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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR DON DALLEE at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~a~~p.m. on January 16, 1990 in room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:
Pat Mah, Legislative Research Department
Ardan Ensley, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Ron Thornburgh, Office of the Secretary of State
Douglas Merritt
Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Sallee called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and announced that the committee would accept bill requests and review bills currently in committee next week.

Staff members, Pat Mah from Legislative Research, Ardan Ensley from the Revisor of Statutes office and Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary were introduced to Committee members.

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State Office, appeared before the committee noting HB-2608 was necessary due to the reapportionment of districts of the Kansas House of Representatives as well as the Federal Census Block Boundary Project. Mr. Thornburgh noted the office was not able to compile the number of signatures necessary to file nomination petitions.

The Attorney General issued an opinion stating that two ways of filing must be provided and this would require changes in the statutes.

The bill as amended would change the current law concerning signatures on nomination petitions to require that the number of required signatures on nomination petitions be based on 2 percent of the number of voters registered by a political party rather than on votes cast for the party candidate for the office of the Secretary of State. The signature requirements for independent candidates would be based on 4 percent of the total number of voters registered. This would indicate a modicum of support for the independent candidate. (Attachment 1)

The bill also would use voter registration numbers rather than the number of votes cast for computing the rotation list of the names of state and national candidates on the election ballot. Rotation of the different candidates on the ballot is required as a means of achieving equal opportunity for each candidate.

In answer to the question of how candidates would know whether they had obtained enough signatures of registered voters it was noted that one and one-half to two times the proscribed signatures should be obtained to assure the necessary number.

Concern was expressed over the 10 day time frame and it was noted this could be a potential problem. Mr. Thornburgh noted the Secretary of State Office would have to act quickly to expedite the signature checking process.

Douglas Merritt appeared in opposition to H.B.-2608 stating the four percent figure for required signatures used in the bill for independents to qualify was quite high. He also voiced objections pertaining to the requirement that a registered voter must live in the same county and same district noting this would restrict a candidate.

Senator Bond, with a second from Senator Lee moved to report H.B.-2608 favorable for passage. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

GUEST LIST

SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Matt Treadwell	Topeka	AP
Michael Woolf	"	Common Cause
Ron Thornburgh	Topeka	SOS

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The following signature requirements are as they would have been for the 1988 nomination petitions.

	Republican	Democrat	Independent
STATE WIDE			
Current	4,275	3,795	2,500
Proposed	4,634	3,240	2,500
CONGRESSIONAL RACES			
1st District:			
Current	2,204	1,424	9,068
Proposed	2,266	1,268	9,828
2nd District:			
Current	1,459	1,605	7,658
Proposed	1,678	1,110	7,925
3rd District:			
Current	1,548	1,286	7,083
Proposed	1,724	1,329	8,854
4th District:			
Current	1,678	1,561	8,094
Proposed	1,652	1,476	8,701
5th District:			
Current	1,663	1,557	8,046
Proposed	1,951	1,299	8,800
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			
District 1:			
Current	43	61	257
Proposed	49	64	343
District 3:			
Current	47	54	249
Proposed	59	52	326

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District 8:			
Current	52	35	215
Proposed	98	40	339
District 11:			
Current	62	57	296
Proposed	71	63	319
District 22:			
Current	71	47	293
Proposed	72	31	309
District 32:			
Current	19	25	109
Proposed	19	41	169
District 35:			
Current	17	47	157
Proposed	14	89	271
District 36:			
Current	31	58	220
Proposed	26	86	300
District 49:			
Current	64	44	269
Proposed	92	33	345
District 52:			
Current	75	83	393
Proposed	85	45	345
District 65:			
Current	39	39	193
Proposed	47	46	244
District 77:			
Current	70	68	343
Proposed	68	59	402
District 82:			
Current	68	58	311
Proposed	71	57	371
District 85:			
Current	106	75	450
Proposed	114	62	481
District 86:			
Current	78	48	313
Proposed	92	46	348
District 95:			
Current	47	53	249

Proposed	41	60	287

SENATORIAL

District 1:			
Current	199	183	953
Proposed	256	141	1,095
District 3:			
Current	158	176	832
Proposed	148	138	898
District 4:			
Current	49	110	396
Proposed	47	216	675
District 8:			
Current	253	158	1,024
Proposed	293	112	1,208
District 13:			
Current	141	197	845
Proposed	169	205	1,061
District 14:			
Current	176	195	926
Proposed	199	173	1,075
District 24:			
Current	346	114	1,148
Proposed	283	169	1,297
District 30:			
Current	263	184	1,114
Proposed	288	167	1,198
District 32:			
Current	184	210	985
Proposed	243	188	1,075
District 33:			
Current	238	189	1,064
Proposed	252	151	1,151
District 36:			
Current	293	138	1,075
Proposed	321	125	1,169