Secretary of State Kobach Releases Adjusted Census Figures

TOPEKA (July 26, 2011) –Today Secretary of State Kris Kobach released to Kansas legislators a report that provides population data for its 2012 redistricting efforts. Lines that will be redrawn based on the adjusted state population include the House of Representatives, Senate, and Board of Education district boundaries. The report details the policies, procedures and outcomes of the 2010 census adjustment project that began in June 2009.

“This report describes a two-year project that has been through two administration changes in the Office of the Secretary of State and two project managers,” said Kobach. “Despite this, I am pleased to say that the census adjustment project has been completed on time and under budget estimates, thanks to the hard work of the staff of the Office of the Secretary of State.”

Article 10 of the Kansas Constitution requires the legislature to reapportion the state representative districts and the state senatorial districts on the basis of the latest census of the inhabitants of the state taken and published by the United States Census Bureau as adjusted in the following manner:

(1) to exclude nonresident military personnel stationed within the state and nonresident students attending colleges and universities within the state; and

(2) to include military personnel stationed within the state who are residents of the state and students attending colleges and universities within the state who are residents of the state in the district of their permanent residence.

The April 1, 2010 population data from the U.S. Census Bureau was adjusted based on these requirements. A total of 118,690 military personnel and students responded to declare their preferred residence. The original 2010 census count was 2,853,118 residents of Kansas. The final adjusted state population is 13,673 fewer, or 2,839,445 Kansas residents.