

SESSION OF 2002

## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 663

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Reapportionment

### **Brief\***

SB 663 would create new Kansas State Board of Education districts. The redistricting plan described by the bill is named *SBOE Option 1*. Because State Board of Education members' terms are staggered, the August 2002 primary election will be the first time that five of the ten new districts would be used.

As required by the *Kansas Constitution* (Art. 6 §3), each State Board district is composed of four contiguous state Senate districts. Senate districts used to construct the State Board districts in SB 663 are those created in 2002 Sub. SB 256.

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

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

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

### **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. By law, the Kansas Legislature is com-

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posed of 125 members of the House of Representatives and 40 Senators.

Article 10, Section 1 of the *Kansas Constitution* requires that the Legislature redraw legislative districts each decade in the year ending in 2. Redistricting bills must be signed by the Governor and new legislative districts must be reviewed and approved by the Kansas Supreme Court. When the Senate Committee took action on SB 663, the Supreme Court had not yet approved the Senate districts on which the proposed State Board of Education districts are based.

At the time the Committee took action on the bill, the Division of the Budget had not prepared a fiscal note on the bill.