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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 January 22, 1987 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Sawyer

Committee staff present: Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Ramon Powers, Legislative Research Department
Nancy Ryan, Office of the Secretary of State
Ron Thornburgh, Office of the Secretary of State
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Walker

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order. Each member of the committee was asked to introduce themselves.

The first bill on the agenda today was HB 2001 - An Act concerning elections; relating to precinct committeewomen and committeemen. Chairperson Harper recognized the author of the bill, Representative Walker.

Representative Walker told members of the committee that this bill was filed upon request from an individual in his district. The purpose of this bill is to reduce the number of votes it would take to elect a precinct committee person from five to three. The Representative told the committee he had no position at this time on the bill. Following a brief discussion period the hearing was closed on HB 2001. A request was made for Jill Wolters to check for the committee as to why and where they came up with the number five (5) for write-in votes on this original bill.

Nancy Ryan, the Election Official from the Office of the Secretary of State was now recognized by the Chairperson. Nancy told the committee that there were 4 proposals that the Office of the Secretary of State would like for the committee to introduce.

Proposal #1 was a bill that was introduced in the 1985 session on the Senate side. (Senate Bill 315). County Election Officers would like for write-in candidates to declare their candidacy before the election. This legislation for a write-in declaration would apply to national, state, and county candidates. Precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen are to be excluded from this requirement.

Proposal #2 is in regard to optical scan technical changes to K.S.A. 25-4609. The Office of the Secretary of State would like the word "envelope" changed to "ballot sleeve" and require the ballot stub to be placed in a separate envelope rather than in the ballot box.

Proposal #3 is working with the Revisor and other people on legislation dealing with the printing of ballots. There has been trouble with the printer, and the amount of time it takes to get the ballots to the County Election Officers before the elections.

Proposal #4 is a recall request for legislation. There have been many lawsuits filed in Kansas concerning recall. It was noted that in Butler county a judge made the determination that it was the county clerks' responsibility to determine the sufficiency of a recall petition. The Secretary of State's Office is asking that the committee introduce legislation providing that the district attorney or county attorney make a determination of sufficiency of the grounds for recall.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections,
room 521-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 am a.m./p.m. on January 22, 1987.

Nancy Ryan came before the Elections Committee asking that the proposed legislation be drafted, and be referred back to the committee.

A motion was made by Representative Helgerson to recommend the introduction of the proposed legislation from the Office of the Secretary of State, and that it be referred back to the Elections Committee. Seconded by Representative Flottman. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

