

Approved 2-25-87
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 18, 1987 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Johnston (excused).

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office

Phil Lowe, Secretary to Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Patty Jaimes, Douglas County Clerk and County Election Officer
Bev Bradley, Legislative Coordinator of the Kansas Association
of Counties

Nancy Ryan, Secretary of State's Office

SB 148. This bill was introduced by the Local Government Committee and referred to the Senate Elections Committee for consideration. Patty Jaimes, Douglas County Clerk and County Election Officer appeared in support of the bill and said that the election process would benefit if scanning equipment were used. It was pointed out that some of the benefits derived from using the scanning process would be the elimination of errors, elimination of late hours and the news agencies and others would benefit from early returns. This would not affect all counties at this time. The County Clerk also stated that two judges would be appointed from the two political parties and would come to the election office and be escorted by security guards to polling place to get ballots. In answer to a question she stated that the committee could write in any penalty provisions it desired but as the bill is written at the present time no penalties are included.

Bev Bradley, Legislative Coordinator of the Kansas Association of Counties, passed out written testimony and said their association is made up of all counties and county officers and supported the clerks/election officers in this request. (Attachment No. 1).

SB 159. Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department, briefly outlined the bill and said that the bill provides that on the return identification envelope the language shall read "in compliance with Kansas law" instead of "Chapter 25 of the Kansas statutes annotated".

Nancy Ryan, Secretary of State's Office, said the bill was requested by their office and is primarily a technical clean-up bill.

Senator Reilly made the motion to request that SB 159 be recommended favorably for passage and if there is no objection that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar for Senate action. Senator Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections,
room 522-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~xx~~ p.m. on February 18, 1987.

SB 199. Myrta Anderson said the bill provides that following a primary election in which some voters were deprived of the right to vote in which case such deprivation would change the result of the election, a judge of the district court in which the primary was held may order that a special election be held to determine the outcome.

Nancy Ryan of the Secretary of State's office appeared on behalf of the bill which was requested by the Secretary of State's office to clarify the procedure in the contest of a primary election. After consideration it was the concensus of the committee that SB 199 needed clarification concerning the deprivation of the right of voting for a candidate and also there was a possibility of concern in line 24 as to whether "judge of the district court" could be amended to administrative judge. The Secretary of State's office was instructed to draw up some amendments to the bill and report back to the committee.

SB 148. Senator Hoferer moved to report the bill back to the Senate with an adverse recommendation. Senator Bond seconded the motion.
Senator Reilly made a substitute motion that no action be taken on SB 148 at this time. Senator Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SB 106. Relates to the qualification of certain city officers and the committee had hearings on the bill at the February 4 meeting. After consideration it was the consensus of the committee that some clean-up amendments are needed in the bill that would require the candidate to be a resident in the district at the time of his filing for office.

SB 108. The committee had hearings on SB 108 at the February 12 meeting. The bill extends the two-year terms of precinct committeemen and committeewomen to a four-year term. It was the feeling of the committee members that the two-year term was more in line with the party system and for that reason Senator Hoferer moved not to recommend SB 108 for passage. Senator Bond seconded the motion and the motion carried.

On motion of Senator Martin and Senator Strick the minutes of the February 12 meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Guest list appears as Attachment 2).

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Elections

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NAME	ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION
Bob BRADLEY	Topeka	KS Assoc of Counties
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Bob Carl	Nebraska	A1 S
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Lynn Thompson	Manhattan	—
Della Wray Blyden	Manhattan	—
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To: Senator Francis Gordon
 Members of the Senate Elections Committee

From: Bev Bradley, Legislative Coordinator
 Kansas Association of Counties

Re: SB-148

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. I am Bev Bradley, representing the Kansas Association of Counties. Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of SB-148.

At our annual meeting in November, the voting delegates approved our legislative proposals for 1987. Among them is a statement requesting inclusion in the statutes of statements relating to updating procedures for counties using optical scanning equipment in elections. Our association is made up of all counties and county officers and we support the Clerks/Election officers in this request.

Today we have Douglas County Clerk, Patty Jaimes to further explain our position.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee.

Attachment No.1

Senate Elections Committee
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