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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on March 14, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Linda Reed, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brenda K. Landwehr, State Representative for District 91  
Mark Green, Independent Disabilities Advocate  
Ms. Jennifer Broding, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Others attending:

See attached list

The Chairperson opened the hearings on **HB 2606 - State legislative redistricting; House districts.**

A packet of maps relating to **HB 2606** were distributed to the committee. **HB 2606** was based on the map designated as Cottonwood 1 (Attachment 1).

The Chairperson asked for Committee discussion on **HB 2606**.

Senator Wagle questioned the size of the map under consideration. Staff stated that the breakdown using Wichita as an example as seen on page 9 of 17.

Senator Hensley asked if any member of the House of Representatives in attendance at the meeting desired to express an opinion on the bill.

Representative Landwehr discussed the process used by the House in drawing its maps.

Senator Teichman asked how many current members of the House were not running for re-election this coming year. The Chairman stated he believed that 3 were not coming back. Mr. Carnahan added that two of the current members of the House of the Representatives were vacating their seats to run for the Senate.

Mr. Carnahan provided an explanation concerning the 3 new districts in Johnson County. The new districts created in Johnson County are shown on page 15 of the Cottonwood 1 packet: The 118<sup>th</sup> District

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Reapportionment Committee at 12:00 p.m. on March 14, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

is taken from the western area of the state; the 69<sup>th</sup> District is taken from Salina; and the 8<sup>th</sup> District is taken from the southeastern area of the state.

The Chairman closed the hearings on **HB 2606**.

The Chairperson stated that **HB 2606** would be worked at noon on Friday, March 16, 2012.

The Chairman opened the hearings on **SB 455 - State legislative redistricting; Senate districts**.

The Chairman stated that **SB 455** was based on the map designated as Buffalo 1.

Representative Landwehr provided testimony concerning the proposed **SB 455**. Representative Landwehr's testimony included Guidelines and Criteria for 2012 Kansas Congressional and Legislative Redistricting. (Attachment 2).

Senator Vratil and Senator Hensley expressed concerns with the House Map under consideration by the Senate.

Senator Haley applauded the House's consideration of racial and cultural communities of interest.

Mr. Mark Green addressed the Committee representing those with disabilities.

Ms. Jennifer Broding stated that she was here not to endorse any map but to represent the Chamber of Commerce and ensure that Johnson County is fairly represented in the House and Senate in relation to the increase in the population of the County over the past 10 years.

The Chairperson closed the hearings on **SB 455**.

The Chairperson closed the public comment portion of the hearings and asked for Committee discussion.

Committee discussed time frame and introduction of maps presented.

The Chairperson stated that the House is now considering the **SB 344**, which contains the Congressional Map designated as Sunflower 9c.

Pursuant to the request of the Chairperson, staff distributed a map designated as Sunflower 13 for the Committee's consideration. Sunflower 13 responds to questions and concerns raised by members of the in Senate and House. This proposal will be addressed on Friday. (Attachment 3).

Senator Vratil expressed his appreciation that at least one member of the House appeared before the Committee to share her point of view concerning the importance of maintaining communities of interest.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Committee action would be taken on **SB 455** and **HB 2606** on Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday March 16, 2012.