

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mitch Holmes at 9:30am on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

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  
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Possible action on bills previously heard**

Chairman Holmes opened the meeting by giving committee members an opportunity to ask questions of staff about **SB171-Elections; municipalities and special districts; spring to fall; other changes.**

*Chairman Holmes distributed a proposed amendment to **SB171** and moved to amend the bill by moving local government primary and general elections to odd numbered years with the exception of local governments that have staggered terms and striking all partisanship language. Seconded by Senator Fitzgerald. Motion carried. ([Attachment 1](#))*

*Chairman Holmes distributed a second proposed amendment to **SB171** and moved to amend the bill by striking section c, lines 28-30 on page 3 and changing 60 days' notice in line 25 of page 3 to 90 days' notice. Seconded by Senator Fitzgerald. Motion carried. Senator Faust-Goudeau and Senator Wolf are recorded as a "no" vote. ([Attachment 2](#))*

*Chairman Holmes distributed a third proposed amendment to **SB171** and moved to amend the bill by adding a new section 2 and renumber sections accordingly. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Motion carried. ([Attachment 3](#))*

*Chairman Holmes moved to amend **SB171** by having the filing deadline for all write in candidates at the general election in November of both even-numbered and odd numbered elections to be September 1st added to the bill as requested by the County Clerks Association. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Following discussion, Chairman Holmes withdrew the amendment. Senator Arpke concurred. ([Attachment 4](#))*

*Senator O'Donnell moved a conceptual amendment to **SB171** to limit all tax and bond increase issues*

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or questions by school boards, cities, and counties to regularly scheduled elections. Seconded by Senator Wagle. Discussion followed. Senator O'Donnell rescinded the motion. Senator Wagle concurred.

Senator Wolf distributed a proposed amendment to **SB171** and moved to amend ballot procedures with said amendment. Seconded by Senator Faust-Goudeau. Motion carried. ([Attachment 5](#))

Senator Haley moved to amend **SB171** with a new section addressing the filling of vacancies in the governing body of any municipality. Seconded by Senator Faust-Goudeau. Division. With four in favor and five opposed, the motion failed. ([Attachment 6](#))

Senator Fitzgerald offered a conceptual substitute motion to **SB171** to move the special election to the next scheduled election to fill the vacancy. Seconded by Senator Love. Motion failed.

Committee will continue action on **SB171** at the next meeting on February 19, 2015.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.