

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Kahrs at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 26, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

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:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Kahrs opened the meeting and asked if there were any bill introductions. There were none.

Approval of January 14, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Kahrs referenced the January 14, 2015, Minutes and questioned if there were additions/corrections. There were none, and the minutes were approved as presented.

Hearing on: HB2082 — Lobbyist defined.

Chairman Kahrs introduced Daniel Yoza, Revisor, who reviewed **HB2082**.

Chairman Kahrs introduced Carol Williams, Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, who was a proponent for the bill. Ms. Williams reviewed the present requirements to be registered as a lobbyist, specifically if a person spends more than \$100 and uses verbiage that defines one as a lobbyist. The proposed bill would increase that amount to \$1000 from the 1975 amount of \$100. ([Attachment 1](#)). She answered committee members' questions and said she supports this change.

Hearing on: HB2083 — Campaign finance; reports; required information.

Daniel Yoza reviewed the proposed changes for **HB2083**.

Carol Williams, Executive Director of Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, presented testimony as a proponent on the bill, which would delete "and industry" for those contributing over \$150 and was for individual contributors only. ([Attachment 2](#)). She answered committee members' questions and also supports this bill.

There were no other persons testifying, and Chairman Kahrs closed the hearing.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Elections at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 26, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

Announcements

Chairman Kahrs announced that a hearing on **HB2104 - Filling Vacancies**, and **HB2108 - Relating to Straight-Ticket Voting**, will be held at the Wednesday, January 28 meeting. If time permits, the two bills heard today will be worked.

The *Interim Committee Study Report* on spring elections, presented at a Joint Committee meeting with the Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections last Thursday, has been e-mailed to the committee for review. It is quite lengthy but is very informative.

Adjournment

Chairman Kahrs adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.