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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2606

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Reapportionment

Brief*

HB 2606, as amended, would redraw the state's 40 Senate (Map Name: Ad Astra) and 125 House of Representative (Map Name: Cottonwood 1) districts using adjusted population data obtained by the Secretary of State's Office.

The ideal size of each Senate district is 70,986 people. In Ad Astra, all 40 districts range from 5 percent under to 5 percent over the ideal district size. To account for population gains and loses throughout the state, the 36th district would be collapsed and assigned to the Johnson County area.

The ideal size of each House district is 22,716 people. In Cottonwood 1, all 125 districts range from 5 percent under to 5 percent over the ideal district size. To account for population gains and loses throughout the state, the 8th, 69th, and 118th districts would be collapsed and assigned to the Johnson County-Northeast Kansas area.

Districts were built using counties, precincts, and census blocks.

Individuals wishing to obtain a copy of Ad Astra or Cottonwood 1 may contact the Legislative Research Department or visit redistricting.ks.gov to view all proposed district plans with more detailed information and maps.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

During the 2012 Session, the Kansas Legislature will redraw congressional, legislative, and State Board of Education districts. The congressional districts are redrawn using 2010 Census data. The legislative and State Board of Education districts are redrawn using adjusted census data provided by the Secretary of State's Office.

The Senate Committee on Reapportionment replaced the contents of SB 455 (Map Name: Buffalo 1), which also would have redrawn Senate districts, with Ad Astra. The contents of the bill were then amended into HB 2606.

The Senate Committee on Reapportionment held hearings on Senate maps. Testimony was provided by Representative Brenda Landwehr and the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce.

The House Committee on Redistricting held a public hearing on the original HB 2606. No testimony was provided at the hearing.

A fiscal note was not provided for HB 2606 as introduced.