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Testimony: HB2162 (PROPONENT)

Senate Committee on Transparency & Ethics
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Chairwoman Bowers and members of the Committee:

HB2162 is clean-up legislation following the 2019 removal of provisions in the *Kansas Constitution* requiring the adjustment of federal census data and use of the adjusted census data in state redistricting.

HB2162 would amend and repeal several statutes:

Part 1: Clarifies that federal census data will be used for the redistricting of state legislative and Board of Education districts (new Section 1).

Part 2: Eliminates all references to the adjustment of federal census data and use of adjusted census data.

- a. Deletes KSA 11-301 to KSA 11-307
- b. Removes a minor cross reference in a single statute (K.S.A. 17-2205) dealing with credit unions (Section 4, pages 2 to 7).
- c. Removes a single cross reference in statute (K.S.A. 45-229) regarding open records (Section 5, pages 7 to 12).

Part 3: Deletes obsolete statutory provisions relating to the one-time 1988 state-conducted census (K.S.A 11-204 to K.S.A 11-208, modifying K.S.A. 11-201 and K.S.A 11-210).

Similar legislation was introduced in the 2020 session through SB257. The Senate Elections Committee amended SB257 into SB256. The combined bill passed the Senate by a vote of 36 to 3 and was scheduled for consideration in the House until the early adjournment of session due to the coronavirus pandemic. The bill before you today was placed on the House Consent Calendar and passed by a vote of 123 to 0 on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

We respectfully ask for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

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