

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2252** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed as Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2252, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 15 through 36;

By striking all on pages 2 through 25;

Also on page 25, following line 43, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 25-125 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-125. (a) The governor shall not have any authority to modify election laws or procedures by issuance of an executive order.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), neither the executive branch nor the judicial branch of state government shall have any authority to modify the state election laws.

(c) Neither the governor, the secretary of state nor any other officer in the executive branch shall enter into any consent decree or other agreement with any state or federal court or any agreement with any other party regarding the enforcement of any election law or the alteration of any election procedure without specific approval of such consent decree or other agreement by the legislature or the legislative coordinating council if the legislature is not in session at the time such agreement is submitted for approval.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or otherwise restrict the judicial branch of state government in the exercise of any powers granted by article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

(e) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or

circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this section are severable.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-125 is hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; by striking all in lines 2 through 8; in line 9, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "elections; prohibiting the modification of election laws by agreement except as approved by the legislature"; in line 10, by striking all after the first "K.S.A."; by striking all in line 11 and inserting "25-125"; in line 12, by striking "sections" and inserting "section";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

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