

SESSION OF 2002

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 152**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

The bill, as amended by the House Committee of the Whole, would create new districts from which Kansas' four members of the U.S. House of Representatives are elected. The redistricting plan described by the bill is named *Iowa-JC-GW-NE*. The August, 2002 primary election will be the first time the new districts would be used.

The redistricting plan is based on 2000 U.S. Census results as required by KSA 11-321. Based on those population figures, the ideal congressional district population is 672,105. The district population range from smallest to largest district in *Iowa-JC-GW-NE* is 672,097 to 672,124. The plan's overall deviation from the ideal congressional district population is 33 people or 0.00 percent.

Districts were built using Census blocks, election precincts (VTDs), and counties. In the plan, four counties would be in more than one district: Douglas County would be in both the 2nd and 3rd districts; Greenwood County would be in both the 1st and 4th districts; and Geary and Nemaha counties would be in both the 1st and 2nd districts. One VTD in Greenwood County would be split between the 1st and 4th districts.

Maps and reports that describe the plan can be viewed on the Kansas Legislative Research Department's Internet site:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/ksleg/KLRD/Redistrict/CongressPlans.htm>

Paper maps that display districts that would be created by the bill can be obtained from the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

*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.accesskansas.org/legislature/>

Background

During the regular 2002 Legislative Session, new state House, Senate, Board of Education, and congressional districts are to be enacted by the Legislature. The goal of redistricting is to equalize population among districts. Congressional districts were last drawn in 1992. The 2000 Census showed significant growth during the decade in two districts and population decline in two districts. Currently, populations of the 1st and 2nd districts are 34,435 and 30,718 less than the ideal, respectively. The current 4th and 1st districts are too populous by 3,650 and 61,501 people, respectively.

The bill, as recommended by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs, would have enacted a plan named *HR Congress 4* that was originally passed by the House 68-53 on March 18, 2002 in Sub. for HB 3012. The latter bill was subsequently amended in the Senate. As passed by the Senate, the bill would have enacted the congressional redistricting plan entitled *Feb Copper Modified I*. At the time Sub. for SB 152 was acted upon by the House Committee of the Whole, Sen. Sub. for Sub. HB 3012 was in Conference Committee.

Other bills that contain proposed congressional redistricting plans are Sub. for SB 378, SB 381, HB 2696, HB 3012, Sub. for HB 3012, and Sen. Sub. for Sub. HB 3012.

A fiscal note has not been prepared for the bill in its current form.