

Approved 1-30-92
Date

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Representative Sherman Jones
Chairperson

9:06 a.m./p.m. on January 21, 1992 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Baker (excused)
Representative Cozine (excused)
Representative McKechnie (excused)
Representative Stephens (excused)
Representative Thompson (excused)

Committee staff present: Arden Ensley, Revisor
Pat Mah, Research
Shirley Lee, COmmittee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe A de la Torre, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

Others attending: see attached list.

Chairman Jones introduced Representative Tom Bishop and the new Committee Secretary, Shirley Lee. Representative Bishop replaced Representative Tom Sawyer. Other members were recognized and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

Chairman Jones discussed the new seating arrangement. He stated that the change was made to get out the best possible legislation for the people we serve, and that anyone desiring to change their seating arrangement was to inform the secretary.

Chairman Jones discussed the manner of introducing bills. He indicated the position that one has on a bill at this time was not important as courteously allowing the bill to be introduced. He also stressed that Committee members were to inform him prior to introducing a bill before the Committee.

Chairman Jones stated the business for the meeting was basically to review the status of bills that were still in Committee (See Attachment 1). The status of the bills were discussed as follows:

Bills that the Committee will take no action: **HB 2150, 2240, 2271, 2212, 2508, 2510, 2513, HRC 5022, SB 83, 239, 240, and 457.**

Bills that are completed: **HB 2121, 2151, 2325, and 2342.** It was stated by the Chairman that **HB 2121** was taken care of by an Ethic Bill.

Bills that are undecided: **HB 2161.**

Bills that will remain open: **HB 2215, 2230, 2291, 2292, 2369, 2382, 2405, 2512, HRC 5018, and SB 241.** It was stated by the Chairman that **HB 2230** relates to the Presidential Primary Bill and the Committee will probably work on the bill early.

Representative Wells' Bills: **HB 2233 - 2239, 2327, and SB 98.** Chairman Jones stated he would appoint a subcommittee to study the bills and make a recommendation to the Committee. Chairman Jones appointed Vice Chair Judith Macy to chair the subcommittee.

Joe A de La Torre appeared before the Committee. He stated the Senate will be introducing a bill that deals with cost cutting measurements specifically in the printing of ballots. He stated that the printer has agreed to print the ballots. He also indicated that the Secretary of State was proposing the elimination of the rotation of the names on the ballots as it was considered to be one of the largest cost. Instead the Secretary would draw the names by lot and the names would appear the same on the ballots each time. He stated further that the compensation of poll workers was also being considered. Representative Wells questioned if the bill was involving the presidential primary and Joe A de la Torre acknowledged that it did. He further indicated that they were developing a bill for workers not to receive

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compensation because often many elderly persons wanted to work, but the compensation interfered with their Social Security benefits. He also indicated that the Secretary of State will publish one newspaper per county as opposed to three and that they will be deleting the perforation on the ballot, instead, a distinct mark would be made on the ballot that the optic scan would pick up. Representative Shallenburger asked the cost savings and Joe A de la Torre stated he was unable to provide the amount at this time. Chairman Jones requested of Joe A de la Torre a copy of the proposal to provide to the Committee members. (See attachment 2)

Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

GUEST LIST

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Michelle Lister	Topeka	Ks. Gov. Consulting
Craig Grant	Topeka	H-NEA
Michael Wolf	"	Common Cause/KS
Caul Williams	Topeka	KCGBC
J.R. M	Lawrence	Intern / Rep. Baker
JEFF LARSON	LAWRENCE	INTERN / Rep. Bishop
Rebecca Bossemeyer	TOPEKA	SOS
Julia de la Torre	TOPEKA	SOS

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BILLS STILL IN COMMITTEE

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- ✓ H 2121 Prohibiting gifts to state officers, employees and candidates for state office.
02/05/91
LAST ACTION: 02/05/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00120

- H 2150 Prohibiting legislators from lobbying for one year following end of service.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424

- ✓ H 2151 County clerk ex-officio county election commissioner; county appraiser made elective officer.
05/05/91
LAST ACTION: 05/05/91 HOUSE- Withdrawn from calendar, rereferred to Elections -HJ 01144

- cut?* H 2169 Limitations on and public funding of certain election campaign expenditures.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424

- ✓ H 2215 Withdrawal of candidate for election.
02/13/91
LAST ACTION: 02/13/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00159

- not entry* H 2230 Election officers to provide county precinct and election district maps.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424

- H 2233 Validity of marked, defaced, mutilated and torn election ballots.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174

- H 2234 Grounds for contest of election.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174

- H 2235 Automatic recount of ballots in election if difference between candidates is 25 or less.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174

- H 2236 Signing declaration on absentee ballot envelope.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174

- H 2237 Examination and counting of ballots in contests of elections.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174

Sub-committee Willa Fisher

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- W* H 2239 Deadline for delivery and receipt of absentee ballots.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174
- ✓* H 2240 Runoff primary elections.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174
- ✓* H 2271 Election campaign finance; limitations on contributions and expenditures.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174
- ✓* H 2291 Registration of voters at the polls.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174
- H 2292 Voter registration by personnel in state agencies.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174
- ✓* H 2312 Copies of voter registration book filed with city clerks.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174
- ✓* H 2325 Blank lines for write-in votes for presidential candidates.
03/20/91
LAST ACTION: 03/20/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00439
- W* H 2327 Rules for election canvassers to determine validity of ballots.
02/14/91
LAST ACTION: 02/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00174
- ✓* H 2342 Governmental ethics and campaign finance.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424
- H 2369 Descriptive names for political committees involved in election campaigns.
02/18/91
LAST ACTION: 02/18/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00185
- ✓* H 2382 Prohibiting acceptance of political advertising from only one candidate and refusing opponents.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424
- H 2405 Establishing office of election commissioner as elective office.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424

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- ✓ H 2508 Date of presidential preference primary.
02/27/91
LAST ACTION: 02/27/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00239
- ✓ H 2510 Election campaign finance in U.S.D.'s in the fifth enrollment category.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424
- H 2512 Partisan elections for officers in cities of the first class.
03/18/91
LAST ACTION: 03/18/91 HOUSE- Rereferred to Elections -HJ 00424
- ✓ H 2513 Requiring certain state officers and employees to report certain communications from state legislators.
02/28/91
LAST ACTION: 02/28/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00253
- H 5018 Constitutional amendment limiting years of service in the senate and house and as an officer or leader of either house.
03/12/91
LAST ACTION: 03/12/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00357
- ✓ H 5022 Constitutional amendment to amend executive article and abolish office of lieutenant governor.
04/04/91
LAST ACTION: 04/04/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00642
- ✓ S 0083 Removal of voters' names from voter registration books and party affiliation lists; presidential preference primary.
05/05/91
LAST ACTION: 05/05/91 HOUSE- Withdrawn from calendar, rereferred to Elections -HJ 01144
- ✓ S 0084 Appointment of high school students as judges and clerks of election boards.
02/08/91
LAST ACTION: 03/20/91 HOUSE- Hearing: Tues., 3/26/91, 9:00 am, Rm 521-S
- ✓ S 0086 Substantial interest under local governmental ethics; voter registration application on drivers' license application.
05/05/91
LAST ACTION: 05/05/91 HOUSE- Withdrawn from calendar, rereferred to Elections -HJ 01144
- Waller* S 0098 Elections; form and content of ballots; determination of validity of ballots cast.
02/22/91
LAST ACTION: 02/22/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00210

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✓ S 0153 Limitations and prohibitions on contributions for election campaign finance.

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LAST ACTION: 03/14/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00412

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S 0238 Filing petitions of candidacy for election in city elections.

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LAST ACTION: 03/01/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00264

✓ S 0239 Election of directors of drainage districts.

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LAST ACTION: 03/01/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00264

✓ S 0240 Membership of election boards.

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LAST ACTION: 03/01/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00264

S 0241 Canvasses of elections by county board of canvassers.

03/01/91

LAST ACTION: 03/01/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00264

✓ S 0457 Presidential preference primary election.

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LAST ACTION: 04/28/91 HOUSE- Referred to Elections -HJ 00969

TOTAL BILLS NOW IN COMMITTEE 39
AS OF: 05/28/91 4:12 PM

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STATE OF KANSAS

PROPOSED LEGISLATION 1992

1. Presidential Preference Primary (cost cutting changes)
 - a. 25-4503 - No rotation. Order candidates will appear on the ballot uniformly throughout the state established by lot by Secretary of State.
 - b. 25-4503 - Publications. Secretary of State will publish a notice once in each county.
 - c. 25-604 - Printing. Secretary of State will print ballots at state printer.
 - d. 25-2808 - Poll workers. Election board will consist of three members or a greater number as determined by county election officer. (flexibility)
 - e. 25-2811 - Compensation. Poll workers may decline to accept compensation.
 - f. 25-4607, 4608, 4609 - Ballot stubs. Instead of ballot stub, the board worker will affix a unique mark to the ballot in a specified location.

2. SB 486 - Relating to the recall of elected public officials.

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Attachment 2

3. 25-205 and 25-303 - Petition requirements. Specify the date of the registrations figures to use to compute the requirements for petition. (i.e. most current on file with Secretary of State)

4. 25-3602 - Petition form. Add the address of the circulator to the attestation on the back of the petition.

5. SB 98 in House Elections. Allows for paper ballot counties to have the option of printing on one ballot like the optis-can counties.

6. SB 83 in House Elections. Name change affidavit at polling place does not require re-registration.

7. Central Voter Registration update.