

Approved: March 19, 2012  
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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael O'Neal at 12:51 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dorothy Noblit, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

The Chair invited members to recommend any map other than ones already considered that would fit the redistricting parameters and the members' preferences.

Representative Brown moved, seconded by Representative Pauls, to replace the SB 344 map with the I-70 B map. Representative Brown said the map retained the commonality of Manhattan and Fort Riley, provided a Regents university in each district, and anticipated growth south of Johnson County on the U.S. 69 corridor. He noted that many students attending Pittsburg State University come from Johnson County, that the map preserves communities of interest, and that, although it splits Wyandotte, Harvey, and Russell counties, makes the 1<sup>st</sup> District contiguous with the other three districts. Members commented that the map does not maintain western Kansas as a community of interest. The motion failed. Representative Landwehr was recorded as voting no.

Representative Knox made a motion, seconded by Representative Brown, to adopt Kansas One A to replace the SB 344 map. Representative Knox said the lines of the map are much cleaner, that the map better reflects the Committee's rules regarding the mapping process, and that each district has a Regents university. A member, in support of the map, noted that, although the geography of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District changes significantly, the majority of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District population

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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does not change. In discussion regarding Reno County being moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> District, a member commented that, during the course of various decennial shifts, Reno County has been moved back and forth between districts with no discomfort between rural and urban interests. Another member opposed the map because it split Shawnee County. The motion failed. Representative Landwehr was recorded as voting no.

Representative Aurand made a motion, seconded by Representative Suellentrop, to recommend SB 344 as amended by the Eisenhower B map as favorable for passage. The motion failed, 10-11. Representative Landwehr was recorded as voting no.

Representative Aurand moved to adopt Deep Purple to replace the SB 344 map. The motion was seconded by Representative Ward. Representative Aurand commented that the map divides Miami, Douglas, and Kingman counties and divides the city of Manhattan, but it maintains the 4<sup>th</sup> District, maintains the 2<sup>nd</sup> District better than other maps, reunifies Junction City and Fort Riley, and keeps Wyandotte and Johnson counties together. He noted that it also keeps the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Members opposed splitting Riley County and putting Lyon County in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. The motion failed. Representative Landwehr was recorded as voting no.

Representative Schwab, stating that he had voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider the Eisenhower B map. Representative Powell seconded the motion. The motion to reconsider passed 13-8.

Reconsidering the motion to recommend SB 344 as amended as favorable for passage, the motion passed 12-11. Representative Landwehr was recorded as voting no.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. No further meeting was scheduled.