

Gaines moves outside Senate district boundaries

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State Sen. Ted Gaines is going home but leaving his 1st Senate District constituents behind, at least temporarily.

Gaines, who represents Lake Tahoe, recently told recipients of his district's email newsletter that he and his family are leaving Rocklin after deciding to "temporarily move back into our long-time home in Roseville."

In an interview, Gaines said the renters of the family's house in southeast Roseville had recently moved out. Attempts to sell the house or find new tenants were unsuccessful, he said, and it was too expensive to continue renting the family's Rocklin home while paying the mortgage on the empty Roseville house.



State Sen. Ted Gaines no longer lives in the district he represents.
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The district starts about a mile east of the Gaines' Roseville home and runs all the way to the state's northeast corner.

While a candidate has to live in the district where he or she

is a candidate, lawmakers can move out of the districts they represent between elections, said Los Angeles attorney Fredric Woocher, an election-law expert.

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