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Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Senator Ronald R. Hein at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~ a.m./p.m. on January 30, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Ed Reilly  
Senator Ed Roitz

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department  
Sharon Green, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Tom Rehorn  
Chris McKenzie, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Carol Williams, Kansas Public Disclosure Commission  
Pat Baker, Kansas Association of School Boards

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington to report SB 185 adversely. Senator Hayden seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

The Chairman indicated that Mr. Jim Flory from the Attorney General's Office wanted to testify on SB 415, but that Mr. Flory had to be out of town until next week. The Chairman indicated that hearings would be held again next week on SB 415 and SB 511 so that the Committee could hear testimony from Mr. Flory.

Senator Rehorn testified in favor of SB 511, stating that this measure would enact the same requirements for local officials as those for state officials and would be enforced by the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission.

Questions were asked and a general discussion was held.

Mr. Chris McKenzie testified on SB 511, stating that the significance of this bill might discourage people from running for office in the smaller communities where the particular office is sometimes more of an honor. He suggested that the Committee amend the amount of expenditure and contribution limitations from \$50.00 to \$500.00. He also suggested that the Committee look at the existing statutes dealing with public referendums. He said that SB 511 repeals the filing requirements. He stated that the League supports SB 511 with the amendment.

Senator Rehorn testified that the amount of the threshold of aggregate expenditure had been intended to be \$500.00 in SB 511, and that this should be amended.

Senator Norvell asked about amending the bill to make it applicable to the larger counties in Kansas.

There was committee discussion on Senator Norvell's suggestion and on "home rule".

Carol Williams testified that the Commission has no position on SB 511, but that the Commission did want the authority to make the rules and regulations and also to issue advisory opinions. She stated that these two suggestions would require amendments to the bill.

Questions were asked and a general discussion was held.

Mrs. Pat Baker testified that the Kansas Association of School Boards had no position on SB 511. She noted that small school districts are also in the large districts. Mrs. Baker stated that she was concerned that the paperwork, filing deadlines, etc., would discourage people from serving on school boards.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 522-S Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 30, 1984

Questions were asked and a general discussion was held.

Motion was made by Senator Norvell to report SB 163 adversely. Senator Talkington seconded the motion. The motion was adopted, with Senator Johnston voting "no".

Motion was made by Senator Norvell to adopt the minutes of January 23. Senator Hayden seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.