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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Tim Shallenburger at
Chairperson

9:07 a.m./p.m./on Tuesday, March 14, 1989 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Baker, excused
Chairman Kenneth R. King, excused
Representative Lucas, excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Thornburgh, Office of the Secretary of State

The meeting of the Election Committee was called to order by ViceChairman Tim Shallenburger at 9:07 a.m.

The Chair opened discussion on SB 111 by calling on Ron Thornburgh, Office of the Secretary of State, who presented testimony in support of SB 111. (Attachment I) Following discussion the Chair closed hearings on SB 111.

Hearings were then opened on SB 248. Ron Thornburgh, Office of the Secretary of State, presented written testimony in support of this bill. (Attachment II). As there were no other proponents or opponents to appear before the committee in regard to SB 248 the Chair closed hearings on SB 248.

The minutes of the meeting on March 2nd were presented for approval. Representative Empson moved the minutes be approved and this was seconded by Representative Wilbert. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next meeting of the Election Committee will be held on Thursday, March 16th, 9:00 a.m. in Room 521-S.

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TESTIMONY OF RON THORNBURGH
HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
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Senate Bill 111

Our office asked for the introduction of SB 111 to fulfill the requests of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, a division of the U.S. Department of Defense.

The bill will mandate several ideas which are already in use in the state of Kansas. The 45 day deadline to send federal service ballots, and the single application for a ballot for both elections are practices already encouraged by our office.

This same idea was passed by both houses last year but failed to become law because the presidential preference primary was amended into the bill.

In addition, the bill cleans up K.S.A. 25-2708 to allow for the destruction of school ballots in the same manner as city ballots.

I ask that you recommend SB 111 favorably for passage.

Thank you.

Attachment I

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Senate Bill 248

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

The Secretary of State's office asked for the introduction of SB 248 in order to clean up a discrepancy in the Kansas election laws.

Currently, in order for any voter who needs assistance in voting to cast a ballot, they must complete a notarized document along with the person offering assistance. Many times, the person needing assistance in voting, is unable to get a document notarized, therefore, possibly denying them the right to vote.

We are asking in SB 248 to allow the requirement for a notary to be changed to a requirement for a written statement similar to the statements used on all other election documents.

Attachment II