

ELIMINATE THE CENSUS ADJUSTMENT

Why vote in favor of it?

1. Kansas is the ONLY state in the nation that adjusts its census numbers.
2. Adjustment is expensive - estimated cost of \$835,000 in 2020, plus hundreds of hours of state worker time.
3. Minimal impact - only about 13,000 people, out of 2.9 million, were affected in the 2010 adjustment.
4. Eliminating the adjustment would give lawmakers an additional legislative session to complete redistricting.
5. Legislative and State Board of Education districts would be drawn using real, not modified, population numbers.
6. The Legislature supported the Amendment with bi-partisan super majorities.



Summary:

A Proposition to amend section 1 of article 10 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

In 2019, the Legislature passed a constitutional amendment (SCR1605) with a bipartisan super majority to eliminate a provision in the Kansas Constitution requiring Kansas to adjust census numbers for military personnel and college students. Intended to slow the impact of urban migration from rural Kansas to the more populated, eastern half of the state, the requirement has, historically, had the opposite effect by marginally increasing population numbers for urban areas.

Simply put, the adjustment is antiquated, burdensome and expensive. The Secretary of State's office must contact every college student and member of the military residing in Kansas to determine their official residence as part of the adjustment. Keep in mind, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for counting individuals where they reside in the United States. They expend significant resources in communicating with Americans on the importance of the Census. Kansas is essentially asking students and military personnel the same question – at a cost of at least \$835,000 – in a manner contradictory to what is asked by the Census Bureau.

In the November 2019 General Election, you will be asked to approve removing the adjustment.

Voting yes would eliminate this burdensome, antiquated and expensive mandate.