

Approved 2-24-92
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR DON SALLEE at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on February 11, 1992 in room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~ or excused.

Committee staff present:

Pat Mah, Legislative Research Department
Ardan Ensley, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe de la Torre, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections
Gayle Landoll, Marshall County Clerk and Legislative Chairman, Kansas County
Clerks Association

Others attending: See attached list.

The Chairman called the meeting to order shortly after 1:30 p.m.

SB-552 - Printing of ballots for presidential preference primary.

Joe de la Torre, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, presented testimony noting the bill was attempting to reduce the cost of the presidential preference primary election. The bill would provide that the state printer print ballots, both hand and machine counted. Counties holding other elections on that date would be responsible for printing their own ballots. This action would reduce the cost of the election from about \$1.8 million to \$1.5 million. It was further noted counties were already into the election process since February 21, 1992 was the deadline for sending absentee ballots to people overseas.

Additional proposed changes would drop the rotation of names due to additional cost, the order of names being determined by lot. It was also requested that publication notices be deleted to control expenses as well as allowing poll workers to decline compensation should they wish to do so. Current laws require odd numbers of workers and this would be changed to a smaller, even number. The stub method would also be eliminated with an identifying mark being placed on the ballot.

Gayle Landoll, Marshall County Clerk and Legislative Chairman, Kansas County County Clerks Association, told the committee her organization supported the changes requested by the Secretary of State.

Senator Bond, with a second from Senator Lee, moved approval of the minutes of February 3 and 4, 1992. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

GUEST LIST

SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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NAME AND ADDRESS

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