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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 20, 1984 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Baker, excused; Representative Fox, excused; Representative Mary Jane Johnson, excused; Representative Grotewiel, excused; and, Representative Knopp, excused.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Norene Staab, Shawnee County Elections Office
Eric Rucker, Secretary of State's Office
Jim Kaup, League of Kansas Municipalities

Chairperson Harper called the Election Committee meeting to order, and asked Norene Staab, from the Shawnee County Elections office, to explain SB 789 to the Committee.

Ms. Staab told the committee members that SB 789 simply adds "(service as a judge or clerk on an election board)" to the absentee applications. Legislation was passed in 1981 allowing board workers who were serving out of their precincts on election day to vote by absentee ballot. The absentee applications were not changed to reflect this.

Representative Runnels made a motion to favorably pass out of Committee SB 789, and that it be placed on Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Blumenthal. Motion carried.

SB 790 was the next order of business on the agenda. Again, the Chairperson called upon Norene Staab to explain the intent of this bill. After a short discussion period, Representative Runnels moved to pass favorably out of committee SB 790, and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

Norene Staab gave the Committee a briefing of SB 791. (Attachment 1)

Representative Runnels made the motion to pass favorably out of Committee SB 791. This was seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

At this time, Chairperson Harper called upon Senator Wint Winter to testify before the Committee on SB 299. The Senator could not appear at the date the committee had hearings on this particular bill. The Senator appeared before the committee in favor of this bill.

SB 811 was the next piece of legislation scheduled for hearing today. Eric Rucker, Secretary of State's office, took the floor and explained this bill to the Committee.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Representative Blumenthal to report SB 811 out of Committee favorably. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

Jim Kaup, League of Kansas Municipalities, appeared before the Committee in support of SB 811.

It was moved by Representative Roper to adopt the minutes of the March 13 and 15 meeting of the Election Committee. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

(Attachment 1)

Shawnee County

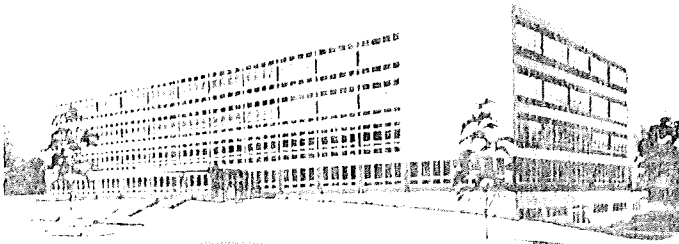
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Mr. Chairman and
Members of the House Committee on Elections

RE: SB 789, SB 790, SB 791

Senate Bill 789 -- In 1981 legislation was passed allowing board workers who were serving out of their precincts on election day to vote by absentee ballot. The absentee applications were not changed to reflect this. This bill simply adds "(service as a judge or clerk on an election board)" to the absentee applications.

Senate Bill 790 also deals with absentee voters and would require the election official to deliver to the voter the ballot of the political party with which the voter is affiliated as we do at the polling place. At present, the law requires the election official to deliver the ballot requested.

Senate Bill 791 would extend the provisions of 25-108 to cover federal employees as well as municipal and state employees. At the present time, those who go to work for Members of Congress, for example, have to maintain two residences or establish a resi-

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dence with a friend or relative in Kansas. With the passage of this bill they would be able to vote from their last residence in Kansas in the same manner that citizens voting under the provisions of the federal services law are able to vote.