

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 563**

As Agreed to March 30, 2022

Brief*

Sub. for SB 563 would redraw the State's 40 Senate districts (map name: Liberty 3), 125 House of Representatives districts (map name: Free State 3F), and 10 State Board of Education (BOE) Districts (map name: Apple 7) using data obtained from the 2020 Census. [Note: BOE map Apple 7 is based on the districts contained in Senate map Liberty 3.]

The ideal population for each Senate district is 73,447, and the ideal population for each House district is 23,503. The guidelines adopted by the Senate and House committees on Redistricting state the range of deviation for legislative districts should not exceed plus or minus 5.00 percent, equivalent to a deviation of 3,672 persons for Senate districts and 1,175 persons for House districts. As required by law, each BOE district would be constructed using four whole, contiguous Senate districts. The ideal population for each BOE district is 293,788.

The deviation range of the map Liberty 3 is minus 3.00 percent (2,498 persons) to plus 3.95 percent (2,898 persons). The deviation of Free State 3F is minus 3.94 percent (926 persons) to plus 3.59 percent (843 persons). The deviation range of the map Apple 7 is minus 1.33 percent (3,916 persons) to plus 0.59 percent (1,724 persons).

Districts were built using counties, precincts, and census blocks.

Individuals wishing to obtain a copy of the maps Liberty 3, Free State 3F, or Apple 7, may contact the Kansas Legislative Research Department or visit www.kslegresearch.org/KLRD-web/Redistricting.html to view all proposed district plans with more detailed information and maps.

The bill would require the Attorney General to certify to the Secretary of State that the Supreme Court has entered a judgment that 2022 Sub. for SB 563 is a valid reapportionment of state Senate districts. The Secretary of State, upon receipt of the notice of certification, would be required to have such notice of certification published in the *Kansas Register*.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

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Conference Committee Action

As it entered the Conference Committee, Sub. for SB 563 contained language that would redraw the State's House of Representatives and Senate districts. The Conference Committee agreed to these contents and agreed to add the provisions of SB 577, which would redraw the BOE districts (map name: Apple 7).

Background

During the 2022 Session, the Kansas Legislature will redraw congressional, legislative, and BOE districts. All districts are redrawn using 2020 data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Background information for each map contained in the bill is below.

SB 563 (Senate Districts Map)

Senate Committee on Redistricting

The bill, as introduced, would have redrawn Senate districts (map name: Liberty 2). The Senate Committee on Redistricting recommended a substitute bill, replacing the contents of the bill with the map Liberty 3.

House Committee of the Whole

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to insert the contents of Sub. for HB 2737 (map name: Free State 3F).

HB 2737 (House of Representatives Districts Map)

House Committee on Redistricting

The bill, as introduced, would have redrawn the House of Representatives districts (map name: Free State 3). The House Committee on Redistricting replaced the contents of the bill with the map Free State 3F and recommended those contents as a substitute bill.

SB 577 (BOE Map)

Senate Committee on Redistricting

The bill, as introduced, also would have redrawn the State's BOE districts (map name: Apple) made up of the Senate districts contained in Senate map Liberty 3. The Senate Committee replaced the contents of the bill with the map Apple 7, which is also based on Senate map Liberty 3.

Fiscal Information

A fiscal note was not provided for SB 563, as introduced; SB 577, as introduced; or HB 2737, as introduced.

Redistricting; apple; free state; liberty; house districts; senate districts; State Board of Education districts

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