

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 March 17, 1983 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Crumbaker, excused;  
Representative Dean, excused; and,  
Representative Runnels, excused.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Clarence Rupp, Manhattan, Kansas  
Ernie Mosher, League of Kansas Municipalities

Chairperson Harper called the Elections Committee meeting to order. At this time, Clarence Rupp, Manhattan, Kansas, was asked to take the floor to testify on SB 340.

Following a general discussion on SB 340, it was decided to contact the Republican and the Democrat party leaders to give their views on this bill.

Representative Fox made a motion to recommend that SB 340 be tabled at this time. Representative Baker seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Knopp wished to be recorded as voting no on the above motion.

The next order of business on the agenda was SB 339, An Act relating to elections; concerning the filling of certain vacancies in elective offices in cities. Chairperson Harper called on Ernie Mosher, League of Kansas Municipalities, to testify on this bill. Mr. Mosher stated that he was not aware of any need for this bill at the present time, and suggested the Committee schedule another hearing at another time.

Eric Rucker was now called upon by the Chairperson to explain this bill and answer questions from the Committee members.

After a general discussion, it was suggested by Chairperson Harper that Ernie Mosher and Eric Rucker, from the Secretary of State's office get together and work out an amendment to SB 339.

As no one else wished to appear before the Committee on SB 339, the hearing on this bill was closed for today.

SB 376, An Act relating to elections; concerning certain campaign financing and advertising practices; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, was next on the agenda.

After a short discussion, it was decided by the Committee that SB 376 should be held in the Committee and have another hearing on it.

SB 229, An Act relating to elections; concerning deadlines for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intentions to become candidates, was next on the agenda. Informational material concerning absentee applications and absentee voting in selected counties was handed out to the Committee, as per an earlier request. (Attachment 1)

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Representative Fox to favorably pass out SB 229. Seconded by Representative Acheson. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 521-S, Statehouse, at 9:a.m. a.m./p.m. on March 17,, 1983

Representative Justice made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15,  
and March 16 meetings. Seconded by Representative Acheson. Motion carried.

It was announced by Chairperson Harper that the agenda for the coming week  
had been sent around to Committee members as meeting on call of the chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

(attached 1)

PRIMARY ELECTION  
ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS / ABSENTEE VOTING  
SELECTED COUNTIES

	1980	1982
DOUGLAS COUNTY	671 / 638	416 / 393
JOHNSON COUNTY	878 / 800	1039 / 912
RILEY COUNTY	349 / 319	367 / 357
SEDGWICK COUNTY	1027 / 812	1346 / 1242
SHAWNEE COUNTY	1008 / 815	1107 / 1011
WYANDOTTE COUNTY	615 / 523	949 / 724
TOTALS	<hr/> 4548 / 3907	<hr/> 5224 / 4639

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