legislature at 21 senators and 42 members of the Assembly.

For the first time in Nevada's redistricting history, the districts in both houses were single-member, and two Assembly districts were perfectly nested within each Senate district. The average population of the Assembly districts was 64,299 people and the average population of each Senate district was 128,598, based on the 2010 U.S. Census. The state's population was just over 2.7 million in 2010.

15 Senate districts were located wholly within Clark County, 4 were in the Washoe County/Carson City area (one of which included 5 counties in western Nevada), and 2 were in rural parts of the state. One rural Senate district consisted of Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties, and the other consisted of all of Elko, Eureka, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, and parts of Nye and Clark Counties. The 42 Assembly districts included 30 districts wholly within Clark County, 8 districts in the Washoe County/Carson City/western Nevada area, and 4 districts within the 2 rural Senate districts.

