

Approved February 10, 1988  
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Senator Gordon at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~3:00~~ p.m. on February 4, 1988 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Martin (excused)

Committee staff present:

Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor Statutes' office  
Phil Lowe, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's office

The minutes of February 3 were approved by motion of Senator Bond and second by Senator Vidricksen.

SB 500 - relates to voter registration and was introduced by Senator Hoferer at the request of the Shawnee Election Commissioner's office. The committee had held hearings on this bill at the January 27 meeting.

Ron Thornburgh distributed a balloon copy amending subsection (b) which states that if a mailing is returned by the postoffice undelivered the county election officer shall send by forwardable first class mail a notice to the voter informing him it is necessary to re-register if the voter's residence has changed. (Attachment 1).

The amendment in Section 2 of the bill amends the word "may" to "shall" and after considering the amendment the committee decided that this would now make it a mandatory piece of legislation rather than permissive as it was originally. It was the concensus of the committee to not act on the amended bill until the election commission officer has been contacted in regard to the amendment as outlined in the balloon copy of SB 500.

SB 501 - relating to minor political parties. The committee held hearings on this bill at the January 28 meeting. Dan Rice and Ron Thornburgh of the Secretary of State's office were in attendance to answer to questions on an amendment which was submitted by Douglas Merritt of the Libertarian Party. The amendment deletes the words "county and" in line 143, page 4, of the original bill (Attachment 2). The current law provides that the signor and petitioner must reside in the same precinct county. It was pointed out that this amendment makes it statewide which is acceptable for the office of governor but narrows it for some other elected officers and places limitations on the petitioner. Senator Bond offered a motion and Senator Reilly seconded the motion to adopt the amendment as offered by Mr. Merritt, but withdrew the motion and second because it was agreed upon that the amendment was not needed.

Senator Norvell moved for the passage of SB 501 as written. Senator Bond seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Chairman announced that on next Wednesday, February 10, the committee would continue with the hearing on SB 540, lobbyist registration and also possible action on bills previously heard.

The meeting was adjourned.



# SENATE BILL No. 500

By Committee on Elections

1-21

0016 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration;  
0017 amending K.S.A. 25-2309c and repealing the existing section.

0018 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

0019 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-2309c is hereby amended to read as  
0020 follows: 25-2309c. (a) ~~Except as provided by subsection (c),~~  
0021 whenever any notice or other official mailing is required to be  
0022 mailed to a registered voter at the place of residence specified in  
0023 the registration books, such notice shall be addressed to the  
0024 current mailing address of that voter as it appears in the regis-  
0025 tration records and shall be sent by nonforwardable first class  
0026 mail.

0027 (b) ~~Whenever any notice or other official mailing is required~~  
0028 ~~to be mailed to a registered voter and such notice or mailing is~~  
0029 ~~returned as undeliverable, the county election officer may re-~~  
0030 ~~move the name of such person from the registration books and~~  
0031 ~~the party affiliation lists.~~

0032 (c) ~~Whenever a voter's name has been removed from the~~  
0033 ~~registration books and party affiliation lists, the county election~~  
0034 ~~officer may send, by first class mail, a notification of removal,~~  
0035 ~~along with voter registration information or material to such~~  
0036 ~~person. If such person has moved to another county, the county~~  
0037 ~~election officer may notify the county election officer of the~~  
0038 ~~county where such person currently resides that such person is a~~  
0039 ~~now resident of the county.~~

0040 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-2309c is hereby repealed.  
0041 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and  
0042 after its publication in the statute book.

unless otherwise specifically provided,

(b) If such a mailing is returned by the post office a undeliverable, the county election officer shall send by forwardable first class mail, a notice, to be prescribed by the secretary of state, to the voter that it is necessary to re-register if the residence of the voter has changed.

## Section 2

**25-3702.** Affidavits to obtain ballots hereunder. Any such former precinct resident offering to vote in the precinct of his former residence, before receiving a ballot shall make an affidavit in writing on a form to be prescribed by the secretary of state, sworn or affirmed before one of the election judges, stating the address or location of his former residence, the date of his removal therefrom, the address or location of his new residence, and that he has not voted at such election. Such affidavit shall be delivered to the election judges and transmitted to the county election officer with the election returns and supplies.

Upon receipt of an affidavit of former precinct residence, the county election officer shall send to the current address specified on the affidavit, by forwardable first class mail, a notice, to be prescribed by the secretary of state, that it is necessary to re-register if the residence of the voter has changed.

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Senator Gordon  
This was resolved very simply Strike  
2 words and it saves the state several  
Thousand dollars

SB 501

0132 signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of such  
0133 township, computed as above provided, for each candidate, and  
0134 in no case to be signed by less than 10 such voters of such  
0135 township for each candidate.

0136 The signatures to such nomination petitions need not all be  
0137 appended to one paper, but each registered voter signing an  
0138 independent certificate of nomination shall add to the signature  
0139 such petitioner's place of residence and post-office address. All  
0140 signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the  
0141 same ~~precinct~~ county and election district of the office sought.

0142 The affidavit of a qualified elector who resides in such ~~precinct~~  
0143 ~~county and~~ election district or of the candidate shall be ap-  
0144 pended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set  
0145 of documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by  
0146 the circulator, to the effect that such circulator personally wit-  
0147 nessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name  
0148 appears thereon. The person making such affidavit shall be duly  
0149 registered to vote. No such nomination paper shall contain the  
0150 name of a candidate for governor without in the same such paper  
0151 containing the name of a candidate for lieutenant governor, and  
0152 if it does it shall be void. No person shall join in nominating more  
0153 than one person for the same office, and if this is done, the name  
0154 shall not be counted on any certificate.

0155 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-305 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
0156 25-305. (a) Certificates of nomination by convention or caucus  
0157 ~~and independent nomination petitions~~ for the nomination of  
0158 candidates for national, state, county, and township offices; shall  
0159 be filed with the secretary of state, or the county election officer,  
0160 not later than 12:00 noon, June 10, preceding the national, state,  
0161 county and township general election, except when such date  
0162 falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, and then not later than  
0163 12:00 noon the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a  
0164 holiday.

0165 (b) *Independent nomination petitions for the nomination of*  
0166 *candidates for national, state, county and township offices shall*  
0167 *be filed with the secretary of state or the county election officer*  
0168 *no later than 12:00 noon on the Monday preceding the first*