

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Myers at 3:30 p.m. on January 28, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative David Huff- excused
Representative Roger Toelkes- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Shirley Weideman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Karen Hartenbower, Lyon County Clerk/Officer

Others attending: See Attached List.

Chairman Myers asked if there were any requests for committee bills.

The chairman introduced Karen Hartenbower, Lyon County Clerk and Chair of the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association–Election Committee. She said that their association would like to request several bills (Attachment 1):

1. When mailing out ballots, ballots would only be sent to active voters, not to those in the inactive file.

Representative Gilbert moved and the motion was seconded by Representative Powers to introduce this as a committee bill. Motion carried.

2. Eliminate ballot rotation in 2nd class city elections and local school board elections. This would allow the county clerks to put the names on the ballot in alphabetical order rather than in rotation.

Representative Powers moved that this be introduced as a committee bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Miller. The motion passed.

3. Define “taxpayer” in drainage district elections. This bill would help determine who is the voting delegate in drainage districts where the taxpayer may be a corporation.

Representative Powers moved and the motion was seconded by Representative Yonally that this bill be introduced as a committee bill. The motion carried.

4. Change the deadline for county party chairs to make changes in ballots from 11 days to 30 days before the election. This allows time for the clerks to make sure the ballots are correct.

Representative Powers moved that the bill be introduced as a committee bill. Representative Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Reduce the number of spring primaries in city, school board and community college board of trustees elections. In order to reduce the candidate field to 2 in the general election, a primary election is required if more than 2 candidates file for a given office. A primary election would not need to be held unless there were at least 4 (not 3) candidates.

A motion was made by Representative McLeland to introduce this as a committee bill. Representative Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Wilson proposed a committee bill to eliminate reporting by lobbyists of meals, etc. for individual legislators if the amount spent is less than \$50 per week.

Representative Wilson moved to introduce this as a committee bill. Representative Powers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 2.

**KANSAS COUNTY CLERKS AND
ELECTION OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
ELECTION COMMITTEE**

JANUARY 28, 2004

I, Karen K. Hartenbower, am the Chair of the Kansas County Clerk and Election Officials Association – Election Committee. We have met several times this summer and fall and would like to request introduction of 5 Committee Bills as follows:

1. In mail ballot elections, send ballots only to active voters.
KSA 25-433 KSA 25-2304
2. Eliminate ballot rotation in 2nd class city elections and local school board elections.
KSA 25-2014 KSA 25-2115
3. Define “taxpayer” in drainage district elections.
KSA 25-414 KSA 25-459
4. Change the deadline for county party chairs to make changes in ballots from 11 days to 30 days before the election.
KSA 25-105 – general election KSA 25-211 primary election
5. Reduce the number of spring primaries in city, school board and community college board of trustees elections.
KSA 25-2021 school board elections KSA 25-2108a city elections
KSA 71-1415 community college elections

Sincerely,



Karen K. Hartenbower
Lyon County Clerk
Chair KCC&EOA – Election Committee