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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

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

9:10 a.m./p.m. on Friday, March 22nd, 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:

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The Chair opened discussions on HB 2454, concerning ethics.

Representative McKechnie was called on first and had three amendments he wished to offer.

The first amendment was on page 11, section 13, lines 29 through 36. He moved that "other thing of value" be deleted from this section. This was seconded by Representative Scott and the motion carried.

His next amendment was on page 34, lines 37, little (c), and would remove the words "value in excess of", seconded by Representative Parkinson and the motion carried.

He offered two amendments in Section 30. The first amendment would state "that all contracts for services let by the State of Kansas would be placed up for competitive bids". This was seconded by Representative Macy and the motion carried. The second amendment, on line 30, would eliminate the word "also" and allow a legislator's professional firm to accept and participate in representative cases, seconded by Representative Macy and the motion carried.

Representative Shallenburger made a motion to require all elected officials of the state of Kansas, before entering the duties of their respective offices, to file a Kansas income tax clearance request with the state of Kansas, seconded by Representative Wells. The motion passed.

Representative Johnson offered an amendment which would require all elected officials to sign a statement that personal property taxes and real estate taxes were paid and this statement would be filed with the county treasurer of each county in which such officer owns property, seconded by Representative Stephens. The motion passed.

Representative Baker offered an amendment which would amend HB 2510, concerning campaign finance in unified school districts within the 5th enrollment category, into HB 2454. She stated this bill would require school districts within the 5th enrollment category to fall under the same reporting requirements that the rest of us do. This was seconded by Representative Shallenburger and the motion passed.

Representative Love offered an amendment to amend HB 2121 into Section 29 of HB 2454. This concerns gifts and hospitalities. This was seconded by Representative Stephens. The motion failed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 521-S, Statehouse, at 9:10 a.m./p.m. on Friday, March 22nd, 1991.

Representative King wished to restate a motion he had made previously regarding media reporting. His amendment would require the media to report as an independent expenditure all endorsements of a candidate, seconded by Representative Parkinson. The motion passed.

Representative Stephens made a motion that pertains to Section 16. She wished to add, on line 36 "public buildings for advertising purposes". This was seconded by Representative McKechnie. Following discussion Representative Stephens withdrew her motion.

Representative Stephens offered an amendment to the new section 51. She moved to change the wording on page 2 to read "are you delinquent on any taxes" and in the next paragraph change the wording to "If yes, please explain". This was seconded by Representative Jones. The motion passed.

Representative Jones made a motion to pass HB 2454.

Representative King made a substitute motion. This motion concerns subpoena power. He had offered a previous amendment which would require the Commission must show probable cause before issuing a subpoena, must have a 3/4 vote of the commission and the Commission would be responsible if frivolous charges were filed. He wished to remove the word "frivolous charge", leave the rest of the previous amendment intact, regarding probable causes and 3/4 vote of the Commission, seconded by Representative Shallenburger. The motion failed.

The Chair then called for the question on Representative Jones' motion to pass HB 2454, as amended, seconded by Representative McKechnie and the motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the House Elections committee will meet on Tuesday, March 26, 1991 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 521-S.

