

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mitch Holmes at 9:35am on Thursday, February 19, 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 to continue discussion on **SB171 - Elections; municipalities and special districts; spring to fall; other changes.**

*Senator Wolf moved to withdraw her amendment on **SB171** concerning ballot procedures from Wednesday's meeting with permission of the second, Senator Faust-Goudeau.*

*Senator Wolf moved a conceptual amendment to **SB171** striking randomize alphabet pertaining to ballot procedures from the bill. Seconded by Senator Fitzgerald. Motion carried.*

*Senator Haley moved a conceptual amendment to **SB171** to have the governing body of any municipality where a vacancy exists to appoint, by majority vote of the remaining members, a person to fill the vacancy within 30 days of the vacancy. Seconded by Senator Faust-Goudeau. Motion failed.*

*Senator Faust-Goudeau moved a conceptual amendment to **SB171** extending the time in the polling booth to ten minutes. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Motion carried.*

*Senator Fitzgerald moved **SB171** favorable for passage as amended. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Motion failed.*

Senator Wolf moved to reconsider the previous action. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Motion carried.
Back on **SB171**.

*Senator O'Donnell moved to strike odd-numbered year from **SB171** as previously amended. Motion died for lack of second.*

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Fitzgerald moved **SB171** favorable for passage as amended. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Motion carried.

Chairman Holmes called for discussion on **SB77-Governmental ethics commission fees.**

Senator Fitzgerald moved **SB77** favorable for passage. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Motion carried.

Chairman Holmes opened discussion on **SB78-Campaign finance; legislators filing report electronically.**

Senator Fitzgerald moved **SB78** favorable for passage. Seconded by Senator Arpke. Motion carried.

Chairman Holmes called for discussion on **SB26-Campaign finance; use of campaign contributions for certain expenses of spouses.**

Senator O'Donnell moved to amend **SB26** to include "of spouses of candidates" in section 8, lines 27-31. ([Attachment 1](#)) Seconded by Senator Haley. Motion carried.

Senator Fitzgerald moved **SB26** favorable for passage as amended. Seconded by Senator O'Donnell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be February 25, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am.