

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

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

9:00 am a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 1984 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Acheson, excused; Representative Dean, excused; Representative Fox, excused; and Representative Kline, excused.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Eric Rucker, Secretary of State's Office  
Bill Ernest, Chairman, Libertarian Party, Wichita  
Blake Huber, Libertarian Party

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order, and at this time recognized Eric Rucker, Secretary of State's Office, to explain the intent of SB 732 to the Election Committee members.

SB 732, is An Act relating to Elections; concerning minor political parties providing for official recognition of such parties and the nomination of candidates thereby; amending K.S.A. 25-202, 25-302 and 25-302a and repealing the existing sections. It was the decision of the Committee that SB 732 should be amended on page 4, in line 146, by striking "or nominees for electors for president fail" and inserting in lieu thereof "fails".

Bill Ernest, Chairman, Libertarian Party, Wichita, took the floor at this time, and testified before the Committee in favor of SB 732.

Blake Huber, Libertarian Party, also appeared before the Committee giving his support to SB 732.

Following discussion among the committee members, the hearing was closed on SB 732.

SB 571, An Act relating to elections; concerning absentee voting; concerning marking and transmission of absentee ballots, was next on the agenda for hearing. Eric Rucker explained this bill to the members of the committee. The committee came to the conclusion that the language on page 1, line 41, should be changed to "any individual" and striking "qualified elector". The Revisor was given the authority to make the necessary changes to accommodate this change.

Representative Runnels made a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Seconded by Representative Justice. Motion carried.

SB 650, An Act relating to fire districts in certain counties; concerning the verifications of petitions; amending K.S.A. 19-3624, 19-3629 and 19-3631 and repealing the existing sections, was next on the agenda for hearing. Eric Rucker gave the Committee a briefing of this bill. As there was no questions on SB 650, the Chairperson closed the hearing on this particular bill, and again asked that Eric Rucker give the Committee a history on SB 570.

SB 570, is An Act relating to elections; concerning candidates for governor and lieutenant governor; concerning dates for filing nomination papers or declarations of intention to become a candidate; amending K.S.A. 25-4004 and repealing the existing section. Mr. Rucker told the Committee that SB 570 is merely a bill to act as a clean-up measure to change the filing date for the above mentioned offices from June 20 to June 10 to conform with the changes made in the filing deadline during the 1983 Legislative Session.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 521-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 am a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 1984

Representative Knopp made a motion to report SB 732, as amended, favorably out of Committee. Seconded by Representative Runnels. Motion carried.

Representative Runnels made a motion to favorably pass out SB 650, and that this bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Roper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Baker, to favorably pass out SB 571, as amended. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

It was moved by Representative Crumbaker, that SB 570 be passed out of Committee favorably, and placed on Consent Calendar. Representative Justice seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Representative Justice made a motion that the minutes of the March 1 meeting of the Election Committee be approved. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.