

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Campbell at 9:00am on Monday, February 08, 2016, 218-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Connie O'Brien – Excused
Representative Susie Swanson – Excused

Committee staff present:

John Willey, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department
Natalie Teemer-Washington, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tom Sloan, Representative for the 25th District, Kansas House of Representatives
Larry R. Baer, General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chair Campbell opened the meeting by asking for bill introductions. There were none presented.

Chair Campbell asked the committee to review the minutes of the February 03, 2016 meeting.

Representative Houston moved that the minutes be approved as written. Representative Sloan seconded the motion.

The committee approved the minutes.

Hearing on: HB2285 — Establishing the Kansas legislature paper-free task force.

Chair Campbell opened the hearing on **HB2285** at 09:10am.

Renaë Jefferies, Assistant Revisor, provided an overview of **HB2285** and the statutes that it affects ([Attachment 1](#)). There is a fiscal note for **HB2285**.

There were no proponents/opponents/neutrals of **HB2285**.

There was a discussion by Committee Members and Staff on reasons behind the bill, the use of Dropbox by several committees, cost versus savings of implementing **HB2285**, other state's legislatures who have going paperless, etc. Legislative Research is going to collect data on this topic and report back to the committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Vision 2020 at 9:00am on Monday, February 08, 2016 in Room 218-N of the Capitol.

The hearing on **HB2285** was closed at 09:23am.

Hearing on: HB2546 — Allowing for quarterly property tax payments.

Chair Campbell opened the hearing on **HB2546** at 09:24am.

Scott Abbott, Assistant Revisor, provided an overview of **HB2546** and the statutes that it affects ([Attachment 2](#)). There is a fiscal note for **HB2546**.

Tom Sloan, Representative for the 25th District, Kansas House of Representatives, testified in support of **HB2546**. He said that the bill recognizes two factors: 1) State support for local governments is static or declining, thereby resulting in pressures to increase property tax rates; and 2) Property tax bills arrive approximately one week before Christmas each year.

Representative Sloan said that while there was a decrease in income tax, the pressure has increased for local governments to collect fees, property and sales taxes. Also, individuals with a home mortgage generally have their property taxes taken out each month, while those with no mortgage must pay their property tax in one or two lump sum payments.

By allowing local governments the options of collecting property taxes quarterly, they can have a steady inflow of money throughout the year, while allowing individuals without a mortgage to spread their property tax over four payments instead of one or two. Representative Sloan responded to questions from the Committee. ([Attachment 3](#))

There were no opponents of **HB2546**.

Larry R. Baer, General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities, presented neutral testimony on **HB2546**. While the League understands the reasoning and rationale behind **HB2546**, they have some concerns about the potential for revenue reduction to cities, the actual impact of installment payments, and the cities lack of choice in opting in or out. Mr Baer responded to questions from the Committee. ([Attachment 4](#))

The hearing on **HB2546** was closed at 09:58am

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 10:00am.