

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mitch Holmes at 9:35am on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Susan Wagle – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Darla Conner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Presentation on:

Secretary of State Kris Kobach presented statistics and summaries of the 2014 General Election.

[\(Attachment 1\)](#) He noted the photo ID law was a great success in 2014. Of 877,000 people voting, there were only 570 voters who were issued a provisional ballot because they could not provide an ID. 267 of the 570 voters did eventually furnish an ID to have their ballot counted. He provided the committee with the Official Vote Totals of the 2014 General Election. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

At the conclusion of his presentation, Secretary Kobach proposed the introduction of a bill to reduce the number of times the publication of propositions to amend the constitution must be made in newspapers and publications from three to one and to allow for internet publication of propositions as a reflection of the times. As there were no objections, the bill was introduced.

Secretary Kobach addressed questions from the committee.

Bill introductions

Chairman Holmes opened the meeting for bill introductions.

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau proposed the introduction of a bill to provide Kansans who attend college out of state a means of voting similar to that of the military. As there were no objections, the bill was introduced.

Carol Williams, Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, proposed the introduction of a bill to require legislative candidates to file reports electronically. Without objections, the bill was introduced. Discussion followed.

The next meeting will be January 21, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.