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Kansas Senate Cancels Remap Debate

The Kansas Senate has put off a debate on a proposal for redrawing the chamber's 40 districts as talks involving Republicans continue.

Aides to Senate Majority Leader Jay Emler said Wednesday the Lindsborg Republican was called away by family business, leading to the cancellation of the debate.

But even in Emler's absence, conservative and moderate Republican senators were negotiating privately over adjustments of district boundaries to account for changes in population over the past decade. The Senate's Democratic leader also was involved.

The dispute among Republicans over redistricting threatens to delay the state's August 7th primary election.

Also Wednesday, Secretary of State Kris Kobach asked a federal court to resolve redistricting issues for legislators. Kobach is the defendant in a federal lawsuit over redistricting.

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