

Approved _____ Date 2-9-89

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Kenneth R. King at _____
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 1989 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Tom Sawyer, excused

Committee staff present: Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Fred Carman, Revisor of Statues Office
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's Office
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Carol Williams, Public Disclosure Commission

The meeting of the House Election Committee was called to order by Chairman Kenneth R. King at 9:06 a.m.

Myrta Anderson was called on to explain HB 2165 which would provide a blank space on absentee ballots for precinct committeeman and committeewoman for write in votes.

Ron Thornburg appeared before the committee, from the Secretary of State's Office, to make sure the committee was aware that the bill would provide for a blank space for write in votes and not listing the candidates by name. He stated the Secretary of State's Office is not taking a definite position on this bill but feels it is good in that it allows for everyone to have the same opportunity to vote for all candidates.

After discussion Representative Foster made a motion that the bill be amended to allow for the printing of the names of the persons running for precinct committeeman or committeewoman. This was seconded by Representative Sebelius.

Representative Dillon stated this was not the intent of the bill - that it was requested by his county election commissioner that just a blank space be provided.

The motion was made by Representative Foster to withdraw his amendment. Seconded by Representative Sebelius.

Representative Sebelius moved to amend the bill to allow absentee ballots to be printed exactly like traditional ballots in voting booths, with the names of the committee persons printed as well as a blank space for write ins.

After further discussion regarding the costs of this printing, whether this was acceptable to the county election commissioners in the different counties, etc., Ron Thornburg stated he would make this information available at the next meeting on the 9th of February. Representative Sebelius moved that the motion be withdrawn.

Representative Dillon will also check with his election commissioner to fully understand what was intended in this bill.

Chairman King then opened up HB 2114 for discussion.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections,
room 521-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m./p.m./on Tuesday, February 7, 1989

Myrta Anderson explained this bill which would disqualify anyone to run for state office until civil penalties are paid. Carol Williams, Public Disclosure Commission, explained how these fines were imposed and who they were imposed against.

No action was taken on HB 2114 and Chairman King requested Carol Williams and Fred Carman discuss this further and make any changes in the bill that was necessary.

A bill by request was presented from Representatives Jenkins, Ramirez and Flower to introduce a bill that would amend Kansas law to permit local school districts the option of conducting bond issue elections by mail ballot. That decision is now made by county clerks and election officers and cannot be made by local boards. Representative Helgerson moved that this bill be presented. Representative Shallenburger seconded. The motion carried. (Attachment I)

The minutes of the meeting on Thursday, February 2nd were presented to the Committee. Representative Helgerson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Representative Lucas seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Elections Committee will be held on Thursday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. in Room 521-S.

STATE OF KANSAS



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HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

February 1, 1989

Rep. Kenneth King
Chairman, House Elections Committee
Room 180-West, Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We have been requested by our respective school superintendents to introduce legislation which would amend Kansas law to permit local school districts the option of conducting bond issue elections by mail ballot. That decision is now made by county clerks and election officers and cannot be made by local boards.

Because the deadline has passed for individual bill requests, we respectfully request that your committee introduce such legislation. If you have any questions regarding our proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Martha

Martha Jenkins
Representative

Al Ramirez

Al Ramirez
Representative

Joann Flower

Joann Flower
Representative

cc: Dean Weaver
Steve McClure
Charles Edmonds
Mike Slusher
Don Simmons

Attachment I