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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Judy Macy Chairperson

1:45 a.m./p.m. on April 11, 1992 in room 526-S of the Capitol

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Arden Ensley, Revisor
Pat Mah, Research
Pat Absire, Acting Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Thornburg, Secretary of State's Office
Joe de la Torre, Secretary of State's Office

Vice Chair Macy opened the hearing for **SB 789** - A bill pertaining to the number of signatures required on nomination petitions for election to certain offices.

Arden Ensley, Revisor, appeared before the Committee to explain the bill. If apportionment boundary lines are defined and districts established on or before May 10, 1992 for certain offices, petitions for nominations to these offices would have to be signed by not less than 1% of the registered voters. After May 10, 1992, the petitions would have to be signed by registered voters of the respective party in the district equal in number to not less than 1,000 for the office of representative in the United States Congress, 300 for the office of member of the State Board of Education, 75 for office of senator in the Kansas Legislature, and 25 for office of state representative in the Kansas Legislature.

Vic Chair Macy opened the floor for questions.

The Committee members addressed questions to Joe de la Torre of the Secretary of State's office.

Representative Parkinson asked a question regarding number of signatures required to file for office for Congressman.

Representative Bishop asked a question in regards to repealing the statute after 1992.

Representative McKechnie had a concern about trying to discuss such an important issue in such a short period of time.

Vice Chair Macy told the Committee that hearings on the bill would be kept open and the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.