

Approved: 2/11/97
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Janice Hardenburger at 1:40 p.m. on February 6, 1997 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Petty, excused
Senator Lawrence, excused

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Bonnie Fritts, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Charlie Smithson, Kansas Commission on Governmental Standards and Conduct

Others attending: See attached list

SB 24 **Concerning the county treasurer; relating to the commencement of the term of office**

Sub. SB 24 **Concerning the county treasurer; relating to vacancies in such office; relating to persons eligible to hold such office**

Staff explained the bill stating that if the office of county treasurer is vacated, the person appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term must be a resident of that county. The elected official does not have to be a resident of that county. The substitute for the bill allows the county central committee to nominate a person outside of the county who may have been elected to the position before it was vacated if the vacancy occurred on or after May 1 of the second year of the term.

Senator Gooch made a motion to adopt Sub. for SB 24. Senator Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senator Gooch moved to pass Sub. for SB 24 out favorably. Senator Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Charlie Smithson appeared before the committee to give an overview of the investigation, complaint and hearing processes of the Commission. He testified that everything involved in these procedures are completely confidential unless probable cause is found. Investigations are done to see if a formal complaint is warranted. If it is determined that a violation of law has occurred then a public hearing is scheduled. These hearings are conducted much like a court of law where, if the respondent is found to be in violation, civil penalties can be leveled against them and the Office of Attorney General is then responsible for enforcing and collecting those fines.

There was discussion on how the audits are performed, and how many hearings are held annually.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 1997.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Amy York	KSNA
Charlie Smithson	KLGSC
Kelly Salisbury	KCGSC
Carol Wilbur	KCGSC
Harriet Lang	Ks Ass. Broadcast
T. J. Lakin	Senator Hendley's Office
Joseph Choe	Johnson County Court