

Approved

R. H. Feb. 23, 1983
Date

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Richard L. Harper at
Chairperson

9:00 a.m. a.m./p.m. on February 9, 1983 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Crumbaker, excused; Representative Ron Fox, excused; Representative Joe Knopp, excused.

Committee staff present: Ramon Powers, Legislative Research Department
Eric Rucker, Secretary of State's Office
Dottie Musselman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
None

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order and discussion began on HB 2050, An Act relating to political parties; concerning precinct committeemen and committeewomen. It was noted that the author of HB 2050, which is Representative Polson, would not attend the meeting today, as he had made his presentation at the February 1 meeting.

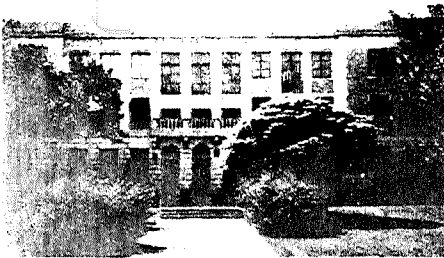
General discussion was held on this bill. Members of the Election Committee present at this meeting stated pros and cons over a two year or four year term for committeemen and committeewomen.

Representative Dean made a motion to report this bill adversely.

Chairperson Harper called attention to just a sampling of counties on a list which was an attachment of the minutes of February 1st, pertaining to the ballot cost of County Clerks in just a few counties. Chairperson Harper also said he had visited with both the Republican and Democrat County Chairpersons in his area, and that they had indicated they had a real hard time of filling these slots for committeemen and committeewomen, and they didn't want to have to do this every two years, if they didn't have to.

Chairperson Harper stated that a number of the Committee members were not present at this meeting, and he did not know what their interest on this bill was, so at this time he would adjourn the meeting and more discussion time would be scheduled for HB 2050 at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



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February 2, 1983

Representative Richard Harper
Rm. 175-W State Capitol
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Harper:

I would like to express my support for House Bill 2050 concerning 4 year elections for precinct committeemen and women. I feel it would eliminate one rather superfluous ballot, which we have every two years. It would also make it easier for county chairmen, as they will not have to search for candidates as often. By the electing the committee people at the same time as other candidates in the county, the position assumes more importance. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Bea Coats
Edwards County Clerk

Kansas Association of Counties

Serving Kansas Counties

Suite D, 112 West Seventh Street, Topeka, Kansas 66603

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February 8, 1983

To: House Elections Committee

From: Kansas Association of Counties

Re: HB 2015 Petitions for Elections
HB 2050 Terms for Precinct Committeemen and
Committeewomen

We wish to call your attention to Item #9 in the Kansas County Platform which states "We request a change in protest petition statutes to provide for a uniformity of procedural regulations and signature sufficiency." HB 2015 accomplishes that request in part and we encourage your support on this bill.

We also request your support on **HB 2050** relating to terms of office for Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen. We are advised by numerous County Election Officers throughout the state that this bill would simplify elections as well as generally reduce election costs

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R I C E C O U N T Y C O U R T H O U S E

RICE COUNTY

LYONS, KANSAS 67554

January 31, 1983

Representative Richard Harper
Chairman, Elections Committee
Capitol Building
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Representative Harper:

I am writing in regard to HB 2050, terms of office for precinct committeemen and committeewomen.

As Rice County Election Officer, i would like to ask for your support of this bill. Most of the persons serving as precinct committeepersons remain in the office for years, so an election every two years is not significant. It is difficult to fill those positions on the ballots, which means we very often print only blank lines and many voters are not aware of what the position is or whom to write in, so leave it blank. It would save a great deal of money at the election when other county officials are not being elected, as we print a ballot only for precinct committee positions.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Mary Bolton

Mary Bolton
Rice County Clerk and Election Officer

CC: LeRoy Fry
Representative 105th District

Roy Ehrlich
Senator, 35th District