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## LEGISLATIVE BILL 5

## FINAL READING

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

Read first time September 13, 2021

Committee: Redistricting

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to amend sections 75-101.01
- and 75-101.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to set the
- 3 boundaries of the public service commissioner districts by the
- 4 adoption of maps by reference; to harmonize provisions; to repeal
- 5 the original sections; and to declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 75-101.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 75-101.01 (1) Based on the 2020 2010 Census of Population by the
- 4 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, the State of
- 5 Nebraska is hereby divided into five public service commissioner
- 6 districts, and each public service commissioner district shall be
- 7 entitled to one member.
- 8 (2) The numbers and boundaries of the districts are designated and
- 9 established by maps identified and labeled as maps PSC21-39001,
- 10 <u>PSC21-39001-1</u>, <u>PSC21-39001-2</u>, <u>PSC21-39001-3</u>, <u>PSC21-39001-4</u>, and
- 11 <u>PSC21-39001-5</u> <u>PSC11-1, PSC11-2, PSC11-3, PSC11-4, and PSC11-5</u>, filed with
- 12 the Clerk of the Legislature, and incorporated by reference as part of
- 13 <u>this legislative bill</u> <del>Laws 2011, LB700</del>.
- 14 (3)(a) The Clerk of the Legislature shall transfer possession of the
- 15 maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section to the Secretary of
- 16 State on the effective date of this act May 27, 2011.
- 17 (b) When questions of interpretation of district boundaries arise,
- 18 the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section in possession of
- 19 the Secretary of State shall serve as the indication of the legislative
- 20 intent in drawing the district boundaries.
- 21 (c) Each election commissioner or county clerk shall obtain copies
- 22 of the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section for the
- 23 election commissioner's or clerk's county from the Secretary of State.
- 24 (d) The Secretary of State shall also have available for viewing on
- 25 his or her website the maps referred to in subsection (2) of this section
- 26 identifying the boundaries for the districts.
- 27 Sec. 2. Section 75-101.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 28 amended to read:
- 29 75-101.02 For purposes of section 75-101.01, the Legislature adopts
- 30 the official population figures and maps from the 2020 2010 Census
- 31 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) TIGER/Line Shapefiles published by the

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- 1 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
- Sec. 3. Original sections 75-101.01 and 75-101.02, Reissue Revised
- 3 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
- 4 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 5 passed and approved according to law.