

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carol Dawson, at 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 1995 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Arden Ensley, Revisor of Statutes
Donna Lutjohann, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Helen Stephens, Ks Society of Land Surveyors
Elizabeth Ensley, Chairman, County Clerks Assn

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Dawson recognized Helen Stephens to appear before the Committee with a request for legislation that would enable the Board of Technical Professions to require proof of compliance with continuing education requirements established by rules and regulations as a condition for getting license renewals. (See Attachment 1.) On a motion by Rep. Benlon and seconded by Rep. Gilbert, the motion carried to introduce the legislation.

Elizabeth Ensley was recognized by the Chair for bill requests. Ms. Ensley requested a bill that would decrease a counting board from 7 to 5 and in precincts with fewer than 50 registered voters, the election board workers would be two. (See Attachment 2.)

The second requested bill would eliminate advisory elections by a county election officer. Some discussion for clarification took place. (See Attachment 3.)

Rep. Cox made a motion to introduce legislation for both bill requests. It was seconded by Rep. Yoh. The motion carried.

Chairman Dawson made announcements and she adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE
for
**ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS
TO IMPLEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION BY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

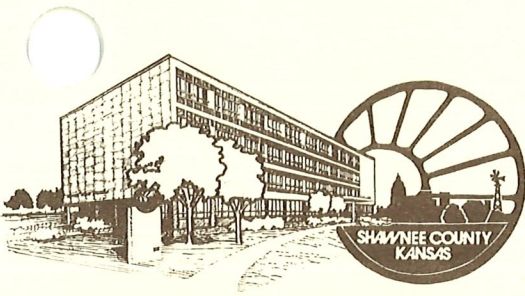
74-7013. Rules and regulations; examinations by members licensed in profession for which license sought

(a) The board may adopt all bylaws and rules and regulations, including rules of professional conduct which are necessary for performance of its powers, duties and functions in the administration of this act.

(b) The board may, through rules and regulations, adopt, enforce, and audit mandatory continuing education as a condition for license renewal for each of the technical professions as determined by the board.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the member or members of the board who hold a license to practice the profession for which an applicant seeks to be licensed, to provide and have graded any examination required by this act to be taken by such applicant.

74-7025 New Section (b) As a condition for obtaining license renewal, the Board may require proof of compliance with continuing education requirements established by rules and regulations.



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DATE: January 19, 1994

TO: Representative Carol Dawson, Chairman
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and Elections

FROM: Elizabeth Ensley, Election Comm Chairman
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RE: REQUESTED 1995 LEGISLATION

The Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials are always interested the equitable and efficient administration of elections. Therefore, the Elections Committee voted to request the introduction of legislation in the following areas:

MINIMUM NUMBER OF BOARD WORKERS - Since election boards can be smaller, the number needed to call a counting board should also be decreased from 7 to 5. The minimum number of election board workers in precincts with fewer than 50 registered voters should be two. Adequate safeguards would be necessary in that both board workers would need to be of different political parties and a notation made in the registration book should an emergency arise when both board workers are not present.

This legislation is needed in counties which have large areas of sparse population where even finding any board workers is difficult. Closing a polling place and making voters drive long distances to vote only discourages voting.

ELIMINATE ADVISORY ELECTIONS - This extends and clarifies a law which already prohibits most advisory elections.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
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Attachment 2

25-2413. Disorderly election conduct.

Disorderly election conduct is willfully: (a) Disturbing the peace in or about any voting place on election day;

(b) leaving or attempting to leave a voting place in possession of any ballot, except as is specifically permitted by law;

(c) approaching or remaining closer than three feet to any voting booth, voting machine or table being used by an election board except as admitted for the purpose of voting or by authority of the supervising judge;

(d) interrupting, hindering or obstructing any person approaching any voting place for the purpose of voting;

(e) engaging in any of the following activities within 250 feet from the entrance of a polling place during the hours the polls are open on election day:

(1) solicitation of contributions; or

(2) conduct of advisory elections ~~other than those specifically authorized by law~~, including the exercise of home rule power, to be conducted by a county election officer.

Disorderly election conduct is a class B misdemeanor.

History: L. 1974, ch. 157, § 7; L. 1955, ch. 118, § 11; July 1.

Research and Practice Aids:

Elections ⇐ 309.

C.J.S. Elections §§ 324, 334.

New Section to Article 4 of
Chapter 25.

Advisory elections including
the exercise of home rule power,
may not be conducted by a county
election officer.