

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 344**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

House Sub. for SB 344 (Map Name: Capitol 1), as amended, would redraw the state's four congressional districts.

The ideal size for each congressional district is 713,280 people. In Capitol 1, all four districts obtained a deviation of -5 to 2 people, for an overall range of 7.

Districts were built using counties, precincts, and census blocks.

Capitol 1 would split the following counties: Butler between the First and Fourth Congressional Districts; Miami between the Second and Third Congressional Districts; and Nemaha between the First and Second Congressional Districts.

Individuals wishing to obtain a copy of Capitol 1 may contact the Legislative Research Department or visit [redistricting.ks.gov](http://redistricting.ks.gov) to view all proposed district plans with more detailed maps and information.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

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\*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.kslegislature.org>

## **Background**

During the 2012 Session, the Kansas Legislature will redraw congressional, legislative, and State Board of Education districts. The congressional districts are redrawn using 2010 Census data. The legislative and State Board of Education districts are redrawn using adjusted census data provided by the Secretary of State's Office.

The House Committee of the Whole removed the contents of the bill and inserted Capitol 1.

The House Committee on Redistricting held public hearings on multiple congressional plans. Testimony relating to Manhattan and Riley County being located in the 2nd Congressional District was provided by Representative Sydney Carlin and the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. Testimony relating to the placement of Wyandotte County was provided by Representative Kathy Wolfe Moore; Representative Valdenia Winn; the Kansas City Kansas Area Chamber of Commerce; the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City; the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; and a resident of Johnson County. Testimony relating to the placement of Shawnee County was provided by the Great Topeka Chamber of Commerce.

The original SB 344 also would have redrawn the congressional districts (Map Name: Sunflower 9c). The House Committee on Redistricting replaced the contents of the bill with Eisenhower B.

A fiscal note was not provided for SB 344 as introduced.