

Approved: 1-26-00
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon at 3:35 p.m. on January 12, 2000 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Melany Barnes (E)

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Research
Mary Galligan, Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor
Dee Woodson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dan Hermes - Governor's Office
Carol Williams - KGEC

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Benlon opened the meeting with introductions of the two new staff people; Lisa Montgomery of the Revisor of Statues Office and Dee Woodson as the Committee Secretary.

Dan Hermes, Governor's Office, provided draft copies to each committee member, and explained the proposed bill concerning governmental ethics reform which extends the current gift ban to all executive branch employees and establishes reporting requirements regarding gifts and hospitality to members and staff of legislative and judicial branches of government. Representative Johnston made the motion to introduce this proposal as a committee bill. Representative Powers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Carol Williams, Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, requested that a bill be drafted involving campaign funds that are frequently expended to acquire material assets, i.e. computers, printers, and facsimile machines during the course of a campaign or holding political office. . The KGE Commission is recommending that a candidate or officeholder be given the alternative of being able to purchase material assets at a fair market value and donating the amount paid for the assets to a charitable organization. Representative Johnston made the motion to introduce such a bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Huff. Motion carried.

Representative Powers requested introduction of a committee bill regarding reimbursement of law enforcement officers' training costs to the original agency such officers leave their employ within the first year after being trained. The second employing entity would be required to pay for the officer's training. Representative Powers made a motion to refer this to the Appropriations Committee, and Representative O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Johnston made a motion to introduce a bill that the State Board of Education be made non-partisan and coincide with local spring elections. Representative Gilbert seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Representative Johnston made a motion for a new bill to require that any time a closed or executive meeting takes place, that such a meeting be tape recorded. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst, and the motion carried.

Representative Johnston requested introduction of a bill for County Treasurers to waive the 50 cent mailing fee charged to taxpayers for license tag handling. Seconded by Representative Gilbert, and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Johnston made a motion to introduce a bill allowing for the establishment of a registry by the Division of Motor Vehicles of uninsured motorists to be used in tracking individuals who fail to carry liability insurance. This legislation would be modeled after other states. Representative Shriver seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be announced by the Chair.

House Governmental Organization
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Guest List

1-12-00

Your Name	Representing
Bruce Dimmitt	Kansas for life
Ira Gannaway	GEC
Carol Williams	GEC
Scott Rothschild	Wichita Eagle
Phil Carter f.	Barbee & Associates
Don Hermes	COAL
ED JASKIWIN	KCKS