

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Local Government

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ivan Sand at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on March 14, 1983 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Arthur Douville (Excused)

Representative Larry Turnquist

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department

Jeanne Mills, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Francisco

Johnny Darr, Sedgwick County Sheriff

Adrian Farver, Kansas Sheriff Association

Fred Allen, Kansas Association of Counties

Representative David Miller

Chairman Ivan Sand called the meeting to order.

SB 49 - AN ACT concerning county sheriffs; relating to travel expenses; amending K.S.A. 28-110 and repealing the existing section.

Staff gave an overview of SB 49. It authorizes counties to adopt travel policies allowing advance payment of expenses for sheriffs serving warrants under requisition of the Governor.

Senator Francisco, co-sponsor, was present to give background and intent.

Johnny Darr, Sedgwick County Sheriff, was present to testify in support. A copy of his testimony is attached (See Attachment I).

Adrian Farver, Kansas Sheriff's Association, appeared in support. He questioned if Section 2. could be eliminated. Discussion followed. Senator Francisco said the purpose of the bill was to advance money for expenses and he supported the bill as it came out of the Senate.

Fred Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, appeared to clarify that the trips referred to are made by rule of the court and the county commissioners cannot refuse to pay the court orders.

Representative Dean made a conceptual motion, seconded by Representative Fry, to amend SB 49 to pay all expenses in advance for sheriffs serving warrants under requisition of the Governor. Motion failed.

SB 86 - AN ACT concerning fees charged by the register of deeds; amending K.S.A. 28-115 and 79-2607 and repealing the existing sections.

Staff gave history and intent. This bill raises certain fees charged by the county registers of deeds.

Fred Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, appeared in support. He explained that the bill was requested by the Kansas County Register of Deeds Association. He said the change was to make the office self-supporting rather than tax-supporting.

SB 93 - AN ACT relating to municipalities; concerning annual audits; amending K.S.A. 1982 Supp. and 75-1122 and repealing the existing section.

Staff gave an overview. This bill allows townships required to have an audit to request by resolution and to receive an exemption from this requirement annually from the Director of Accounts and Reports.

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Representative David Miller appeared in support of SB 93. He explained this bill was the reason that HB 2348 was asked to be held up. He said a township in his district with a \$298,000 budget didn't want to pay \$1,700 for an audit. Questions followed.

T. C. Anderson, Director, Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, was present to oppose SB 93. He suggested that townships, such as the one pointed out, make arrangements to have their audit at the same time as the county, then there would be a reduced cost. He said he felt this bill was really a policy decision by the Legislature.

Meeting adjourned.

SHERIFF JOHNNIE DARR
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
ROOM 521S
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1983
1:30 P.M.

ATTACHMENT I

SENATE BILL NO. 49

THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU WILL ALLOW OUR SHERIFFS OFFICERS TO DRAW ADVANCE TRAVEL EXPENSE ON GOVERNOR'S EXTRADITIONS.

AS YOU KNOW, A GOVERNOR'S EXTRADITION IS WHERE THE GOVERNOR OF KANSAS REQUEST THE GOVERNOR OF ANOTHER STATE TO FORCE A PRISONER IN THAT STATE TO RETURN TO KANSAS.

WITH THE EXISTING LAW WE CAN DRAW ADVANCE TRAVEL MONEY FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT GOVERNOR'S EXTRADITIONS, AND THIS OFTEN POSES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ON THE OFFICERS. THE COUNTY HAS ISSUED US CREDIT CARDS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND THIS HELPS, HOWEVER, WE NEED SOMETHING MORE PERMANENT.

THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO ADVANCE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE IF THE LAW IS CHANGED TO ALLOW IT.

THE SECTION OF THE BILL THAT COVERS US BEGINS ON LINE ⁹⁴~~100~~ THROUGH LINE ~~108~~, IF THESE CHANGES ARE MADE IT WOULD HELP OUR OFFICERS.

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