

Approved February 8, 1990
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Sen. Jim Allen at
vice- Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 6, 1990 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Gaines and Montgomery - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Eileen Koutelas, Water district No. 1 of Johnson County

The hearing began on SB 533 concerning the governing body of water supply and distribution districts. Eileen Koutelas, Water District No. 1 of Johnson County, testified in support of the bill. (See Attachment I).

Sen. Burke asked Sen. Allen if he is aware of any opposition to the bill. Sen. Allen answered that he knew of no opposition. This concluded the hearing on SB 533. Since the Chairman could not attend the meeting, it was the consensus that no action be taken on the bill today.

The minutes of January 31 were approved.

Sen. Petty requested the introduction of a bill for the City of Rossville regarding a one cent increase in local sales tax to match flood control funds to expire when this project is completed. Sen. Petty made a motion to introduce the bill, Sen. Burke seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL 533
PRESENTED BEFORE THE
SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 1990**

Good morning Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Eileen Koutelas. I am here today representing Water District No. 1 of Johnson County in support of Senate Bill 533.

Senate Bill 533 allows water districts organized under K.S.A. 19-3505 to expand their governing boards to seven members, beginning with the April, 1991, election. Currently our water district is the only district organized under this statute and is the only one impacted by this bill.

Mergers between Water District No. 1 and three rural water districts in the past year and a half have increased our boundaries significantly. As part of our merger contract with former Rural Water District No. 2, our Board agreed to pursue legislative amendments to increase the Board from five to seven members. SB 533 provides for creation of two additional board positions in April, 1991.

Consistent with current board elections, all board positions will continue to be elected at large by registered voters who reside within the District's service boundaries. Currently, two Board members on our five-member Board are from former rural water district service areas.

SB 533 also changes the method candidate names for board positions are listed on the election ballot. Names are currently listed in alphabetical order and that would be changed to a rotation method under the provisions of SB 533.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I will be happy to entertain any questions you might have.

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Submitted by:
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Director, Community Relations
Water District No. 1 of Johnson County

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Attachment I*