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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections

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

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 7, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Joseph Norvell

Committee staff present:
Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Sharon Green, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Mr. Jim Flory, Attorney General's Office
Mr. Fred Allen, Kansas Association of Counties

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jim Flory testified in favor of SB 415 and SB 511, stating that the existing statutes were inadequate. (K.S.A. 25-901 et. seq.)

He stated that the Attorney General would suggest imposing 4 points: 1) that when a committee, etc. is formed, that they file a notice that they have formed; 2) that the election officer be required to notify the prosecuting attorney of any violation in the filed statement; 3) that the law clearly define what must be reported and who is responsible for that report; and, 4) that the law require the local candidate or committee to file a notice of receipt, stating where the contributions came from.

Mr. Flory also stated that the law must be certain, clear and enforceable. He suggested that the prosecuting attorney should make the final decision on a fraudulent report, which the election officer referred to the prosecuting attorney. He indicated that the Attorney General supported spending requirement limitations as opposed to exempting certain types of office from being required to file.

Questions were asked and a general discussion was held.

Mr. Fred Allen testified on SB 415 and SB 511, stating that there should be some type of limitation in the spending requirement. He also suggested that the county governing board, as a canvassing board, could review the filings and report any obviously fraudulent reports.

Questions were asked and a general discussion was held.

The Committee discussed SB 415 and SB 511 regarding the purpose of the bills, and also discussed the existing statutes on local campaign finance.

Motion was made by Senator Reilly to strike SB 511, and to amend K.S.A. 25-901 et. seq., to include a \$5,000 threshold on aggregate expenditures, to include the filing dates as used by the state elected officials, and to include reporting of contributions. Senator Gannon seconded the motion.

Senator Meyers made a substitute motion to strike SB 511, and to amend K.S.A. 25-901 et. seq., by setting a \$1,000 threshold of aggregate expenditures as a condition precedent to reporting, including the filing dates as are currently used for state elected officials, and requiring reporting of contributions. Senator Johnston seconded the substitute motion. The substitute motion was adopted.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.