

Approved: 2-16-98
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Janice Hardenburger at 1:30 p.m. on February 11, 1998 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Lawrence

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

Conferee appearing before the committee: Charlie Smithson, Legal Counsel, KCGSC

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger asked for approval of the minutes of February 9, 1998.

Senator Gooch moved that the minutes of February 9, 1998 be approved, seconded by Senator Becker.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger advised the Committee that SB 431 and SB 450 could possibly be worked tomorrow.

Chairman Hardenburger opened the hearing on SB 480, which changes the name of the Kansas Commission on Governmental Standard and Conduct to be the Governmental Ethics Commission.

Charlie Smithson, Legal Counsel of the KCGSC submitted written testimony in favor of the bill. (Attachment #1)

Senator Gooch moved to pass the bill out of Committee as recommended, seconded by Senator Steineger.
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. February 12, 1998.



KANSAS COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL STANDARDS AND CONDUCT

TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE ELECTIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF SB 480

By W. Charles Smithson, Legal Counsel

SB 480, which is before you this after, amends the Campaign Finance Act, the state level conflict of interest laws including the lobbying provisions and the local level conflict of interest laws.

This bill amends all relevant statutes so that the "Kansas Commission on Governmental Standards and Conduct" becomes known as the "Governmental Ethics Commission".

This bill makes it easier for people to find us in the telephone book and just in general makes more sense. From 1974 until 1981, this was the name of the Commission. From 1981 until 1990, the Commission was known as the "Kansas Public Disclosure Commission". In fact, the spouse of a Commission employee still thinks the name of the agency is the "Public Disclosure Commission".

There are also some technical cleanups throughout the bill such as removing an "or" and moving a "shall".

The Commission supports the favorable passage of this bill and would, of course, like to see it on the Consent Calendar.

Elec. & Local Gov.

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Attachment: #1