

Approved: Feb 8, 1999
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon at 3:30 p.m. on January 27, 1999 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All House Committee members were present except: Representative John Topliker was absent
Representative Deena Horst was excused
Representative Joe Shriver was excused

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan - Revisor, Mary Galligan - Research, Dennis Hodgins - Research, June Constable - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jim Yonley of KSLS, Proponent
Carol Williams, Proponent

Others attending: Ten Guests registered to Guest List, attached to these Minutes.

Silent roll for the House Committee was taken by the Secretary of that Committee.

Chair Lisa Benlon called the meeting to order. The minutes of January 20, and January 15, 1999 had been distributed to members.

Rep. Hayzlett moved that the minutes be approved. Rep. Gilbert seconded. Motion carried.
Jim Yonley on behalf of Kansas Land Surveyors spoke and requested that the committee draft a bill concerning measuring requirements for surveyors. Rep. Huff noted that a similar bill was introduced last year as **HB 2222**. A copy of that testimony is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and made a part by reference.

Rep. Powers made a motion that the above bill be introduced as the land survey bill
Rep. Storm seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Lisa Benlon then opened the floor for bill requests by Representative of the committee.

Rep. Jenkins requested a bill providing that the Shawnee County Surveyor be appointed rather than elected.

Rep. Hayzlett moved that such a bill be introduced. Rep. Palmer seconded. Motion carried.

Rep. Barnes requested a bill Prohibiting prison and county jail labor on school yards during times which children may be present, such as school hours, sports events and the like.

Rep Barnes moved that the committee introduce such a bill. Rep. Johnston seconded. Motion carried.

Rep. Johnston requested a bill prohibiting the use of tobacco on school property, not just within the buildings, including outdoor sports events or any event upon school property.

Rep. Johnston moved that the committee introduce such a bill. Rep. Welshimer seconded. Motion carried.

Rep. Johnston requested a bill prohibiting phone companies from requiring a fee for not having a listing in the phone book, or for having an unlisted -unavailable - phone number.

Rep. Johnston moved that the committee introduce such a bill. Rep. Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Johnston requested a bill requiring Municipalities require a public vote upon the question prior to fluoridation of city water.

Rep. Johnston moved that the committee introduce such a bill. Rep. Barnes seconded. A vote by show of hands was cast. Three (3) members voted aye and five members (5) nay. Motion failed.

Rep. Benlon requested a bill requiring counties with over 250,000 population have satellite locations for advanced voting.

Rep. O'Connor moves that the committee introduce such a bill. Rep. Welshimer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Benlon requested a bill which would require advanced voting applications be transmitted directly to the voter and directly back to the election office rather than routed elsewhere prior to being returned to the election office.

Rep. Welshimer moved that such a bill be introduced. Rep. O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Brad Bryant, from the Secretary of State office, requested two bills 1. Voter registration cleanup regarding using last four digits of Social Security numbers on voter registration applications and allowing counties the option of participating in the National Change of Address program. 2. The ballot bill with two provisions regarding printing formats. Written testimony is (Attachment #2) attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Rep. Welshimer moved that the committee introduce such bills. Rep. Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Benlon requested a bill which would allow county commissioners to serve as the board for Mental Health centers in the event positions are vacated.

Rep. Powers moved that the committee introduce such a bill. Rep. Welshimer seconded. Motion carried.

Rep. Benlon requested a bill which would allow professionals to pay for license fees to be paid by means other than money orders, such as check, credit card, or other.

Rep. Johnston moved that the committee introduce such a bill. Rep. Welshimer seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Lisa Benlon open the hearing on:

H B 2087 Bill by Governmental Organization and Elections Campaign finance; treasurer's reports; local offices.

Rep. Johnston spoke to the committee as proponent for the bill.

Carol Williams testified as proponent for the bill concerning the language included in the new bill which corrects the flaws of the old bill. Campaign expenditures would be reportable by candidates shortly after the April 15 election day as opposed to the present requirement of January 10 of the following year. She provided copies of testimony (Attachment #3) attached hereto and made a part by reference.

There being no further testimony the hearing was closed.

HB2012 :

Bill by Special Comm. on Federal and State Affairs

State fire marshal; hazardous materials assessment and response

Discussion was held and the bill was worked.

Rep. Hayzlett moved and Rep. O'Connor seconded that technical amendments be made to the bill according to the Revisors notes. Motion carried.

Rep. Welshimer moved that HB 2012 be moved out of committee favorably. Rep. O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

It was discussed that Rep. Vining will carry HB 2012 to the House.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

June Constable, Secretary

House Governmental Organization
and Elections
Guest List

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Your Name	Representing
Charisse Jewell	Kansas Bar Association
Lakim Cole	Sen Tyson - Intern
Derrick A. Blaylock	Intern for Teresa Sitterbauer
Nancy Sargent	League Women Voters KS
Brad Bryant	Sec. of state
Harriet Lange	Ks Assn of Broadcasters
Marc Hamann	Div. of THE BUDGET
Edward Rowe	League of Women Voters / KS
John Anvil	Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition
Vera Gannaway	GEC
Carol Williams	GEC

Jim Houley

MEMO TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
AND ELECTIONS

On the behalf of the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors, we would like to request the introduction of two bills, as follows:

1. A bill to -
 - a. clear up the confusion regarding where section corner ties should be recorded
 - b. allow the historical society to utilize modern electronic technologies for filing and retrieval of section corner reports
 - c. make the failure to hire a land surveyor to handle corner endangerment situations a class C misdemeanor

2. A bill to require 10 years of suitable experience or a 4-year degree to be eligible to sit for the Land Surveyor licensure exam.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Teresa - Thur - before 11:00

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STATE OF KANSAS
House Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections

Request for Introduction of Bills

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Elections and Legislative Matters

January 27, 1999

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee to request introduction of legislation. The office of the Secretary of State requests the introduction of two committee bills.

1. Voter registration file cleanup bill--This bill would contain two provisions.

Section 1. Require the last 4 digits of applicants' Social Security numbers on voter registration application forms.

Section 2. Allow counties the option of participating in the National Change of Address Program or county-level mass mailings to comply with the list maintenance requirements of the National Voter Registration Act.

2. Ballot bill--This bill would also contain two provisions.

Section 1. Repeal KSA 25-2015 so special local election questions may be printed on the same page as everything else on the ballot in school elections.

Section 2. Change the optical scanning ballot statutes so an optical scan ballot may have the checkmark box on a separate paper from candidate names.

Thank you.

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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

Testimony before House Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections in Support of House Bill 2087 by Carol Williams

House Bill 2087 amends K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 25- 4148 which is a provision of the Campaign Finance Act. Although the Commission did not recommend this legislation again this year, it did recommend this bill in its 1997 Annual Report.

The provisions of this bill would require candidates for first class city office, for the Wichita School Board, and the Board of Public Utilities to file an additional receipts and expenditures report which would be due May 10 following the April general election. This post-general election report would cover the period beginning 11 days before the general election and ending 30 days after the general election. Candidates would still be required to file a January 10 report like all candidates for state and local office.

Under current law, these local candidates do not file a post-general election, or wrap-up report until January 10 of the following year. Therefore, information concerning the contributions and expenditures a local candidate receives the last twelve days of the general election are not disclosed for nine months after the general election.

The Commission believes that the "wrap-up" report for these local candidates should be filed closer to the general election, like reports filed by state and county candidates. State and county candidates file their "wrap-up" report approximately 60 days after their general election.

The Commission urges passage of HB 2087.