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MINUTES OF THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. on February 13, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present, except Senators Brungardt and Haley, who were excused

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Theresa Kiernan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others Attending:

See Attached List

The Chairperson distributed copies of two packets containing templates of, and information relating to, Senatorial Districts. The template designated as Save Our State would not collapse any existing Senatorial District (Attachment 1). The proposal would meet the one-person, one-vote requirement. There would be significant changes in the boundaries of districts in order for the population of districts to fall within the allowable deviation of 5% above, or 5% below, the ideal population.

The template designated as Bison 12c would collapse a district in the south central area of the state (Attachment 2). This area was chosen to lose a Senate District in order to affect the least number of counties. Under Bison 12c, the current Senatorial District 32 would be collapsed and a new district would be added in Johnson County, which is designated as N001 on the map. The population of N001 would be 72,351, which is 3.27% above the ideal population of 70,986. The proposal would meet the one-person, one-vote requirement. The population of all districts would fall within the allowable deviation of 5% above, or 5% below, the ideal population.

Senator Ostmeyer asked whether it would be possible to collapse a district, outside the western area of the state, in which the current Senator had not stood for election as a Senator? He suggested the 17th Senatorial District as an option.

The Chairperson noted that it was not unprecedented to consider a map without collapsing a district. He added that he would prefer that alternative proposals be brought forth as soon as possible.

The Chairperson announced that public comment would be taken at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 15, 2012.