

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Janice Hardenburger at 1:00 p.m. on March 16, 2000, in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger opened discussion on **HB 2328 concerning elections; relating to advance voting, and repealing the existing sections.** This is just to apply for an application for an advanced ballot.

Senator Petty suggested to address the problem to move the time back in order for election commissioners' offices to process applications for advanced voter ballots.

Chairman Hardenburger said that this is an application for advanced ballot, and as an individual when it is filled out, generally it would be mailed to the election commissioners. If these applications are being handled by another process, there is going to be a delay.

Senator Gooch suggested to the Committee that possibly a time limit of 48 hours would solve the delay.

Chairman Hardenburger informed the Committee that the bill reads "the voter must deliver it directly to the election office by mail, in person, facsimile."

Senator Gooch moved to amend HB 2328 to mail, fax or deliver the application within 48 hours to the County Election's Office, seconded by Senator Becker. Motion carried.

Senator Huelskamp moved to amend HB 2328 that it be effective on publication in the Register, seconded by Senator Becker. Motion carried.

Senator Becker moved to pass out HB 2328 favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Gooch. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger opened discussion on **HB 2241 concerning certain county officers; relation to qualifications thereof, and repealing the existing sections.**

Senator Gooch moved that HB 2241 be passed out favorably, seconded by Senator Praeger.

The Committee discussed that there were too many counties and not enough qualified personnel to fill the offices.

Motion failed.

Chairman Hardenburger informed the Committee that the Sub-Committee report on **HB 2627 concerning state officers and employees; concerning governmental ethics,** would be discussed Monday, March 20, and action on the bill.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2000.

