

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 27, 1985 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson - Legislative Research Department
Ramon Powers - Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan - Revisor of Statutes
Phil Lowe - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Eric Rucker - Secretary of State's Office

The minutes of February 20 were approved by motion of Senator Strict and second by Senator Martin.

SB 263 - Eric Rucker spoke in favor of the bill which was requested by the Secretary of State's office. He said the bill amends K.S.A. 25-2811 to increase the amount of compensation of election judges and clerks where voting machines are not in use from \$2.30 per hour to not less than \$3.00 per hour. The bill also increases the amount of compensation for election judges and clerks where voting machines are used to not less than the sum of \$40 per day. He pointed out that election officials say it is increasingly difficult to get individuals to serve as judges and clerks on election day and that increasing their compensation might help alleviate the problem. Mr. Rucker further stated that the salaries of the judges and clerks has not been raised since 1976. Committee discussion centered on whether to standardize the compensation for judges and clerks and make it uniform in all counties. It was pointed out that the workload varies tremendously in the counties. Mr. Rucker said that most election board workers are retired people and receive social security benefits and anything they earn over \$50 a day would have to be reported. He stated that this bill sets a uniform base and that the work load is different in all counties. Senator Johnston moved for a conceptual motion to authorize the board of county commissioners to set the salaries for election workers by Resolution. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion and after committee discussion the motion was withdrawn. Senator Vidricksen moved to recommend SB 263 to the Senate favorably for passage. Senator Johnston seconded the motion and the motion carried. Attachment No. 1.

SB 272 - Eric Rucker explained this bill concerning the eligibility to vote in presidential elections which was recommended by the Secretary of State's office to clarify the procedure for voting in presidential elections by new residents, former residents and relocated residents. He explained that a new resident was a resident of another state and resided in this state for less than 45 days before the general election. A former resident is a person who moved his place of residence less than 45 days preceding the general election but was a registered voter at the time of removal. A relocated resident means that the person's place of residence was relocated from one precinct in this state to another precinct in this state 20 days or less preceding the general election but was a registered voter in the former precinct of residence.

Senator Johnston moved to recommend SB 272 to the Senate favorably for passage. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion and the motion carried. Attachment No. 2.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 522-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 27, 1985

SB 192 - The committee heard testimony on this bill at the February 20 meeting. Senator Reilly moved to recommend the bill to the Senate unfavorably. Senator Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried. Attachment No. 3.

SB 200 - Senate Bill 200 relates to tie votes and declares the incumbent candidate the winner in case of a tie vote. There was brief discussion as to whether it might be unconstitutional to declare the incumbent candidate the winner in case of a tie vote and it was decided to pass over this bill at this time to allow more time for research and possibly to get an opinion from the Attorney General.

The Chairman announced that at the next meeting the committee would hear the opponents and proponents on Senate Concurrent Resolution 1617.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:

- SB 263 Report of Standing Committees
- SB 272 Report of Standing Committees
- SB 192 Report of Standing Committees

Senate Bill

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that Senate Bill No. 263

"AN ACT concerning elections; relating to compensation of election judges and clerks; amending K.S.A. 25-2811 and repealing the existing section."

Be passed.

Chairperson

*Attachment No. 1
S. Elect. 2/27/85*

Senate Report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that Senate Bill No. 272

"AN ACT concerning presidential elections; relating to the eligibility to vote thereat; amending K.S.A. 25-1801, 25-1802, 25-1803, 25-1804, 25-1805, 25-1806, 25-1807, 25-1808, 25-1809 and 25-1811 and repealing the existing sections."

Be passed.

Chairperson

*Attachment No. 2
S. Elect. 2/27/85*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that Senate Bill No. 192

"AN ACT concerning campaign finance; relating to filing of
certain information."

Be not passed.

Chairperson

*Attachment No. 3
S. Elect. 2/27/85*