

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 1985 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Vidricksen, Walker and Johnston were excused.

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson - Legislative Research Department  
Ramon Powers - Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan - Revisor of Statute's Office  
Phil Lowe - Secretary to Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Conferees - Sandy Duncan, House of Representatives  
Eric Rucker, Secretary of State's Office

The minutes of March 6 and March 7 were approved by motion of Senator Hoferer and second by Senator Street.

HB 2252 - Representative Sandy Duncan appeared in support of the bill which relates to printing of ballots and rules and regulations. Mr. Duncan stated that this will was requested by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations which was studied during the interim. The only change in the bill is the removal of the date and time for letting of the contract for the printing of ballots. The bill also provides for allowing the Secretary of State discretion in setting the rates of printing ballots since the rates for printing of ballots was formerly set by statute.

Eric Rucker from the Secretary of State's office said that their office was in complete agreement with what Mr. Duncan said and therefore support the bill.

HB 2476 - Eric Rucker appeared before the committee to explain the bill and to voice his support. Mr. Rucker stated it repeals K.S.A. 25-4313 and 25-4327 concerning improperly filed petitions for recall of elected officials. He pointed out that under present Kansas law, if recall petitions are submitted to the County Election Officer and the County Election Officer determines that the recall petitions are insufficient it is possible for the recall committee to amend and correct the insufficient petitions. K.S.A. 25-4327 states that the recall committee may file a supplementary petition within 20 days after the notice of insufficiency is given to the recall committee. To his knowledge, he said, this procedure is not found in any other Kansas election law concerning the passing of petitions and the rule in every other instance is when the petition is filed it is adjudged to be sufficient or insufficient. He stated that if the county election officer determines that a petition is insufficient, a new petition drive must begin.

HB 2252 - Senator Hoferer moved and Senator Reilly seconded the motion that House Bill 2252 be favorably recommended for passage. Motion carried.

HB 2476 - Senator Martin moved and Senator Reilly seconded the motion that HB 2476 be favorably recommended for passage. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:

- #1 - Standing Committee Report HB 2252
- #2 - Standing Committee Report HB 2476

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that House Bill No. 2252

"AN ACT relating to the secretary of state; concerning the printing of ballots; amending K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 25-604 and repealing the existing section."

Be passed.

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Chairperson

*Attachment #1  
S. Elect. 3/20/85*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Elections

Recommends that House Bill No. 2476

"AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 25-4313 and 25-4327; concerning improperly filed petitions for recall of elected officials."

Be passed.

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Chairperson

*Attachment # 2*  
*S. Elect. 3/20/87*