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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, February 18, 1986 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Harold Guldner, Excused; Rep. Knopp, Excused; and, Rep. Runnels, Excused

Committee staff present: Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Mary Hack, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's Office
Dottie Musselman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Marvin Littlejohn
Tom Bell, The Kansas Hospital Association

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order and announced that HB 2843 was up for hearing today. HB 2843, is an act concerning county hospitals; relating to terms of office of members of county hospital boards.

At this time Chairperson Harper called upon Representative Littlejohn, who is the author of HB 2843, to explain to the committee the need for this bill. It was noted that this bill should protect the majority of hospital boards, and it would help new members who rely heavily on the experience and expertise of remaining board members in order to help them in making decisions their first few years of serving on the board. It would be difficult to ask a majority of our hospital's boards to begin service at the same time. Representative Littlejohn told the committee that an interim study had been held on this issue in 1983.

Tom Bell, Kansas Hospital Association, appeared in support of HB 2843. Mr. Bell told the committee this bill would affect about 50 county hospitals in the State of Kansas.

As there were no questions, the hearing was now closed on HB 2843.

Representative Foster made a motion to recommend HB 2843 favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Wilbert. Motion carried.

It was moved by Representative Kline to accept the minutes of the February 11th meeting. Seconded by Representative Crumbaker. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



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February 13, 1986

Rep Richard L Harper
Chairperson
Elections Committee
House of Representatives
Room 175-W
State Capital
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Harper:

I would like to indicate my support for House Bill No 2843. In this fast changing pace of hospitals, particularly since the advent of a total change in the reimbursement system by the federal government, it would be extremely difficult to ask a majority of a hospital's board to begin service at the same time. This bill would assure a community that this would not happen.

Sincerely,

Robert E Hamilton
Treasurer=Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees

GRAHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Richard L. Harper, Chairman
Committee on Elections
House of Representatives-Room 175 W.
State Capital Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612

February 12, 1986

Dear Mr. Harper:

This letter is in support of H.B. 2843. It would be unbelievable chaos, felt in every court house in Kansas if Boards, of any kind, could change a majority at one time. Especially Hospital Boards during these uncertain times.

Anyone who participates in the writing of laws or selection of Boards, never should agree to allow this to happen.

The people of Kansas would best be served by the passage of H.B. 2843 and I strongly urge your committee to pass it favorably and not be turned away by narrow, local politics, but to think of the long range good of all citizens of this state.

Sincerely,
GRAHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Dale L. Martin
Administrator

DLM/ch
encl: c.c. to committee members

SMITH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Smith Center, Kansas, 66967

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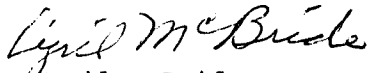
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Cyril McBride
Lincoln County Commissioner

THE MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL

BELOIT, KANSAS 67420

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Doris Haworth, Administrator

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Lincoln County Hospital

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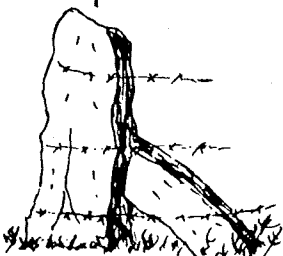
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Jolene Yager
Administrator



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J. M. Loney, M.D.
Chairman of Board of Trustees

TREGO COUNTY-LEMKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
WAKEENEY, KANSAS 67672

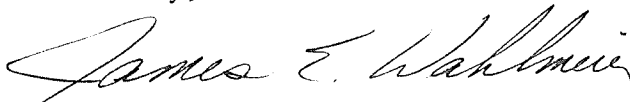
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Dear Rep. Harper:

I would like to indicate my support for House Bill No. 2843. Our community is in the middle of a hospital renovation project. We have a 7 member Board of Trustees. Three new members were appointed this past January. These new members rely heavily on the experience and expertise of remaining Board members to help them in making decisions their first few years on the Board. It would be extremely difficult to ask a majority of our Hospital's Board to begin service at the same time. Their minimal understanding of the complicated, fast changing pace of hospitals, could put the institution at risk without some continuity of members on the Board. This bill would assure our community that this would not happen.

Sincerely,



James E. Wahlmeier
Administrator