

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike O'Neal at 12:15 p.m. on April 25, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Senator Barbara Allen - excused
- Senator David Haley - excused
- Senator Tim Huelskamp - excused
- Senator Ed Pugh - excused

Committee staff present:

- Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Mary Ann Torrance, Revisors of Statutes Office
- Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary - House
- Debby Fleming, Committee Secretary - Senate

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached guest list

Chairman O'Neal noted there was a quorum of members of the House Redistricting Committee but not of the Senate Committee on Reapportionment as some members were running late. He asked that the members review the materials before them until a quorum of Senators was reached for any joint decisions.

Chairman O'Neal referred the House members to the House Select Committee on Redistricting Rules handout (Attachment 1) while the Senators reviewed the Senate Committee on Reapportionment Rules (Attachment 2). Committee questions and discussion followed. It was noted that the informal public hearings to be held in the summer of 2001 would not be bound by these rules. Representative Mason moved the adoption of the House Select Committee on Redistricting Rules. Representative Howell seconded. Motion passed.

Mary Galligan, Principal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) distributed and discussed the following materials:

- Guidelines and Criteria for 2002 Kansas Congressional and Legislative Redistricting (Attachment 3)
- KLRD Memo regarding Organization of Interim Work (Attachment 4)
- Redistricting Planning Calendar (Attachment 5)
- KLRD Letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) (Attachment 6)
- KLRD Redistricting Public Hearing Sites and Times (Attachment 7)

In response to a question from Rep. Wilson, Mary Galligan informed the Committees that Research staff would make arrangements to work with members of the public who wish to draw proposed plans, but that copies of the redistricting software could not be distributed to the public. She also emphasized that members of the public who desire to use the Legislature's system would be assisted by staff and would not be allowed unsupervised access to the system. Ms. Galligan informed the Committees that the first priority for Research staff is responding to legislative requests, including requests from caucus staff. Rep. Wilson followed up by asking whether members of the public could contact a legislator for assistance with developing proposed plans, then the legislator could request assistance from the Research staff. Ms. Galligan said that could be done.

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Committee questions and discussion centered on the proposed Guidelines (see attachment 3) that was before the committee. Due to the fact that there was still not a quorum of Senators the Chairman suggested the House Select Committee on Redistricting adopt the guidelines.

Representative Wilson made the motion that a portion of #6, more specifically the second sentence, listed under Legislative Redistricting and all of #7 be included in the list of Guidelines and Criteria for Congressional Redistricting. Representative Findley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Mason made the motion that items numbered 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9 under Legislative Redistricting should add the following language "within the constraints of guidelines #2" and that item #4 under Congressional Redistricting should add the same language, and that the guidelines be adopted. Representative Howell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman O'Neal requested that staff redraft the guidelines with the House adopted changes so the Senate Committee on Reapportionment could consider the Guidelines. Chairman Adkins indicated he would consider having the Senate Committee on Reapportionment meet at the rail for adoption of the Guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.