

SENATE BILL No. 299

By Senators Bennett, Steineger, Strahan, Joseph, Cox, Matlack, Gaar, Janssen, Harder, Dearth, Casado, Herd, Woodard, McClinton, Frizzell, Gastl, Hodge, Taggart, Bell of Wyandotte, Reilly, Ball, Barr, Quinlan, Shultz and Bell of Rawlins

AN ACT concerning committees of the legislature and work and meetings thereof between legislative sessions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

1 SECTION 1. When authorized as provided in this section com-
2 mittees of the senate and house of representatives of the legislature
3 of the state of Kansas and subcommittees of such committees may
4 meet after adjournment of any session of the legislature and prior
5 to the convening of the next following session.

6 (a) The federal and state affairs (or state affairs) committee,
7 the assessment and taxation committee, the education committee,
8 the roads and highways (or highways) committee, the judiciary
9 committee, or any subcommittees thereof, may meet on call of the
10 chairman of such committee.

11 (b) In 1967, the senate committee on reapportionment, the
12 senate and house committees on elections, and the select committee
13 on legislative improvement, or any subcommittees thereof, may
14 meet on call of the chairman of such committee.

15 (c) Any committee or any subcommittee thereof of either house
16 may meet on call of the chairman of such committee, although not
17 listed in (a) or (b) above, if the meeting called has been author-
18 ized by the president pro tem of the senate in the case of senate
19 committees or subcommittees, or by the speaker of the house in the
20 case of a house committee or subcommittee.

21 SEC. 2. Before the end of any regular session of the legislature,

1 committees authorized to meet under the provisions of this act,
2 shall determine matters to be considered prior to the next session
3 of the legislature. The chairman of such committee shall appoint
4 such subcommittees as may be necessary to allocate the work of
5 the committee. Matters in addition to those so determined may be
6 considered by the committee if approved at a meeting where a
7 quorum of the whole committee is present or if authorized by the
8 president pro tem of the senate in the case of senate committees,
9 and the speaker of the house in the case of house committees.
10 Members of any committee, or subcommittee, authorized to meet
11 under the provisions of this act shall receive compensations and
12 mileage as provided in K. S. A. 46-311 as amended: *Provided,*
13 That no such member shall be paid compensation and expenses for
14 more than twelve (12) days of meetings of any one committee or
15 subcommittee thereof, nor shall any such member receive mileage
16 for more than nine (9) meetings of any one committee or sub-
17 committee thereof. All vouchers of any member of each continu-
18 ing committee and all expense vouchers shall be approved by the
19 chairman or vice-chairman thereof. Expenses for printing and
20 supplies shall be paid on vouchers approved by the president pro
21 tem of the senate or the speaker of the house. All compensation
22 and expenses shall be paid from funds specifically appropriated
23 for such purposes or, in the absence of such specific appropriation,
24 from funds appropriated for legislative expense.

25 SEC. 3. "Chairman" of a committee means the chairman then
26 appointed and acting, or if he is disqualified or unable to serve,
27 then it shall mean the appointed and acting vice-chairman, or if
28 he shall also be disqualified or unable to serve, then it shall mean
29 the member of that committee designated as acting chairman by
30 the president pro tem of the senate in the case of senate com-
31 mittees, or the speaker of the house in the case of house com-

1 mittees. Meetings may be called by the chairman by mailing
2 notices of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting to the mem-
3 bers of the committee or subcommittee involved. Notices shall
4 also be given to the department of administration and it shall make
5 requested preparations for any meeting. One member over one-
6 half of the members of any committee or subcommittee shall con-
7 stitute a quorum thereof. Consistent with this act, committees may
8 adopt additional rules of procedure not inconsistent with the rules
9 of the senate in the case of senate committees and not inconsistent
10 with the rules of the house in the case of house committees.

11 SEC. 4. State and local officials shall make such studies for the
12 committee or subcommittee as they may require in the same man-
13 ner as is provided in K. S. A. 46-305. No committee or subcom-
14 mittee shall be authorized to request extensive research data or
15 memorandum without the prior approval of the legislative budget
16 committee of the legislative council.

17 In the discharge of any duty herein imposed any committee or
18 subcommittee authorized to meet under the provisions of this
19 act shall have the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas,
20 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any
21 papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and to cause
22 the deposition of witnesses, either residing within or without the
23 state, to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depo-
24 sitions in civil actions in the district courts. In case of disobedience
25 on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in
26 behalf of any such committee or subcommittee, or on the refusal
27 of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be
28 lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the district court of
29 any county, or of the judge thereof, on application of a member of
30 any such committee or subcommittee, to compel obedience by pro-
31 ceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the require-

1 ments of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify
2 therein.

3 Each witness who appears before any such committee or sub-
4 committee by its order, other than a state officer or employee, shall
5 receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for wit-
6 nesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and
7 paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by such
8 witness and approved by the chairman of any such committee or
9 subcommittee.

10 SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
11 its publication in the official state paper.

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