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Thomas F. Walker
Date 1-30-90

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Thomas F. Walker at
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./p.m. on Friday, January 26, 1990 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Graeber - Excused

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor
Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research
Jackie Breymer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Kaup - League of Kansas Municipalities General Counsel
Leslie Scott - K.C., Topeka and Wichita Chapters, National Elec. Cont. Assn.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order and stated the minutes would stand approved at the end of the meeting if there were no corrections or additions.

The Chairman had met with Senator Oleen. She would like to see all health related boards come under sunset review. She asked that House Governmental Organization introduce legislation that would do this. The following boards would be affected: Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, Board of Examiners for Hearing Aid Examiners, Dental Board, Board of Optometry Examiners and Board of Pharmacy. The House would have Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and Board of Examiners for Hearing Aid Examiners. The Senate would start with Dental Board, Board of Optometry Examiners and Board of Pharmacy.

Representative Weimer moved that this legislation be introduced.
Representative Reinert gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman said this is a departure from the philosophy of sunset review. Eight years ago the philosophy changed to sunset review of departments such as Revenue, Transportation, SRS, etc; these kinds of departments. The legislation will be set for hearings and listen to what the people who come in have to say.

The Committee turned its attention to HB 2626 - examination date for electricians.

Jim Kaup, League General Counsel, appeared first on the bill. Mr. Kaup's handout contained the statement that in order to continue the current system of a reciprocally recognized examination for electricians, HB 2626 is necessary. It amends K.S.A. Supp. 12-1525 to change "July 1, 1989" to "July 1, 1990". (See Attachment 1)

Mr. Kaup stated that this cannot be done by just stating "as revised" in a bill, or by rules and regulations. It is a matter of changing the statutes. It was the Attorney General's opinion that it would not be lawful to do it any other way.

Reciprocity was discussed in terms of permits and licensing.

The Chairman declared the peanut of the bill was that a fence cannot be built around a governmental unit. If the test was passed in one jurisdiction, one can operate in any jurisdiction.

Leslie Scott, Topeka Chapter National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. spoke in support of HB 2626. The electrical code changes every three years and the Block test is based on the most recent code. With the new code becoming effective in 1990, it is necessary to change the existing law as HB 2626 does. (See Attachment 2)

A fiscal note had been distributed to the committee which stated no fiscal impact for the bill. (See Attachment 3)

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION,
room 522-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m./p.m. on Friday, January 26, 1990

As there were no other conferees on HB 2626, the Chairman declared the hearing closed.

It was decided to work the bill.

Representative Reinert moved that HB 2626 be passed and placed on the Consent Calendar. Representative Ramirez gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there was any other business to bring before the Committee. Representative David Miller stated that the Department of Administration sub-committee would meet at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday and 9:00 a.m. Friday.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.



**League
of Kansas
Municipalities**

**Municipal
Legislative
Testimony**

An Instrumentality of Its Member Kansas Cities. 112 West Seventh Street, Topeka, Kansas 66603 Area 913-354-9565

TO: House Committee on Governmental Organization
FROM: Jim Kaup, League General Counsel
RE: HB 2626; Electrician Examination
DATE: January 26, 1990

The 1989 Legislature amended K.S.A. Supp. 12-1525 by enacting Sen. Sub. for HB 2124 (1989 Session Laws Chapter 59) which designated standard examinations which may be used by any county or city which requires licensure of electricians. The standard examination for electricians was to be based upon codes and standards effective on July 1, 1989--the date that legislation took effect. The examination based on the codes and standards effective July 1, 1989 prepared and published by the national trade testing entity--statutorily declared to be Block and Associates--is designated the standard examination for determining the qualification of persons seeking licensure as electricians.

In keeping with technological and regulatory changes, the national codes and standards used by cities and counties are periodically updated. The National Electrical Code (NEC) has been updated for 1990. Block and Associates--the testing entity designated under Supp. 12-1525 for reciprocally recognized examinations--will change the test for electricians in July 1990 to include changes to the NEC. After July 1990 Block and Associates will not offer electrician examinations based on the 1989 edition of the NEC.

In order to continue the current system of a reciprocally recognized examination for electricians, HB 2626 is necessary. It amends K.S.A. Supp. 12-1525 to change "July 1, 1989" to "July 1, 1990".

League Policy Statement. The League's convention-adopted Statement of Municipal Policy provides at Section I-9: "Statutes establishing reciprocity for licensure examinations should be amended as new versions, reflecting national code changes, are promulgated."

The League respectfully requests your favorable consideration of HB 2626.

ATTACHMENT 1
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KANSAS (TOPEKA) CHAPTER
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE

HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

January 26, 1990

BY

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Leslie Scott and I am here today on behalf of the Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita Chapters of the National Electrical Contractors Association. We are here to support House Bill No. 2626.

As we mentioned in our testimony last year, the electrical code changes every three years and the Block and Associates test is based on the most recent code. With a new code becoming effective in 1990, it is necessary to change the existing law as HB 2626 does. Thank you very much for all of your work on this law and we urge your support of HB 2626.

ATTACHMENT 2
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January 22, 1990

The Honorable Thomas Walker, Chairperson
Committee on Governmental Organization
House of Representatives
Third Floor, Statehouse

Dear Representative Walker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2626 by Committee on Governmental
Organization

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB
2626 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2626 would provide technical adjustments to the Kansas statutes
relating to the standard examinations for determination of competency for
electricians. The bill would become effective on July 1, 1990 and would
update the statute's previous references from the K.S.A. 1986 Supplemental
to the K.S.A. 1989 Supplemental.

There is no fiscal impact for this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M F O'Keefe".

Michael F. O'Keefe
Director of the Budget

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