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To: Legislative Coordinating Council

From: Joanna Dolan, Principal Research Analyst

Re: Redistricting Advisory Group

In preparation for the last four rounds of redistricting in 1989, 1992, 2002, and 2012, the LCC appointed a small group of legislators to work with staff and conduct initial planning in the years leading up to redistricting. In the 2002 and 2012 cycles, this group was called the Redistricting Advisory Group (Advisory Group) and was created in the year ending in 9 proceeding the federal census. The Advisory Group has historically been made up of six members, four from the majority party and two from the minority party. Three of those members were from the House, three from the Senate.

In the two most recent cycles, the Advisory Committee made initial recommendations concerning, among other things:

● Meeting dates and scope for the Advisory Committee:
  ○ Four meetings were held during meetings in 1998-1999 and eight meetings in 2009-2010. In both cycles, the Advisory Committee was authorized to meet as necessary and until the Special Committee was formed;

● Guidelines and rules:
  ○ The same rules and guidelines were used during both the 2002 and 2012 redistricting cycles;

● The staff agency responsible for leading the organizing and planning for redistricting:
  ○ Historically, that agency is the Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD);

● Organization of the work to be done by the Legislature in the years ending in 1 and 2:
  ○ This includes making preparations for town hall-style public meetings and for map creation;

● Approval of training, software, and other technical items;
- Constitutional or statutory changes that might be considered prior to redistricting; and

- Any relevant budgetary recommendations.

Thank you for your review of these matters. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 785-296-4440 or Joanna.Dolan@klrd.ks.gov.