

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon at 3:38 p.m. on March 13, 2000 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Gary Hayzlett (E)
Margaret Long (E)
Ted Powers (E)
Kay O'Connor (E)

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor
Dee Woodson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office

Others attending: See attached list.

SB 515 -Elections; technical changes in forms

Chairperson Benlon opened the hearings on **SB 515**, and called Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Elections and Legislative Matters, as a proponent. He explained that the bill was introduced at the request of the Secretary of State as a technical clean-up bill and would accomplish two things. He testified the bill would change "19" to "20" in several places to bring two laws into Y2K compliance, and the bill would also delete the specific reference to the street address for the Secretary of State's office to reflect the agency's recent relocation. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Bryant was asked how this bill passed the Senate, and he replied it was on the Consent Calendar and passed 40 to 0.

There were no opponents. Following a brief discussion, the Chair closed the hearings on **SB 515**.

SB 517 - Secretary of State; storage of legislative journals

Chairperson Benlon opened the hearings on **SB 517**.

Brad Bryant, testified in support of this bill which was proposed by the Secretary of State at the request of the Legislative Coordinating Council to reduce the excess inventory of Permanent House and Senate Journals. He explained that each year the number of Journals to be printed is determined through consultation between the LCC, the Revisor and the Secretary of State, who distributes the books. He said that under current law, the Secretary of State sells the Journals until the supply reaches 50 or fewer, and then they are possibly given away upon request. He stated that this bill would allow the Secretary of State's office to dispose of the Journals beginning one year after publication. (Attachment 2)

General questions and discussion followed regarding how the books are disposed of, frequency of requests, the size of backlog of these old Journals, and whether schools request copies of these dated Journals. The Chair offered an amendment submitted by Chief Clerk of the House, Janet Jones, on page 2 of the bill, starting on line 12, and read as follows; "One year after the publication date of any volume, the Secretary of State may dispose of extra copies retaining an inventory of ten volumes for distribution without charge and after five years, the Secretary of State may dispose of the remainder of such copies." Mr. Bryant stated that his agency would not have any problem with that amendment. He was asked if this bill was on the Consent Calendar on the Senate side, and he answered in the affirmative.

There were no opponents to the proposed legislation. The Chair closed the hearings on **SB 517**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

SB 566 - Notification provided to county clerk upon change of classification of city of third class

Chairperson Benlon opened the hearings on **SB 566**.

There were no proponents or opponents appearing before the Committee for testimony. Representative Welshimer briefed the Committee on **SB 566**. She said it was a problem in Wichita where the County Clerk of Sedgwick County did not get notified about a change from a first class city to a second class, and did not get the paperwork out in time. She stated it was a technical change, and requires a notification so they can have the appropriate paperwork completed on time. Representative Shriver further explained that by not having the correct class of city it made a difference in the tax rolls, and the County Treasurer was not aware of this change and sent out taxes according to the prior year's Treasurer's report. He said this caused a problem because the proper taxes for the classification were not reported. The Chair said this bill would be delayed for further discussion until next Wednesday's meeting.

The Chair closed the hearings on **SB 566**.

Chairman Benlon adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Governmental Organization and Elections Committee will be Monday, March 15, 2000, 3:30 p.m., Room 521-S.

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STATE OF KANSAS
House Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections

Testimony on SB 515

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

March 13, 2000

Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the committee in support of Senate Bill 515. This bill was introduced at the request of the Secretary of State as a technical clean-up bill. It would accomplish two things.

1. First, the bill would change "19" to "20" in several places to bring two laws into Y2K compliance. Section 1 deals with the oath signed by a voter in a primary election whose qualifications to vote in the primary are challenged. Section 2 deals with a series of applications for presidential ballots by recently relocated residents.
2. Second, the bill would delete the specific reference to the Secretary of State's street address in K.S.A. 25-2309 to reflect our agency's recent relocation. This statutory provision was passed in 1996 as part of the implementation of the National Voter Registration Act. It tells voter registration applicants whom to contact if they believe someone has interfered with their right to register to vote.

We request the committee consider recommending this bill favorably for passage. Thank you.

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Attachment 1

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Testimony on SB 517

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March 13, 2000

Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 517. This bill was proposed by the Secretary of State at the request of the Legislative Coordinating Council to reduce the excess inventory of Permanent House and Senate Journals. I have attached to my testimony a copy of a letter from Janet Jones, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, explaining the LCC's request.

Each year, the number of Journals to be printed is determined through consultation between the LCC, the Revisor and the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's office distributes the books. Most are distributed to legislators, universities and libraries. The remainder are kept in inventory to be sold.

Under current law, the Secretary of State sells the Journals until the supply reaches 50 or fewer, whereupon we may give them away. We often do not reach that point, so the inventory piles up over the years. This bill would allow our office to dispose of the Journals beginning one year after publication.

We urge the committee to report this bill favorably for passage. Thank you.

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July 13, 1999

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Thornburgh:

At the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council on July 13, 1999, the decision was made to request publication of 325 sets of the 1999 Permanent Journals of the House and Senate and to charge \$80.00 for the two volume set, plus tax and mailing.

It was also agreed that the Secretary of State's office should request legislation in the 2000 session to develop statutory changes detailing the disposition of excess remaining copies of past years' permanent journals.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I will get you copy of the LCC minutes when they are available so that you will have their direction in developing legislation to deal with your storage situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet E. Jones".

Janet E. Jones
Chief Clerk of the House

cc: Brad Bryant