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Secretary of State Kobach on Redistricting Crisis

TOPEKA (April 23, 2012) – Secretary of State Kris Kobach sounded the alarm at a press conference on Monday that, “Time is running out for the Legislature to finish redistricting in a manner that avoids a constitutional crisis.”

Reconvening on April 25, the Legislature will have until the end of the regular session May 11 to finish drawing the boundary lines for the state senatorial districts and representative districts. Failure to do so will cause a constitutional crisis in Kansas.

Kobach said, “Contrary to popular misconception, the Kansas Supreme Court justices do not have the authority to draw the redistricting lines themselves. They can only declare legislatively-drawn district lines either ‘valid’ or ‘invalid.’”