

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 24, 1963

The meeting was called to order and Mr. W. R. Brown continued his discussion concerning House Bills 9 and 10. He reiterated that the law had previously covered coroners and sheriffs, as to appointments to fill unexpired terms, and elections held to take care of interim periods, and states that this bill (9) would take care of county officials, while H.B. 10 would take care of township officials; further that the bills should be published in the official paper to allow for vacancies that might occur prior to publication of the supplement to the statutes.

There was some discussion concerning whether appointments to fill unexpired terms should count against the individuals in offices where their terms are limited to two terms; and Mr. Gardner explained that the Attorney General had interpreted the law to mean that unexpired terms, or the serving of unexpired terms would count against the eligibility.

It was moved by Mr. Fribley, seconded by Mr. Ford and unanimously carried that H.B. 9 be reported favorably.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Fribley, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously carried, that H.B. 10 be reported favorably.

Senator Taggart, Rep. Skoog and Rep. Harder appeared on behalf of H.B. 11, along with Rep. Crossan and Miss Lucille Carter, Clerk of the Shawnee County District Court. Mr. Bunten introduced Miss Carter who discussed this measure. It was stated that the bill dealt with the requirement for publication in the cases where witness fees and other small amounts of money were involved and where the rightful recipients could not be found; that if it were not required to publish these and the money placed back into the general fund, that it would save a great deal of money, both for publication and clerical help. Mr. George Batz of the accounting firm of Brelsford, Gifford, Hardesty & Batz discussed the measure and stated that in many cases, these files had to remain active for years and only a few dollars of money might be involved; that the owners could still claim the money if they cared to do so, but that when registered mail had failed to reach them it seemed

quite unnecessary that publication time and again should be required. Miss Carter stated that she had thought the bill would read "all amounts less than \$25.00" but that this showed "\$10.00" and that while it would be helpful to city courts it wouldn't be a great saving to district courts.

Mr. Skoog explained that the amount was set at \$10.00, thinking that the Committee in its wisdom, would see the need for setting it higher and would do so; that the sponsors hesitated to presume to tell the Committee and the House about a larger sum.

Mr. Taylor suggested that the sponsors look into the possibility of amending the measure, and then to present the bill again.

The Chairman discussed the numerous local bills devised to permit counties to purchase automobiles for county officials, and inquired if the committee would like to consider introducing a committee bill of permissive nature, to take care of all these different counties.

Mr. Fribley moved, seconded by Mr. Ford, that the committee draft such a bill. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.