

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Richard L. Harper at
Chairperson

9:00 am a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 19 86 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Baker, excused; Rep. Crumbaker, excused; Rep. Foster, excused; Rep. Helgerson, excused; Rep. Justice, excused; Rep. Kline, excused; and, Rep. Knopp, excused.

Committee staff present: Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Mary Hack, Revisor of Statutes Office
Ramon Powers, Legislative Research Department
Nancy Spillman, Secretary of State's Office
Dottie Musselman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Burt DeBaun

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order.

Nancy Spillman, of the Secretary of State's office, was now introduced to the committee and, at this time gave a briefing on the proposed legislation coming from her office.

The one and only proposal coming from that office deals with changing the Kansas law to comply with the federal law. Currently Kansas allows for all ballots to be destroyed after 6 months. The Federal law requires that federal ballots be kept for 22 months.

Ms. Spillman told the committee that at this time Kansas requires that the official ballots for national and state offices must be printed on one ballot. The Secretary of State's office believes that the Kansas law must be cleared up in order to guide the Election officers as to which ballots can be destroyed after a period of 6 months, and which have to be held for 22 months.

It is the belief of the Secretary of State that this problem can be cleared up by amending statute #25-601 to mandate that national and state offices be printed on separate ballots.

It was moved by Representative Runnels that the proposed legislation coming from the Secretary of State's office be introduced. Seconded by Representative Flottman. Following some discussion on the proposal, the motion carried.

HB 2677, An Act concerning state officers and employees; relating to participation in political activity, was next on the agenda.

Chairperson Harper called on Representative DeBaun to give the committee an explanation of this bill. Representative DeBaun told the committee the purpose of HB 2677 was to include the wording "township elective office."

It was moved by Representative Blumenthal to pass HB 2677 out of committee favorably. Seconded by Representative Johnson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.