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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Tom Sawyer at
Chairperson

9:15 a.m./p.m. on Friday, March 8th, 1991 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Pat Mah, Research
Arden Ensley, Revisor
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The House Elections Committee was called to order by Chairman Tom Sawyer at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, March 8th, 1991.

The first bill before the committee for final action was HB 2509, concerning campaign finance reporting in local question-submitted elections. The Chair called on Carol Williams, Public Disclosure Commission to speak on this bill. She requested an amendment on page 1, lines 19, 20, 21. She explained that first class cities and counties were deleted and need to be put back in the bill. The change was made last year in lines 16, 17 and 18 and these changes do not need to be there. Representative Shallenburger made a motion to amend HB 2509 as requested, seconded by Representative Jones and the motion carried.

Representative Shallenburger made a motion to pass HB 2509, as amended, seconded by Representative Jones and the motion carried.

The Chair next called for action on all the bills pertaining to election procedures, HB 2327 and HB 2233 through HB 2239. Representative Shallenburger made a motion to refer all of these bills to an interim committee, seconded by Representative Baker.

Representative Wells requested that HB 2238 be considered on its own merit. Representative Shallenburger made a motion to put HB 2238 on the agenda, seconded by Representative Macy and the motion carried.

Representative Shallenburger made a motion to put HB 2238 on the consent calendar, seconded by Representative Love and the motion carried.

HB 2174, concerning registration of voters, was the next bill on the agenda for discussion and final action.

Representative King made a motion to amend HB 2174 to require a \$5,000 penalty for fraudulent registration, seconded by Representative Shallenburger.

Representative Macy made a substitute motion to pass HB 2174 out favorable, seconded by Representative Jones.

Following discussion Representative Macy withdrew her substitute motion and Representative Jones withdrew his second.

Representative McKechnie made a substitute motion to delete "public office" on page 2, line 4, and insert "county or state", and conceptually make a new section that would say "appointments shall expire at close of voter registration rolls for general elections or any time the person is no longer a bona fide candidate". Representative Stephens seconded this amendment and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Stephens made a motion to pass HB 2174, as amended, seconded by Representative Johnson and the motion carried.

Having voted on the prevailing side, Representative Macy asked for HB 2151, concerning the appointment of election commissioners in certain counties, to be reconsidered. The Chair called for a vote on Representative King's original motion that would send HB 2151 to an interim committee and this failed.

The bill then returned to Representative Shallenburger's motion to eliminate the office of election commissioner and make the county clerks responsible for the elections and this motion passed.

Representative Jones made a motion to pass HB 2151 as amended, seconded by Representative Love and the motion carried.

The Chair then stated that all of the ethics bills would be considered together since they were all germane to HB 2454. This includes HB 2121, HB 2271, HB 2369, HB 2382, HB 2510, and HB 2513.

Representative Parkinson made a motion that lines 11-14, page 35, concerning the social calendar, be deleted, seconded and the motion carried.

Representative McKechnie made a motion, relating to page 11, to eliminate Section 12, seconded by Representative Thompson.

Representative Praeger made a substitute motion to leave the bill as it is but in line 26, page 11, to include political parties reading, "no state office, no candidate, candidate committee or political party", seconded by Representative Parkinson and the motion carried.

The Chair then went back to Representative McKechnie's motion to eliminate Section 12 and the motion carried.

Representative Cates made a conceptual motion to ban PAC contributions to political parties, seconded by Representative Shallenburger and the motion carried.

Representative Parkinson made a motion to strike section 16, seconded by Representative Macy.

Representative McKechnie made a substitute motion to leave section 16 as is but exclude elected officers of the state, seconded by Representative Macy. Arden Ensley, Revisor, will work with Representative McKechnie to the exact wording but the conceptual motion will designate specifically the office of that individual and their administrative assistant or individual.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion by Representative McKechnie and the motion carried.

Representative Praeger made a motion to strike lines 41-42, page 33, Section 39.

Representative Shallenburger made a substitute motion to strike all of Section 39, however, leaving in the word "lobbyist principle" wherever it appears in the bill, seconded by Representative Jones and the motion carried.

Chairman Sawyer adjourned the House Elections Committee at 10:30 a.m.

