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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT & GOVERNMENTAL STANDARDS .

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sen. Janice Hardenburger at 1:30 p.m. on February 15, 1995 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Parkinson, excused

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
Arden Ensley, Revisor of Statutes  
Stacey Soldan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Hardenburger requested approval of the minutes from February 9 and February 13, 1995 meetings.

Senator Bond made the motion and Sen Sallee seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Senator Hardenburger opened discussion of SB 74. This bill prevents making contracts within the preceding twelve months with any state officer or employee and any person or business with whom the state officer or employee has a substantial interest. Arden Ensley stated the current law applied to the preceding calendar year. Senator Brady made the motion to recommend SB 74 be passed favorably and was seconded by Senator Bond. The Motion carried.

Senator Hardenburger opened discussion on SB 75. This bill concerned affidavits for write-in candidacy. Discussion followed concerning assessing a fee when filing an affidavit; that a write-in candidate share in the expenses. Elizabeth Ensley addressed questions on behalf of the county clerks' association. There was further discussion concerning the objective of the bill; is the bill to promote the election process or to avoid counting of frivolous votes? Senator Hardenburger requested more time to study this bill unless the committee wished otherwise. No action was taken by the committee.

Senator Hardenburger opened discussion on SB 89. This bill concerns rotation of names on the ballot. Elizabeth Ensley gave a brief overview on this bill. There was a suggestion to continue to rotate all state offices, as currently done, and not rotate county offices. Senator Hardenburger requested further study of this bill.

Senator Hardenburger opened discussion of SB 92. This bill concerns defining state officer elect; adding the officer to the State Ethics Laws. It was discussed if "appointed" should also be added. Senator Sallee made the motion to amend and was seconded by Senator Clark to amend line 40 by adding "appointed". The motion carried.

Senator Brady made the motion to pass the bill out of committee as amended and was seconded by Senator Martin. The motion carried.

Senator Hardenburger announced she would be meeting with Brad Avery concerning a substitute bill for SB 137. No action was taken by the committee.

Senator Clark announced a sub-committee meeting February 16, 1995 on SB 91.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 1995.

