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CHAPTER 185

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# Chapter 185

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; CREATING A JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE  
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE CREATED--  
TERMINATION.--There is created a joint interim legislative  
committee, which shall be known as the "redistricting  
committee". The committee may function from the date of its  
appointment until January 13, 2012.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES.--The  
redistricting committee shall be composed of eighteen  
members. Nine members of the house of representatives shall  
be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives  
and nine members of the senate shall be appointed by the  
committees' committee of the senate, or, if the senate  
appointment is made in the interim, by the president pro  
tempore of the senate after consultation and agreement of a  
majority of the members of the committees' committee.  
Members shall be appointed from each house so as to give the  
two major political parties in each house the same  
proportional representation on the committee as prevails in  
each house; provided that in no event shall either of the  
parties have less than one member from each house on the  
committee. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by

1 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.  
2 One co-chair shall be selected by the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives and one co-chair by the committees'  
4 committee, or, if the senate appointment is made in the  
5 interim, by the president pro tempore of the senate after  
6 consultation and agreement of a majority of the members of  
7 the committees' committee. No action shall be taken by the  
8 committee if a majority of the total membership from either  
9 house on the committee rejects such action.

10 SECTION 3. DUTIES.--

11 A. After appointment of its members, the  
12 redistricting committee shall hold one organizational meeting  
13 to develop a work plan and budget for its interim tasks. The  
14 work plan and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico  
15 legislative council for approval. Upon approval of the work  
16 plan and budget by the New Mexico legislative council, the  
17 committee shall:

18 (1) examine the statutes, constitutional  
19 provisions, rules and court decisions governing redistricting  
20 in New Mexico;

21 (2) use the guidelines for redistricting  
22 adopted by the New Mexico legislative council so that the  
23 procedures, criteria and standards for redistricting plans  
24 meet statutory and constitutional requirements;

25 (3) conduct public hearings to provide a

1 forum for public involvement in the redistricting process;  
2 and

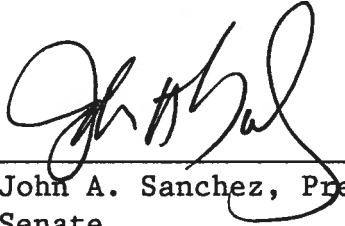
3 (4) recommend appropriate redistricting  
4 legislation to the fiftieth legislature.

5 B. In developing redistricting plans for  
6 congressional and state districts, the committee shall use  
7 data from the 2010 decennial census.

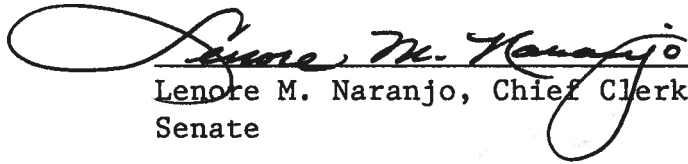
8 SECTION 4. SUBCOMMITTEES.--Subcommittees of the  
9 redistricting committee shall be created only by majority  
10 vote of all members appointed to the committee and with the  
11 prior approval of the New Mexico legislative council. A  
12 subcommittee shall be composed of at least one member from  
13 the senate and one member from the house of representatives,  
14 and at least one member of the minority party shall be a  
15 member of the subcommittee. All meetings and expenditures of  
16 a subcommittee shall be approved by the full committee in  
17 advance of such meeting or expenditure, and the approval  
18 shall be shown in the minutes of the committee.

19 SECTION 5. REPORT.--The redistricting committee shall  
20 recommend proposed redistricting plans to a special session  
21 of the fiftieth legislature called for the purpose of  
22 redistricting congressional, legislative, public regulation  
23 commission and public education commission districts.

24 SECTION 6. STAFF.--The legislative council service  
25 shall provide staff for the redistricting committee. \_\_\_\_\_



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Approved by me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011



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