

Approved: February 3, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael O'Neal at 12:15 PM on Monday, January 30, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except the following, all of whom were excused:

Peggy Mast
Michael Peterson
Sharon Schwartz
Richard Carlson

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Noblit, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

The Chair open the meeting by stating that the goal of the Committee is to come as close as possible to the one-person-one-vote mandate that requires all districts to contain equal population, with an allowable deviation of plus/minus 5%. He thanked the Minority Leader for the cooperation of the minority party and expressed gratitude to the staff for providing unstinting assistance in preparing the various maps. He announced that a hearing will take place on Wednesday, even though a bill number for the current map may not be available at that time; nevertheless, the pertinent redistricting information will be available at <http://redistricting.ks.gov>. He noted that many districts have lost population since the last census, requiring the collapse of three districts in western, central, and southeastern areas of the state.

Staff Corey Carnahan reviewed the redistricting map, observing that the three collapsed districts are Districts 8, 69, and 117. Three districts were then added in Johnson County. He further noted that racial demographics in several counties had changed significantly.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE REDISTRICTING Committee at 12:15 PM on Monday, January 30, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to introduce the Cottonwood 1 redistricting map as a Committee bill. (Motion by Representative Landwehr and seconded by Representative Powell)

Mr. Carnahan responded to members' questions:

- The map will be ready to be accepted by the House chamber soon. (Revisor Mary Torrence added that the bill will be ready by Friday.)
- The map can be expanded to see boundaries, but precinct lines may not be visible.

The Chairman added that anyone is welcome to comment on the map/bill during the hearing on Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

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