

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael R. O'Neal at 7:00 a.m. on February 12, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Andrew Howell - Excused
- Representative Doug Mays - Excused
- Representative Rocky Nichols - Excused
- Representative Jeff Peterson - Excused
- Representative Bob Tomlinson - Excused

Committee staff present:

- Mary Galligan, Kansas Department of Legislative Research
- Kathie Sparks, Kansas Department of Legislative Research
- Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
- Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

The Chairman noted that this summer the Joint Committee on Redistricting recommended the Caucus J map as the Congressional plan. No one assumed that it would be the final map, but just a jumping off point. However, it looks like that proposed map may not be far off from where the final map will end up.

Chairman O'Neal drew the committee's attention to five maps that were distributed to members:

### HR Congress 1 (Attachment 1)

- Makes Kingman County whole
- Makes Riley & Geary counties whole
- Douglas & Harvey counties are split
- Wabaunsee & Clay counties are added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> district

### HR Congress 2 (Attachment 2)

- Is similar to Caucus J
- Splits Lawrence down Massachusetts street
- No townships are split around Lawrence
- Adds Linn County to the 3<sup>rd</sup> district

### HR Congress 3 (Attachment 3)

- Places rural Geary County & the City of Manhattan in the 1<sup>st</sup> district
- Washington & Clay counties in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district

Representative Wilson asked if it was possible to keep Douglas County whole. Duane Simpson responded that to keep Douglas County whole one would have to move 100,000 people into the 2<sup>nd</sup> district. That makes it much more difficult to draw the 1<sup>st</sup> district and makes it necessary to add several other counties to the 3<sup>rd</sup> district.

Representative Findley pointed out that the split of Lawrence down Massachusetts street would place Congressman Moore's district office in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district.

Chairman O'Neal commented that if the committee decides to split VTDs, the population deviations could be brought to virtually zero.

### Gorilla 1 (Attachment 4)

- 4<sup>th</sup> district is substantially changed:
- Added Labette & Chase counties
- Added parts of Barber County
- Took out all of Harvey County
  
- Took out part of Greenwood County
- Added the north part of Wabunsee County to district 2

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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- Split Lawrence differently

Congressional Plan 1 for klr TR El (Attachment 5)

- Tries to retain communities of interest
- Tried to keep counties whole and not split VTDs
- Six counties are split to allow for one person, one vote

Chairman O'Neal recognized Representative Garry Boston who provided the committee with Caucus J-Kingman TR map (Attachment 6). It addresses the split of the City of Newton and Highland Township by returning both to the 4<sup>th</sup> district so Harvey County would be intact. Representative Krehbiel expressed his support for the proposed map. In response to a question, Representative Boston commented that splitting Harvey County would be better than placing it totally in the 1<sup>st</sup> district.

The committee meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2002.