

Approved: Mar. 22, 1999
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon on March 17, 1999 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

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

Others attending: See Guest List, attached to these Minutes.

Silent roll for the House Committee was taken by the Secretary. All committee members were present.

The Chair opened the meeting for working the following Bills:

SB 7, concerning Consolidation of City/County was worked as follows:

Rep. Welshimer moved that SB7 pass out of committee unfavorably. Rep. Johnston seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Rep. Vining called for the question. Voting by show of hands showed Yes-11, No-3. Motion carried.

SB62, concerning open executive session meetings and security. Rep. Storm asked questions regarding security in the information systems, such as computers and the like. It was discussed amending the bill in certain manners to implement that concept into the Bill.

Rep. Storm moved by conceptional motion that the Bill be amended as discussed. Rep. O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Discussion continued back on the Bill.

Rep. Storm moved that line 18 be changed to read "open discussion" instead of current language. Rep. O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion continued on the Bill.

Rep. O'Connor moved that the Bill be passed out favorably. Rep. Gilbert seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Rep. Johnston asked that his vote be recorded as No. Rep. Storm to carry the Bill.

SB 68, concerning Ethics, allows to solícite campaign funds in certain meetings.

Rep. Welshimer moved to pass the Bill out of committee favorably. Rep. Storm seconded. Motion carried. Rep. Adkins to carry the bill.

SB 229, concerning Precinct Chairs appointing procedures. Brad Bryant from Secretary of State's Office briefed the Committee on this Bill and related Bills. Discussion ensued regarding placing provisions of other Bills into **SB68**, including **HB 2231**, or bills regarding mailing options.

Rep. Jenkins moved that SB68 be moved out favorably.

then after discussion, ,

Rep. Jenkins moved to make a substitute motion to amend certain provisions into SB 229 to include conceptual amendments regarding adding the State Board of Education, the notice requirements, and a cut off date, per Brad Bryant's recommendations.. Rep. Vining seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried..

Rep. O'Connor moved that two items, "notice to County Clerk and making KSA 46-160 be made consistent" be amended into the Bill. Rep. Jenkins seconded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Johnston made a substitute motion that the bill include amendments as stated in Rep. Jenkins motion, together with a provision that unless the county is one with a county election officer, the clerk will be notified. Rep. Barnes seconded. The substitute motion carried.

Rep. Johnston moved that the Bill SB229 be moved out favorably as amended. Rep. O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

SB244, concerning Petitions, approved by the County Attorney or County Counselor. Discussion was held at length, concerning line 39 and the county attorney or other governmental official approving a petition, having a conflict of interest with that petition. It was discussed that the citizen should have a person appointed to represent his interest against the County Attorney, or in the alternative a form of a petition should be provided to the citizen to guide in drafting his resolution. Revisor Theresa Kiernan suggested that she work with several others in drafting form(s), that may be provided to the public, and

send the committee members copies. If the committee would like to meet again, at the rail, that form may be considered by the committee as an alternative to the present language.

SB319, enforcing county codes, extending authority to counties under 150,000 population and extending county judges authority over violators, increasing fines and fees.

Discussion was held concerning which counties may not want the Bill.

Rep. Vining moved that the Bill be sent out of committee unfavorably. Rep. Palmer seconded.

Discussion followed concerning reporting it unfavorably or holding it over until further information could be gathered next year. Rep. Vining withdrew her motion.

Rep. Powers made a motion that the Bill be moved out favorably. Rep. Storm seconded. Motion failed.

Rep. Horst made a motion that SB319 be tabled. Rep. Johnston seconded. Motion carried.

The printed minutes from March 15, 1999 and February 17, 1999 were distributed to the committee.

Rep. Gilbert moved that the minutes be approved as printed. Rep. Storm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At that time, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair. .

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Guest List

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Your Name	Representing
Paul Rejeman	Concerned Citizen
John Davis	Private citizen
Marvin E. Smith	Shawnee County residents
MARK DESETTI	KNEFA
Bill Fuller	Kansas Farm Bureau
Cileen King	Kansas Riley County Treas,
Rich Vargo	Riley county clerk
Stan Clark	Legislator
Don Moler	LKM
Christy Caldwell	Topeka Chamber of Com
Craig Grant	HWEA
Mark Rosetti	HWEA
Bruce Dimmitt	Kansans for life
Brad Bryant	Sec. of state
Randy Allen	Ks Assoc. of Counties
Mike Taylor	City of Wichita
Paul Faxon	Johnson County
Harriet Laage	Ks Assn of Casters
Maria Voss	Sedgewick County

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Transmitted by E-mail

To all Governmental Organization and Election Committee Members

Attached to this E-mail please find the Minutes of the last meeting for March 17. Since there are no other meetings scheduled, I will consider these Minutes approved **unless I hear objections or corrections from committee members within the next 5 days**. I appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you.



Rep. Lisa Benlon, Chair

Governmental Organization and Election Committee