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Date

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 Thursday, March 19, 1987 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Amos, excused; Representative Helgerson, excused; Representative Jenkins, excused; Representative Johnson, excused; Representative King, excused; Representative Larkin, excused; Representative Littlejohn, excused; and, Representative Shallenburger, excused.

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Nancy Ryan, Secretary of State's Office
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's Office
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dottie Musselman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Nancy Ryan, Secretary of State's Office
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's Office
Jim Kaup, Kansas League of Municipalities
Norene Staab, Office of the Shawnee County Elections
Commissioner

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order and recognized Nancy Ryan. Ms. Ryan came before the committee to give them a briefing on SB 159. This is a bill which relates to mailing of ballots. This bill provides that on the return identification envelope the language shall read in compliance with Kansas law instead of Chapter 25 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and thus is a technical cleanup bill recommended by her office.

As there were no questions, the hearing closed on SB 159.

Representative Blumenthal made a motion that SB 159 be passed favorably and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Flottman. Motion carried.

SB 106 was next on the agenda for hearing today. This is a bill which relates to the qualifications of certain city officers. The Chair recognized Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's office. Mr. Thornburgh came before the committee telling them that this bill is a cleanup bill and asked that Jim Kaup, League of Kansas Municipalities, give the committee a briefing on the intent of this bill. Mr. Kaup told the committee his office had recommended this piece of legislation as it is their thinking that there is a lack of precision in the wording of the statutes which establish residency qualifications of council members, commissioners, and mayors, as to when residency must be established in order for a candidate to be legally qualified to hold elective city office. Therefore, this bill does provide that to be legally qualified to hold elective city office, the person must be a qualified elector as of the date of filing for office.

Following a discussion period, the hearing closed on SB 106.

SB 160, is an act relating to irregularities in the notice and conduct of elections, and this was next on the agenda. The Chair recognized Norene Staab, Shawnee County Elections office. Ms. Staab came before the committee to give them a briefing of why this legislation had been requested. This bill is relating to question submitted elections and extends the provisions of KSA 25-702(a) regarding safeguards of elections to question submitted elections including both bond elections and local referendum.

Following a discussion period, the hearing closed on SB 160.

Representative Baker made a motion to favorably pass SB 160 from committee, and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Blumenthal. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections,
room 521-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 am a.m./p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 1987.

Representative Flottman made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 1987, meeting as written. Seconded by Representative Kline. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.