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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 19, 1996 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Martin, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Doug Walker, State Senator, 12th District

Others attending: See attached list

SB 692 **relating to election campaign finance, concerning contributions and reports of treasurers**

Senator Hardenburger opened hearings on the bill.

Dennis Hodgins, Research Analyst, presented an overview of the bill explaining that it deals with reporting requirements of campaign contributions, such as the amounts contributed, "cutoff" dates and the "Twenty-Four Hour Reporting" provision. A table was submitted outlining campaign contributions limitations (Attachment 1).

There was discussion about this bill dealing strictly with state-run races, or if city and county races were included. It was specified that only state-wide primary and general elections are affected.

Senator Walker testified in support of the first half of the bill saying that it would require candidates for state-wide office, include the House and Senate, to disclose their campaign finances in a more timely and comprehensive manner so the information is available before an election. He stated that the language in Section 1 of the bill is almost identical to that of **SB 424** which was introduced earlier in the session. He testified that the twenty-four hour reporting is currently used in a similar fashion at the federal election level, and asked the committee to consider the language in **SB 424** which he feels would strengthen the reporting provisions of **SB 692** (Attachment 2).

Senator Hardenburger stated that this bill would be held in committee. Discussion followed.

The hearings were closed on this bill.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 1996.

SENATE ELECTIONS, CONGRESSIONAL &
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 GOVERNMENTAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE GUEST
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RECIPIENT: DONOR:	Statewide Candidates	Candidates for State Senate	Candidates for the House of Representa- tives	Other State and Local Candidates	Political Action Committees	Recognized Party Committees in the Senate & House	State Party Committees	County Central Committees
Individuals, Corporations, Partnerships, Trusts, Associations, Organizations	\$1,000 \$2,000	\$500 \$1,000	\$250 \$500	\$250 \$500	No Limit	* \$5,000	* \$15,000	* \$5,000
Political Action Committees	\$100 \$2,000	\$100 \$1,000	\$100 \$500	\$100 \$500	No Limit	* \$5,000	* \$5,000	* \$5,000
National Party Committees	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	* \$10,000	* \$25,000	* \$5,000
State Party Committees	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	* \$5,000	-----	* \$5,000
County Central Committees	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	* \$5,000	* \$15,000	* \$5,000
Recognized Party Committees	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	* \$5,000	* \$15,000	* \$5,000

* Contributions are per calendar year not election cycle.

All other aggregate contribution limitations are per election cycle.

Recognized party committees are designated by each state party committee. Each state party committee designates one such committee for the House of Representatives and one for the Senate.

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TESTIMONY ON SB 692

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today in support of the first half of SB 692 which would require candidates for statewide office, as well as the Kansas House and Senate, to disclose their campaign finances in a more timely and comprehensive manner so the public has the opportunity to become better informed about a candidate's financial status before an election. The language in Section 1 of the bill is almost identical to SB 424 which I introduced the first week of this session and on which, to date, no hearings have been scheduled.

Currently, candidates for statewide office and the legislature are required to file reports 8 days prior to the primary and general elections. The "cutoff" date for these reports is presently 11 days before the primary or general election. This essentially means that there exists an 11 day window in which contributions flow into candidate campaigns.

This proposal, which may more easily be referred to as "Twenty-Four Hour Reporting," would require candidates for statewide office and the legislature to file a report within 24 hours following the receipt of any contribution or in-kind contribution in an amount or value of \$250 or more during this window.

I would encourage the committee to consider the language in SB 424 which requires the reporting of contributions which in an aggregate amount or value of \$250 are required to be reported. This would further strengthen the reporting provisions in this bill.

Twenty-four hour reporting is not a new concept. It is currently used in a similar fashion at the federal election level. Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate are required to make similar disclosures during the reporting window that exists between the time final pre-election reports are filed with the Federal Election Commission and Election Day.

Section 1 of Senate Bill 692, if enacted into law, would help open the window for greater public scrutiny of candidate campaign finances and allow for Kansas citizens to have increased accountability over their citizen legislature and statewide elected officials. I would be pleased to stand for questions at this time.