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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Janice Hardenburger at 1:40 p.m. on February 13, 1996 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Martin, excused  
Senator Brady, excused

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes  
Bonnie Fritts, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Hardenburger asked for approval of minutes.

Senator Bond moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 6 & 8. Senator Wisdom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SB 561** **an act concerning elections; relating to contests of elections; costs**

Senator Hardenburger opened hearings on the bill.

An amendment to the bill was read to the committee.

Senator Bond made a motion to pass the amendment on the bill. Senator Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Sallee made a motion to pass **SB 561** as amended. Senator Ranson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Sen. Sub. for Sub. HB 2079** **an act concerning elections**

Senator Hardenburger opened hearings on the bill.

The committee discussed at length the conflicting terminology in amendments of this bill and that of **SB 397** that has already been passed out of committee. Senator Bond expressed the importance of the NVRA package being accurate and reflecting the intention of this committee.

There was also discussion about the need to more strictly define the reasons for the stiff penalty for a person or an agency to make a profit on the amount of voter registration cards turned in. The Office of Secretary of State felt the need to add this section to avoid flooding the system with a lot of duplicate cards and cards submitted with false information.

Due to its confusing language, Senator Hardenburger asked the committee to study the new bill and stated that hearings would remain open.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 1996.

