

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

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

9:00 a.m./p.m. on February 23, 1984 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

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

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Sutter
Representative Leary Johnson

Chairperson Harper called the Elections Committee meeting to order.

HB 3042, An Act relating to elective offices of the state and political and taxing subdivisions thereof; prohibiting the holding of more than one elective office; concerning the filing for elective offices by employees in the state classified service, was the first bill on the agenda for today.

Chairperson Harper called upon Representative Sutter, the party responsible for the drafting of this bill, to give the Committee a briefing of same. Representative Sutter called attention to Section 2 of the bill, which reads as follows: "No person shall hold more than one elective office at any one time. Any person who while holding one elective office accepts election or appointment to any other elective office shall be disqualified to hold and shall forfeit the office held at the time of accepting election or appointment to such additional elective office." The Representative told the committee that he knew of someone who was faced with this situation now.

Representative Fox made a motion that HB 3042 be recommended favorably. Seconded by Representative Justice.

Representative Leary Johnson was next to appear before the committee on HB 3042. The Representative stated that he was coming before the committee in support of this bill, however, he suggested that it may need an amendment on line 50 thru line 54. Mr. Johnson told the committee it was not right to deny certain groups of people to run for office.

At this time Representative Fox withdrew his motion that HB 3042 be recommended favorably.

After considerable discussion, Representative Fox made a motion to recommend that an amendment to line 53 be made by adding the wording "or a state judicial elective office" and that the Revisor make the necessary language changes. Representative Justice seconded. By a show of hands, the motion carried.

Representative Fox moved that HB 3042 be recommended favorably as amended. By a show of hands vote, the motion carried.

HB 2722, An Act relating to elections; concerning state committees of political parties; concerning alternate members, by Representative Hensley, was the next order of business for the day.

Representative Kline made a motion to amend line 50 by inserting after chairperson or county vice chairperson. Seconded by Representative Justice. Representative Kline amended his motion to include the same language on line 46 also. Motion carried.

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room 521-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 am a.m./p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 1984

Representative Justice made a motion to pass out of committee HB 2722 favorably as amended. Seconded by Representative Roper. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 16 and 21 meetings were approved. The motion being made by Representative Blumenthal. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

