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Testimony: HB2162 (PROPONENT)

House Elections Committee
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Chairman Carpenter and members of the Committee:

HB2162 is clean-up legislation following the 2019 removal of provisions in the *Kansas Constitution* requiring the adjustment of federal census data and use of the adjusted census data in state redistricting.

HB2162 would amend and repeal several statutes:

Part 1: Clarifies that federal census data will be used for the redistricting of state legislative and Board of Education districts (new Section 1).

Part 2: Eliminates all references to the adjustment of federal census data and use of adjusted census data.

- a. Deletes KSA 11-301 to KSA 11-307
- b. Removes a minor cross reference in a single statute (K.S.A. 17-2205) dealing with credit unions (Section 4, pages 2 to 7).
- c. Removes a single cross reference in statute (K.S.A. 45-229) regarding open records (Section 5, pages 7 to 12).

Part 3: Deletes obsolete statutory provisions relating to the one-time 1988 state-conducted census (K.S.A 11-204 to K.S.A 11-208, modifying K.S.A. 11-201 and K.S.A 11-210).

Similar legislation was introduced in the 2020 session through SB257. The Senate Elections Committee amended SB257 into SB256. The combined bill passed the Senate by a vote of 36 to 3 and was scheduled for consideration in the House until the early adjournment of session due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We respectfully ask for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

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