

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mitch Holmes at 9:43am on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau – Excused

Senator Michael O'Donnell – Excused

Senator David Haley – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Darla Conner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Introduction of Committee Members

Chairman Holmes welcomed returning members and Senate President Wagle as a new member to the committee.

Introduction of Committee Rules

Chairman Holmes introduced the Committee Rules for the 2015 Session. ([Attachment 1](#)) He noted the following rules:

#8 - Inappropriate questioning could be asking an opinion of a staff member, questioning the conferee on the wrong subject or hostile questioning.

#4 - He will ask for objections on bill introductions and if none are presented, the introduction will be allowed "without objection".

#5 - Bill introductions will require a RS#. Exceptions could be made such as talking with the Chairman about an idea before committee.

#15 - Staff as well as the committee assistant may record votes.

Bill introductions

Chairman Holmes opened the floor for bill introductions. The Chairman introduced:

*Raising expenditures from \$100 to \$500 in a calendar year before the person must meet the requirements of a lobbyist..

*Charitable contributions, raising the threshold before local finance campaign reports are required, and a death provision to disperse of campaign fund accounts.

*Allowing campaign contributions to be used for spouses in certain instances.

As there were no objections, the bills were introduced.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairman Holmes informed the committee there would be joint meeting with the House Elections Committee over the lunch hour sometime next week.

The next meeting will be January 15, 2015. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.