

Census Population Data; Repeal Outdated Statutes; HB 2162

HB 2162 adds and amends law related to data used in adopting representative and senatorial district boundaries. It also repeals law related to data used in adopting senatorial and representative district boundaries, election-related contributions by certain corporations and stockholders, and a presidential preference primary.

Population Data

The bill adds law to specify the population data used in adopting Kansas legislative districts must be identical to the data collected by the U.S. Bureau of the Census (Census) and used for the apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill prohibits use of any other Census counts, including the use of statistical sampling, to add or subtract population.

Repealed Statutes

The bill repeals provisions in the *Kansas Statutes Annotated*, Chapter 11, Census, and in Chapter 25, Elections.

State census. The bill repeals provisions related to an enumeration of Kansas residents as of January 1, 1988. The bill also repeals a requirement for the Secretary of State to adjust the Census numbers for military personnel and postsecondary students for purposes of reapportioning senatorial and representative districts and provisions related to obtaining and using data for that adjustment.

Elections. The bill repeals a prohibition on political contributions from certain types of government-regulated corporations, such as banks and railroads, and the penalties for violating that prohibition. The bill also repeals statutes related to the presidential preference primary, on the topics of the state canvass of the votes, certification of results, payment of election expenses, eligibility to vote, the form of the ballot, county canvasses of votes, and transmitting results to the Secretary of State.

Other Provisions

The bill amends law to remove references to the 1988 state census; in law regarding data used for grant applications and for certain credit union field-of-membership determinations, refers to the law added by the bill rather than to a section to be repealed; and removes a reference to a section that is repealed by the bill from exceptions to the Kansas Open Records Act.