

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at
Chairperson

1:40 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on February 28, 1984 in room 531N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie - Revisor
Julian Efird - Research

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Nancy Parrish
Major Don Demore - Topeka Police Department
Nick Roach - Director of Purchases, Dept. of Administration
Bert Cantwell - Kansas Highway Patrol
Dr. Marvin Harder - Secretary of Administration
Senator Francis Gordon
Dr. J.G. Hollowell - Division of Health, KDHE
David Isabell - City Clerk, Kansas City, Kansas

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Senator Parrish addressed the Committee on behalf of S.B. 679 concerning certain cities and counties; relating to the acquisition of motor vehicles. She explained that the purpose of this bill was to consolidate the purchases of motor vehicles for the city of Topeka and Shawnee County with the purchases of motor vehicles for state agencies. The Senator then read a letter from Mr. Robert Kelley, Purchasing Director, Shawnee County, endorsing this bill as an opportunity for reducing costs. (Exhibit A) A statement was presented by Major Don Demore explaining that this cooperative purchasing venture would benefit both the Kansas Highway Patrol and the City of Topeka. (Exhibit B) Nick Roach suggested that consideration be given to an amendment to allow either auction or sealed bids to serve the best interest of the state. (Exhibit C) Senator Gordon also spoke in support of this bill explaining that they would like to try the auction method and see how it would work. Bert Cantwell stated that the Patrol sells to local agencies and he felt that either method of selling would be alright with them under this bill.

Dr. Marvin Harder spoke to the Committee on behalf of S.B. 479 stating that their Department was in sympathy with the general goals of this bill and felt it deserved to be continued. (Exhibit D)

A statement was presented by Dr. Joseph Hollowell in support of S.B. 699 explaining that this bill would abolish the duties and functions of local registrars of vital statistics and would provide for a direct reporting system for birth and death certificates. He stated that the Department supports this bill on the basis of operating efficiencies and fiscal savings at the state and local level that would result. (Exhibit E)

Testimony was heard from David Isabell in opposition to S.B. 699 in which he stated that the citizens need to be able to get their birth and death certificates in the local area and he can provide that service in a shorter period of time and at less expense than they could receive it from the state. (Exhibit F)

Because of the time element no further testimony could be heard and the Chairman suggested that this bill be re-referred to another Committee.

No action was taken on any of the bills presented and the Committee was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Governmental Organization DATE: Feb. 28

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>COMPANY/ORGANIZATION</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Erwin G. Franzen | Topeka | Dept. of Health & Environment |
| Bradley J. Jurek | Topeka | Sen. Hein |
| Don Jamison | Lathrop | City Clerk |
| Ina Ingenti B. Stung | Leavenworth | City Club |
| Ed M. Sklar | Topeka | King of Ks Municipalities |
| Carla Mercer | Lawrence | City Clerk - Dir. of Admin. Serv. |
| James Spelman | Kansas City, Ks | City Clerk Office K.C.K. |
| David J. Isakell | Kansas City, Ks | City Clerk K.C.K. |
| Walt Keltner | Topeka | K.H.P. |
| Bob Kelley | Shawnee County | |
| Don Danyose | Topeka | Topeka Police |
| Paul H. Meyer | Topeka | Division of Purchases |
| Senator Francis Borden | | |
| Art Cantrell | Topeka | K.H.P. |
| Barbara Duncan | Topeka | DOA |
| Art Cragg | " | Dept of Admin. |
| J. G. Hollowell | " | N.D.H.F. |
| Frank L. Gentry | " | Ks Hospital Assoc. |
| JIM SNYDER | " | Ks Funeral Dir. Assn. |

SENATE BILL #679

STATEMENT FROM MR. ROBERT F. KELLEY,
PURCHASING DIRECTOR, SHAWNEE COUNTY

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY VIEWS AND OPINIONS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL #679. FIRST OF ALL, I WISH TO STATE THAT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCUR WITH AND FULLY ENDORSE THE STATEMENTS PRESENTED EARLIER BY MAJOR DON DEMORE. WE IN SHAWNEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TOTALLY REMISS IF WE SHOULD FAIL TO PURSUE ANY AND ALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUCING COSTS. TO ALLOW SHAWNEE COUNTY TO CONSOLIDATE ITS MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS WITH THOSE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS OFFERS SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. SHAWNEE COUNTY LIKE THE TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT, BASICALLY UTILIZES THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS FOR OUR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PATROL CARS. LIKEWISE, SHAWNEE COUNTY WILL ACCEPT THE BASIC STATE SPECIFICATIONS FOR OTHER TYPES OF VEHICLES. IN ADDITION, SHAWNEE COUNTY WILL INDEED ABIDE BY THE ESTABLISHED STATE PURCHASING POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, AND WILL FULLY COMPLY WITH ALL SUSPENSE DATES FOR INPUT AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE. SHAWNEE COUNTY ALSO AGREES TO ASSIST THE STATE WITH ANY ATTENDANT WORKLOAD THAT MAY EVOLVE FROM THIS CONSOLIDATION IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ANY IMPACT ON THE STATE PURCHASING OFFICE. ALL OF THESE FOREGOING STATEMENTS WERE PRESENTED VERBALLY TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASES AT A FEBRUARY 15, 1984 MEETING.

EXHIBIT A

EX. A

IN SUMMARY, IF THIS CONSOLIDATION BECOMES A REALITY, SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS IN THE PURCHASE PRICE OF VEHICLES AND A MORE ORDERLY BIDDING PROCESS CAN BE ACHIEVED. INASMUCH, AS ALL THREE UNITS OF GOVERNMENT ARE LOCATED IN THE TOPEKA AREA, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A CONSOLIDATION SHOULD BE A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY PROCESS. SHAWNEE COUNTY STANDS READY TO DO ITS PART TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL CONSOLIDATION.

TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM



DATE: February 28, 1984
TO: COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
FROM: Major Don Demore - TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 679

Not unlike most units of government, we find our dollars buying less and less. Price comparisons for like-models with like-equipped vehicles made evident the need for discount volume purchasing where feasible.

State purchases of vehicles for the KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL compared to the CITY OF TOPEKA police vehicles ranged in price from \$ 400.00 to \$ 1,600.00 per unit with little (if any) exception to the State specifications. While these figures represent only police type vehicles, they no doubt would apply to all vehicles.

A meeting with representatives of the STATE DIVISION OF PURCHASING, the KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL, SHAWNEE COUNTY, and the CITY OF TOPEKA, resulted in the conclusion that this cooperative purchasing venture was of benefit to all concerned.

This will obviously impact the STATE PURCHASING DIVISION, and to minimize this impact we pledge ourselves to meet time schedules for bid dates with specifications that meet those set by the State with only the slightest modification when necessary.

Thank you!

EXHIBIT B

EX. B

0119 tional institutions, without competitive bids only if the director
0120 of purchases determines that comparable services are not rea-
0121 sonably available from responsible sources other than such
0122 agencies at a lower cost.

0123 (g) (h). Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, no
0124 state agency shall enter into any lease of real property without
0125 the prior approval of the secretary of administration. Such state
0126 agency shall submit to the secretary of administration such
0127 information relating to any such proposed lease as the secretary
0128 may require. The secretary of administration shall either ap-
0129 prove, modify and approve or reject any such proposed lease.

0130 (i) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, sales of
0131 retired motor vehicles, mowers, graders and other highway
0132 machinery and equipment of the highway patrol, central motor
0133 pool and department of transportation shall be to the highest
0134 responsible bidder at an advertised public auction.

0135 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-3739 is hereby repealed.

0136 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and
0137 after its publication in the Kansas register.

either

or sealed competitive bids. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a state agency from trading in vehicles when authorized to do so by the director of purchases. The vehicle sales fee fund is hereby created and shall be utilized by the director of purchases to pay all or part of the expenses of vehicle sales authorized by this subsection. Fees for such expenses shall be deducted from the proceeds received from such sales.

EX. 2

STATE OF KANSAS



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Division of Purchases

JOHN CARLIN,
Governor
NICHOLAS B. ROACH,
Director of Purchases

Room 165-173 N.
State Office Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1573
(913) 296-2376

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senate Committee on Governmental Organization

FROM: Nicholas B. Roach, Director of Purchases *Nich Roach*

DATE: February 27, 1984

RE: Disposal of Used Motor Vehicles - SB696

Information relative to the above-captioned subject is presented herein, and is intended to touch on all aspects of the three methods of disposal:

1. Sale by sealed bids.
2. Sale by auction.
3. Trade-ins.

Probably 95% of the used vehicles disposed of annually in Kansas are sold by sealed bids. The remainder are handled by trade-in, usually based upon one or more of the following:

1. Unique features on the vehicle which preclude interest by the general public, such as:
 - A. 10 ton, tandem axle, tilt-top trailer.
 - B. Earth moving equipment.
2. Needs of the agency don't allow them to wait for a general public sale, such as:
 - A. Vehicle must be replaced immediately.
 - B. Vehicle has equipment useable on the replacement vehicle.
3. Agency can reduce expenditure by utilizing trade-ins.
4. Vehicles are inoperable, salvage only utilization.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Francis Gordon
FROM: Nicholas B. Roach, Director of Purchases
DATE: February 27, 1984
RE: Senate Bill 696

The Division of Purchases would like to suggest that consideration be given to an amendment to the above-captioned proposed legislation, to allow either auction or sealed competitive bids, in order that the best interests of the state may be served, as per the attached memo.

There may be instances wherein sales by auction could be better than sealed bids, and this office would be receptive to again comparing both methods, to re-evaluate the results in an on-going attempt to monitor and proceed in a manner consistent with the best interests of the state.

The Division of Purchases presently is not funded to absorb the costs of auctioning vehicles, and therefore would request the opportunity to establish a Vehicle Sales Fee Fund, to offset those expenses incurred in either sales method.

There have been two sales by auction since the inception of the centralized used vehicle process in Kansas. May 14, 1977, and August 13, 1977, were the dates of the sales, and both were conducted by an Auctioneer whose services were bid, and retained, under contract through December 31, 1977.

Recognizing that comparisons don't mean too much, the following figures are presented to reflect the magnitude of the vehicle disposal process:

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u># OF VEHICLES</u> | <u>GROSS SALES</u> | <u>AVERAGE PER VEHICLE</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1974 | 688 | \$325,879.25 | \$ 473.66 |
| 1975 | 593 | 387,667.00 | 653.74 |
| 1976 | 510 | 406,102.26 | 796.28 |
| 1977 | 545 | 515,329.96 | 945.56 |
| 1978 | 377 | 361,122.14 | 957.88 |
| 1979 | 541 | 517,866.43 | 957.24 |
| 1980 | 431 | 393,509.42 | 913.01 |
| 1981 | 408 | 358,441.25 | 878.53 |
| 1982 | 664 | 989,525.00 | 1490.25 |
| 1983 | 558 | 883,804.04 | 1583.88 |

Clearly, the higher sales price recently reflects the increase in vehicle acquisition costs, in recent years.

The following represents advantages and disadvantages of both methods, excluding trade-ins:

AUCTION

Advantages:

1. Auctioneer collects all monies, bears all clerical expenses.
2. Expenses of Auction are borne by agencies providing vehicles.

Disadvantages:

1. Vehicles must be brought to auction site at agency expense.
2. Inclement weather will have an impact on revenue generated.
3. Verbal bidding exposes the pending high bid on each vehicle.

SEALED BIDS

Advantages:

1. All bids are confidential until bid opening time.
2. Vehicles may remain at the agency site.
3. Agencies are not charged for expenses of the Division of Purchases.

Disadvantages:

1. All clerical expenses are borne by the Division of Purchases.

We have estimated the costs to the Division of Purchases, for the last eleven (11) sales (FY82, FY83), and compared them with the sale by auction, to show cost differentials. The "Auction Cost" line is based upon the 2.9% paid in 1977.

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|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|--|
| Total # vehicles sold- - - - - | 1481 | | |
| Total # received - - - - - | \$2,205,648.00 | | |
| Auction cost - - - - - | \$ 63,963.79 | (2.9 %) | |
| Division of Purchases' cost - | \$ 19,153.75 | (.87%) | |

A comparison of the sales immediately prior to, and after, the auctions, as compared to the auctions, reflects the following:

| <u>SALE</u> | <u># OF VEHICLES</u> | <u>GROSS SALES</u> | <u>AVERAGE</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| February, 1977 | 78 | \$ 78,326.82 | \$1004.19 |
| *May, 1977 | 142 | 165,535.00 | 1165.74 |
| June, 1977 | 64 | 60,197.22 | 940.58 |
| *August, 1977 | 110 | 119,125.00 | 1082.95 |
| November, 1977 | 132 | 117,298.09 | 888.62 |

*Auctions

A reduction of the Gross Sales, for Auctioneering Services, would lower the average by \$35.00 per vehicle, for those two sales.

It is difficult to compare two consecutive sales to each other. It is even more difficult to relate 1977 Auctions to 1983 Sealed Bid Sales. Presently the statutes allow sale by either method. Our preference would be to leave the statute as it is written, and conduct an auction, or two, for comparison purposes, and retain the latitude to sell by either method, based upon whichever appears to be in the best interests of the state.

STATE OF KANSAS



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Office of the Secretary

JOHN CARLIN,
Governor
MARVIN A. HARDER,
Secretary of Administration

Room 263-E
State Capitol Building
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(913) 296-3011

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Ben E. Vidricksen, Chairman
Senate Committee on Governmental Organization

FROM: Marvin A. Harder, Secretary of Administration *DMH:z*

DATE: February 13, 1984

RE: Senate Bill 479

The Governor's Residence Advisory Commission (K.S.A. 75-129) is composed of the following seven members: (1) Secretary of Administration; (2) Executive Director of the Historical Society; (3 and 4) Chairpersons of the Senate and House Ways and Means Committees; (5 and 6) Minority leaders of the Senate and House, or a designee from the same party; (7) Governor's spouse, or a designee of the Governor. The Secretary of Administration is the Chairman.

The Governor's Residence Advisory Commission (K.S.A. 75-130) is responsible for providing an annual report to the Legislature on the condition and state of repair of the Governor's residence, its grounds, and appurtenances. The Commission may also make specific recommendations regarding furnishings, improvements, repairs, or alterations to the Governor's residence and grounds.

In addition, the Commission (K.S.A. 75-131) is responsible for accepting on behalf of the state any gifts or donations made for the purpose of furnishing, improving, or beautifying the Governor's residence or grounds.

This Commission provides an essential mechanism whereby gifts for the Governor's residence may be accepted, the condition of the residence can be evaluated, recommendations for improvements can be made, and an annual report can be submitted to the Legislature. These are valuable functions, and it is therefore recommended that the Commission be continued in existence.

MAH:mkr

EXHIBIT D

EX. D

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 699

FEBRUARY 28, 1984

SENATE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

This is the official position taken by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on Senate Bill 699.

Background Information:

Senate Bill 699 would abolish the duties and functions of local registrars of vital statistics as contained in the vital statistics act. It would also repeal the statutes that provide for a fee being paid to local registrars out of county funds for this function. It would in effect provide for a direct reporting system where hospitals would send birth certificates and funeral homes would send death certificates directly to the state registrar. Approximately 40,000 births, 21,500 deaths, and 325 stillbirths are registered each year. If necessary, offices could be established or designated in the state to aid in the administration of the system. As occurs now the state registrar verifies the certificates and makes necessary changes before the record is filed.

The duties of local registrars have traditionally been to issue burial-removal permits for the final disposition of dead bodies and to collect completed birth and death certificates from hospitals and funeral homes and transmit them to the state registrar on a monthly basis. Local registrars have also assisted in preparing birth certificates when births occurred at home and preparing death certificates when no funeral director was involved. This very seldom happens anymore, less than 1% of total.

A significant reduction in the traditional functions of local registrars occurred through statutory revisions of the 1982 legislative session, when the requirement for burial-removal permits was abolished, except for bodies to be removed from the state and funeral directors were authorized to issue those.

Also, we are now able to provide local officials with computerized birth and/or death lists to replace the hand written ledgers of local registrars should reference to these be needed. As far back as 1972, K.S.A. 65-2422 was revised to require that monthly death listings be sent to county election officials for file clearance purposes and this has been provided on a computer printout basis ever since.

A direct reporting system would speed up the processing of certificates and responding to requests for certified copies by an average of five days.

County and city officials could be sent computer listings with verified information that could be provided directly in a format and at intervals that would meet their needs as authorized per K.S.A. 65-2422(e).

Department's Position:

The Department supports the enactment of Senate Bill 699 on the basis of operating efficiencies and fiscal savings at the state and local level that would result.

Presented by: Joseph G. Hollowell, Jr., M.D., Director, Division of Health
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF WYANDOTTE }SS
CITY OF KANSAS CITY

DAVID T. ISABELL, City Clerk of the City of Kansas City, Kansas,
and Local Registrar of Vital Statistics of the State of Kansas, for District 105-A, do hereby certify that

was born in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas on _____ and is the son/daughter of

as shown on page _____ of Birth Record Book _____ under Index Number _____ as registered in the
Office of the City Clerk in the month of _____ in the year of _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
official seal of the city this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Clerk and Local Registrar, District 105-A

WARNING This certification is not valid if it has been altered in any way or if it does not bear the Official
City Seal.

EXHIBIT F

EX. F

City of Kansas City, Kansas

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

(LOCAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, DIST. 105-A)

DAVID T. ISABELL
CITY CLERK

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
ONE CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101



CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

MR. CHARLMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

MARCH 6, 1979 - COMMUNICATION TO SENATOR LEROY HAYDEN, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 446 **(READ LETTER)**.

JANUARY 7, 1980 - COMMUNICATION TO J. F. STEINEGER REGARDING 1979 SENATE BILL 446 **(BILL DIED)**.

1981 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - SENATE BILL 317 - AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO DO AWAY WITH THE LOCAL REGISTRARS.

OCTOBER 12, 1981, AT THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES MEETING THE CITY CLERK'S AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 317 AND PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE LOCAL REGISTRAR TO PROVIDE BIRTH AND DEATH VERIFICATION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIZENS.

NOVEMBER 5, 1981, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 33437, SUPPORTING THE CITY CLERK'S AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION AND OPPOSING SENATE BILL 317. IN ADDITION, THE KANSAS LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES SUPPORTED THE CITY CLERK'S AND THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IN THEIR ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE LEGISLATION AND OPPOSING SENATE BILL 317. THE RESOLUTION WAS

ALSO ENDORSED BY THE KANSAS BAR ASSOCIATION.

1984 SESSION - SENATE BILL 699. SUBJECT BILL WOULD AGAIN CIRCUMVENT THE LOCAL REGISTRAR IN THAT THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS WOULD NO LONGER BE FILED WITH THE LOCAL REGISTRAR BUT RATHER DIRECTLY WITH THE STATE REGISTRAR. THE ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS BILL ARE THE SAME AS THE ARGUMENTS TO THE TWO PREVIOUS BILLS AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

THE DEMAND FOR VERIFICATION OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS IS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IN THAT PEOPLE HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE LOCAL REGISTRARS. THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK IN KANSAS CITY, KANSAS ISSUES BETWEEN 50 AND 60 BIRTH VERIFICATIONS PER WEEK. THESE BIRTH VERIFICATIONS SERVE FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PURPOSES, AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS LITTLE LEAGUE BALL. THEY ALSO SERVE AS PROOF OF AGE FOR INDUCTION INTO THE MILITARY, EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, MARRIAGE LICENSES, DRIVERS LICENSES, AND IF THE REGISTRATION DATE IS PROVIDED, THEY WILL ALSO SERVE FOR PROOF OF AGE FOR SECURING A PASSPORT.

THE BIRTH VERIFICATION SERVICE PROVIDED BY MY OFFICE IS FREE OF CHARGE, WHILE THE STATE CHARGES \$6.00 FOR EACH ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND \$3.00 FOR SUBSEQUENT COPIES. THERE IS ALSO A TIME FACTOR INVOLVED OF APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS IN SECURING A COPY OF THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE FROM THE STATE. IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION A PERSON COULD DRIVE TO THE STATE OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

LOCATED AT FORBES FIELD AND SECURE THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN ONE DAY. WHILE THIS MAY BE FEASIBLE FOR CITIES LOCATED CLOSE TO TOPEKA, IT IS NOT FEASIBLE FOR CITIES SUCH AS KANSAS CITY, KANSAS; THE ROUND TRIP BEING APPROXIMATELY 120 MILES. AGAIN, THIS IS EVIDENCE THAT THE SERVICE NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

*people get
lost*

ANOTHER AREA THAT THE BILL PURPORTS TO ADDRESS IS THE PROBLEM WITH SECURING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM THE HOSPITALS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS. CURRENT PRACTICE REQUIRES THAT THESE RECORDS BE FILED WITH THE LOCAL REGISTRAR WHO IN TURN FORWARDS THE RECORDS TO TOPEKA AFTER CREATING HIS LOCAL RECORD. THE LOCAL REGISTRAR IS IN CLOSE GEOLOGICAL PROXIMITY TO THE HOSPITALS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND CAN AND HAS IN THE PAST EXERTED LOCAL INFLUENCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE THE FILING PROCESS.

IF THE LOCAL REGISTRARS, WHO IN MANY INSTANCES ARE PERSONALLY KNOWN TO HOSPITAL DIRECTORS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS CANNOT EXPEDITE THE FILING OF RECORDS, HOW DOES THE STATE EXPECT TO EXPEDITE THE FILING OF THESE RECORDS.

THE BASIS OF ALL THE FOREGOING IS THAT THE SERVICE CAN BEST BE PROVIDED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND AT SUBSTANTIALLY LESS COST TO THE CITIZENS.

Lawrence

City of Kansas City, Kansas

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

(LOCAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, DIST. 105-A)



DAVID T. ISABELL
CITY CLERK

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

March 6, 1979

Mr. Leroy Hayden
P.O. Box 39
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: Senate Bill No. 446
(Vital Statistics
Registration System)

Dear Mr. Hayden:

The above referenced legislation, as proposed, would have far reaching ramifications on a service this office has provided for decades.

Under the existing system of birth registration, the local hospitals file birth certificates with this office which are in turn recorded in our birth registration books and forwarded to Topeka each Friday. As I stated in our conversation on February 23rd, we have a substantial demand from the citizens of our community for certification of their birth records. We provide this service at no charge to our citizens, and do not wish to jeopardize this service. The birth verification supplied by this office is generally accepted as sufficient documentation of age for school enrollment, social security benefits, etc.

Under the proposed legislation, birth and death records would no longer be filed with this office thereby circumventing our registration of the records. I am quite sure we would receive a substantial number of complaints if our birth verification services were curtailed and our citizens required to secure all birth records from Topeka at the current charge of \$3.00.

I am hopeful that the local registrars would have input into any proposed legislation changing the existing system of birth verification.

Sincerely,

David T. Isabell
City Clerk

DTI:ce

cc: Patrick G. Hanlon, Finance Commissioner
Jack Steineger, Senator
Tom Rehorn, Senator

City of Kansas City, Kansas

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

(LOCAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, DIST. 105-A)

DAVID T. ISABELL
CITY CLERK

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101



January 7, 1980

Senator Jack E. Steineger
Two Gateway Center, Suite 201
Fourth and State Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

RE: 1979 Senate Bill No. 446
(Vital Statistics
Registration System)

Dear Senator Steineger:

As we have discussed, there is a possibility the above referenced bill will come up for action in the 1980 Session. I have enclosed a copy of last year's correspondence which delineated some of the ramifications the proposed bill would have on our community.

I would appreciate being informed of the status of this bill as the session progresses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David T. Isabell".

David T. Isabell
City Clerk

DTI:ce

Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Patrick G. Hanlon

P.S. In last year's session, Senator Leroy Hayden was involved with the committee on public health and welfare reviewing subject bill. Please let me know the senators involved with this committee in the current session.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, amendments proposed by Senate Bill #317 to the Vital Statistics Act would adversely affect many of the cities throughout the state and in particular the local registrars, which in most cases are City Clerks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY CLERKS' AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS:


SECTION 1. That at the 71st Annual City Conference, the association unanimously approved the following proposed changes to the existing law as underlined:

1. Section 65-2407. LOCAL REGISTRAR AND DEPUTIES APPOINTMENTS:
Local registrar of Vital Statistics shall be appointed by the state registrar of Vital Statistics. The City Clerk of an incorporated City within each registration district shall ordinarily be designated by the state registrar of Vital Statistics for such district, but the state registrar of Vital Statistics with the concurrence of the local City or County governing body may appoint some other competent person as local registrar. The state registrar of Vital Statistics may also appoint deputy local registrars of Vital Statistics.
2. 65-2412(B). The funeral director or person acting as such who first assumes custody of a dead body or fetus shall file the death certificate. He or she shall obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best qualified person or source available and shall obtain the medical certification of cause of death from the physician last in attendance prior to burial. The death certificate filed with the local registrar of Vital Statistics for that district and subsequently filed with the state registrar shall be the official death record except that a funeral director, license pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1714 may varify as true and accurate information pertaining to a death on a form provided by the state registrar and any such form, varified within 21 days of the date of death, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated for the purpose of establishing death and further the local registrar may certify death records in his or her possession as recorded in his or her death book and charge a fee for the same at his or her discretion with the approval of the local City or County governing body. Said fees shall not exceed the fees charged by the state registrar for death certificates. The secretary of health and environment shall fix and collect a fee for each form provided a funeral director pursuant to this sub-section. The fee shall be collected at the time the form is provided the funeral director and shall be the same amount as the fee for certified copy of a death certificate.
3. 65-2422(G). No person shall prepare or issue any certificate which purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate of birth, death, except as authorized in this act or regulations adopted except that the local registrar may at his or her discretion issue a varification of birth and death

as recorded in his or her record book when he or she is satisfied that the applicant therefore has a direct interest in the matter record. The local registrar with the approval of the local City or County governing body may fix and charge a fee for the issuance of birth and death varifications. Said fee not to exceed the fees the state registrar charges for certified copies of birth and death certificates.

4. 65-2431. Compensation of local registrars. Each local registrar shall be paid the sum of (75¢) for each complete birth, death or stillbirth certificate returned by him to the state registrar in accordance with the regulations of the secretary. In case no birth, death or stillbirth was registered during any calendar month, the local registrar shall so report, and be paid the sum of (75¢) for the report. (The following to be stricken.)
The secretary is authorized to limit by regulation the aggregate amount of fees to be paid per annum to any local registrar either by setting an annual aggregate maximum of such fees or by graduating the fees according to the number of registrations.

Adopted this 12th day of October, 1981.


PEARL SMITH PRESIDENT


HOWARD W. LINDBERG SEC - TREAS

RESOLUTION NO. 34437


WHEREAS, the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas adopted a Resolution on the 12th day of October, 1981, opposing Senate Bill 317 and recommending approval of the proposed change to the existing law in reference to Vital Statistics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

That said City is in support of and hereby approves said Resolution by the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas of the 12th day of October, 1981, opposing Senate Bill 317 and recommending approval of the proposed change to the existing law in reference to Vital Statistics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the League of Kansas Municipalities indicating the City of Kansas City, Kansas' support.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS 5 DAY OF November, 1981.


City Clerk

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