

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on January 10, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Steve Huebert- excused
Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves to those in attendance at the meeting. Representatives from various groups interested in proposed legislation introduced themselves as well.

Bill Introductions

Richard Gannon, Kansas Press Association, requested committee bills. The first request proposes legislation which would clarify the definition of a public meeting as it pertains to official and unofficial gatherings of boards, councils, commissions and agencies where the total number of public officials involved in a discussion comprises more than a majority of a quorum of the members. The second request proposes legislation designed to ensure accountability to the use of executive sessions by public boards, councils, commissions and agencies. Rep. Sawyer made a motion to introduce the proposed changes as committee bills. Rep. Vickrey seconded the motion. Without objection, the requests will be accepted as committee bills.

Carl Hill, Kansas Association of Public Employees, requested a committee bill. The proposed legislation would allow a meal to be offered to a state employee. Rep. Storm made a motion to introduce the proposed change as a committee bill. Rep. Spalding seconded the motion. Without objection, the request will be accepted as a committee bill.

Rep. Brunk made a motion to introduce as a committee bill proposed legislation which would allow any funds contributed to a candidate for a state office to follow the candidate. Said funds are to be used by the candidate for any other office in the state at any level of government. Rep. Vickrey seconded the motion. Without objection, the request will be accepted as a committee bill.

Rep. Burgess made a motion to introduce as a committee bill proposed legislation concerning municipalities and relating to initiative and referendum. He also requested a committee bill concerning auto-dial campaign messages and a disclosure requirement. Rep. Power seconded both motions. Without objection, the requests will be accepted as committee bills.

Rep. Beamer made a motion to introduce as a committee bill proposed legislation relating to removal of members of recreation commissions. The proposed change would add removal by petition of registered voters. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. Without objection, the request will be accepted as a committee bill.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2007.

