

Approved: March 27, 2012  
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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael O'Neal at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 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.

Since the House voted down the map in **SB 344 – Congressional redistricting**, the Chair invited members to submit other congressional redistricting maps for consideration.

Representative Knox submitted four maps: Great State Congress 2a (Attachment 1), Great State Congress 3 (Attachment 2), Great State Congress 4 (Attachment 3), and Great State Congress 1 (Attachment 4). He noted that each map had a history in previous redistricting efforts, and he recommended the last map, Great State Congress 1, as having clean lines and maintaining current congressional representatives in their present districts. Members objected to the dividing of Shawnee County, saying that historically the county has been in the second district.

Vice-Chair Aurand submitted Bob Dole 1, commenting that the map retains the core of each current district (Attachment 5). A member noted that the map split Kingman, Miami, and Shawnee counties.

*Representative Knox made a motion to adopt Great State Congress 1 as the congressional map. It was seconded by Representative Brown.* Representative Knox commented that since Topeka, as the capital city, represents the entire state, having two districts in the county would better reflect the status of Topeka as the state capital. *The motion failed.*

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Vice-Chair Aurand made a motion, seconded by Representative Powell, to adopt Bob Dole 1 as the congressional map. He commented that the map received 17 votes in the Senate. The motion passed 12-11. Representative Landwehr was recorded as voting no.

The Chair announced plans to insert the new congressional map into **House Substitute for SB 176**, and he recommended amending the House redistricting map into the same bill.

The Vice-Chair made a motion, seconded by Representative Landwehr, to adopt Cottonwood 2 as the House redistricting map (Attachment 6). He highlighted the minor changes from the Cottonwood 1 map. The Minority Leader requested a recess to discuss the changes. The Chair granted a ten-minute recess (12:30 p.m.)

At 12:45 p.m. the Committee reconvened. Members discussed the possible complications of tinkering with the House map. Representative Ward offered a substitute motion, seconded by the Minority Leader, to adopt Cottonwood 1 as the House redistricting map. Members discussed the substitute motion, saying that Cottonwood 1 reflects an excellent example of bipartisan cooperation. The substitute motion failed, 10-11.

During further discussion of the original motion, the Vice-Chair replied to a question that Cottonwood 2 does not change any district lines in Wyandotte, Johnson, or Leavenworth counties. To another question, Staff Corey Carnahan said that the changes in Kingman County affected very few people.

The motion passed, 15-7. Representatives Grant, Kuether, Peterson, and Patton were recorded as voting no.

The Vice-Chair moved, seconded by Representative Powell, to amend Cottonwood 2 and Bob Dole 1 maps into **House Substitute for House Sub for SB 176.** The motion passed. Representative Landwehr was recorded as voting no.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. No further meeting was scheduled.

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