

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Kahrs at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Steve Huebert – Excused

Representative Tom Sawyer – Excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

June Christensen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Departments

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Chairman Kahrs introduced two bills for consideration: redefining lobbyists, and ethics and elections relating to campaign finance. There were no objections. There were no other bills introduced.

Presentation by:

Chairman Kahrs introduced Martha Dorsey from the Kansas Legislative Research Department to present a review of the legislative actions for the past two years. Ms. Dorsey distributed a three-part report of the *Ethics and Elections Bills Introduced and Considered During the 2013-14 Biennium*. (Attachment 1). She reviewed *Part 1, All Bills in Numerical Order*; *Part 2, Bills that Passed Both Chambers*; and *Part 3, Bills by Topic Area*. ([Attachment 1](#)).

She further reviewed the bills that were passed during the session and asked for questions. There were none.

Announcements

Chairman Kahrs announced that there will be a joint committee meeting with the Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections at 12 noon, Thursday, January 22. Senator Mitch Holmes will chair the meeting, which will review the *Interim Study on Increasing Voter Turnout*.

He also announced that the meeting on Monday, January 26, will be a hearing on the two bills presented today. Wednesday's meeting will be a hearing on the two bills presented by Secretary of State Kris Kobach at the January 14 meeting.

Adjournment

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Elections at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

Chairman Kahrs adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.