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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 7, 2023
Subject: HB 2092—Reapportioning districts of certain members of the Washburn university board of regents who are appointed by the city of Topeka

House Bill 2092 as amended by House Committee would amend the statutes that provide for the appointment of the members of the Washburn University Board of Regents.

Currently, the mayor of Topeka appoints four members of the Board. One is appointed from the city at large and three are appointed from each of the three state senatorial districts that overlap with Topeka city territory. However, beginning in January 2025, the new state senatorial districts that were enacted into law in 2022 SB 563 become effective and there will be four senatorial districts that overlap with Topeka city territory. This will leave a portion of Topeka unrepresented on the Board.

HB 2092 would replace the current requirement of one member from each senatorial district with three member districts that would be established in the bill based on existing Topeka city council districts as follows:

- District One would consist of city council districts two, three and four.
- District Two would consist of city council districts one, five and six.
- District Three would consist of districts seven, eight and nine.

The mayor would be required to appoint one member of the Board from each of the new districts. Appointments would be made as the term of the current member for those Board positions expire.

The bill would take effect on July 1 upon publication in the statute book.