

Approved 1-30-90
Date

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

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

9:05 a.m./p.m. on January 25, 1990 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Sebelius, excused.

Committee staff present: Pat Mah, Research
Arden Ensley, Revisor
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Thornburgh, Office of Secretary of State

The meeting of the House Elections Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Kenneth R. King.

The first order of business was hearings on SB 248. The Chair called on Ron Thornburgh, from the Office of the Secretary of State, to present testimony on this bill. This bill was passed out of committee last year and referred back to the Election Committee. (Attachment I)

There being no further testimony on SB 248 the Chair declared that hearings were closed.

SB 294, an act concerning certain elective offices, filling vacancies, resignation from office, was then presented to the committee for final action.

Following discussion a motion was made by Representative Wilbert to pass the bill out of committee favorably, seconded by Representative Foster and the motion carried.

Ron Thornburgh asked that a bill be introduced which would reduce the deadline for registering to vote from 20 days prior to election to 15 days. Representative Dillon made a motion that this bill be introduced, seconded by Representative Sawyer. The motion was put to a vote and carried.

The minutes for the meeting of January 23rd were presented for approval. An addition was made to the request by Arden Ensley concerning duplications of statutes to include that it would take three bills to accomplish the changes he requested. With this change made Representative Lucas made a motion that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Representative Cates and carried.

The next meeting of the House Elections Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. in Room 521-S.

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STATE OF KANSAS

Testimony of Ron Thornburgh
House Elections Committee
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SB 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, a notarized document must be signed by 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 I

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