

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 17, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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:

Rep. Beamer
Rep. Grant
Rep. Gatewood

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Requests

Chairman Burgess requested a committee bill concerning elections.

The Committee approved the request.

HB 2021 Townships, transfer of certain moneys

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2021**.

Rep. Beamer testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2021**.

HB 2002 Concerning the membership of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2002**.

Rep. Grant testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2).

Rep. Gatewood testified in support of the bill. No written testimony was provided.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2002**.

HB 2002 Concerning the membership of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission

Rep. Sawyer made a motion to adopt the balloon amendment containing the clean-up language (Attachment 3). Rep. Vickrey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Lane made a motion for the favorable passage of **HB 2002** as amended. Rep. Pottorff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2007.

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VIRGINIA B. BEAMER
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Testimony on **HB2021**
before the
House Elections & Government Organizations Committee

January 17, 2006

Chairman Burgess and Members of the House Elections & Government
Organizations Committee:

Thank You for allowing me the opportunity to appear before you today and tell
you of a concern of Harrison Township in Wallace County.

A number of years ago when a country school closed they sold their school
building to the township for a \$1.00. The building was used infrequently and was
sold to a farmer for storage. The funds were then put in an interest bearing
account. The township really has little use for the funds as their only mill levy is
about \$600 for prairie dog eradication. They would like to donate the funds to a
non-profit 501 © (3) organization and this bill would enable them to do so.

We decided not to set this up just for Harrison Township in the case another
township had a similar situation.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter and I will be glad to answer any
question you may have.

House Elections & Gov. Org.
Date: 1-17-2007
Attachment # 1

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Testimony on HB 2002
January 17, 2007

Chairman Burgess, Vice-Chairman Powers, Members of Elections and Governmental Organizations, Representative Gatewood and I appreciate you taking the time to have a hearing on HB2002. This bill was heard last year and passed the house in flying colors. The bill, along with some others, got hung up in conference and died a slow agonizing death.

Hopefully we can get it passed this year.

All this bill does is require that when the Governor appoints a person to the Wildlife and Parks Commission that each Wildlife and Parks Commission District has one representative and the two at-large positions can be from anyone of the five.

This came to Representative Gatewood's and my attention when the Commissioner from our district resigned for health reasons and the replacement Commissioner was not from our district. This left our area without a representative on the Wildlife and Parks Commission.

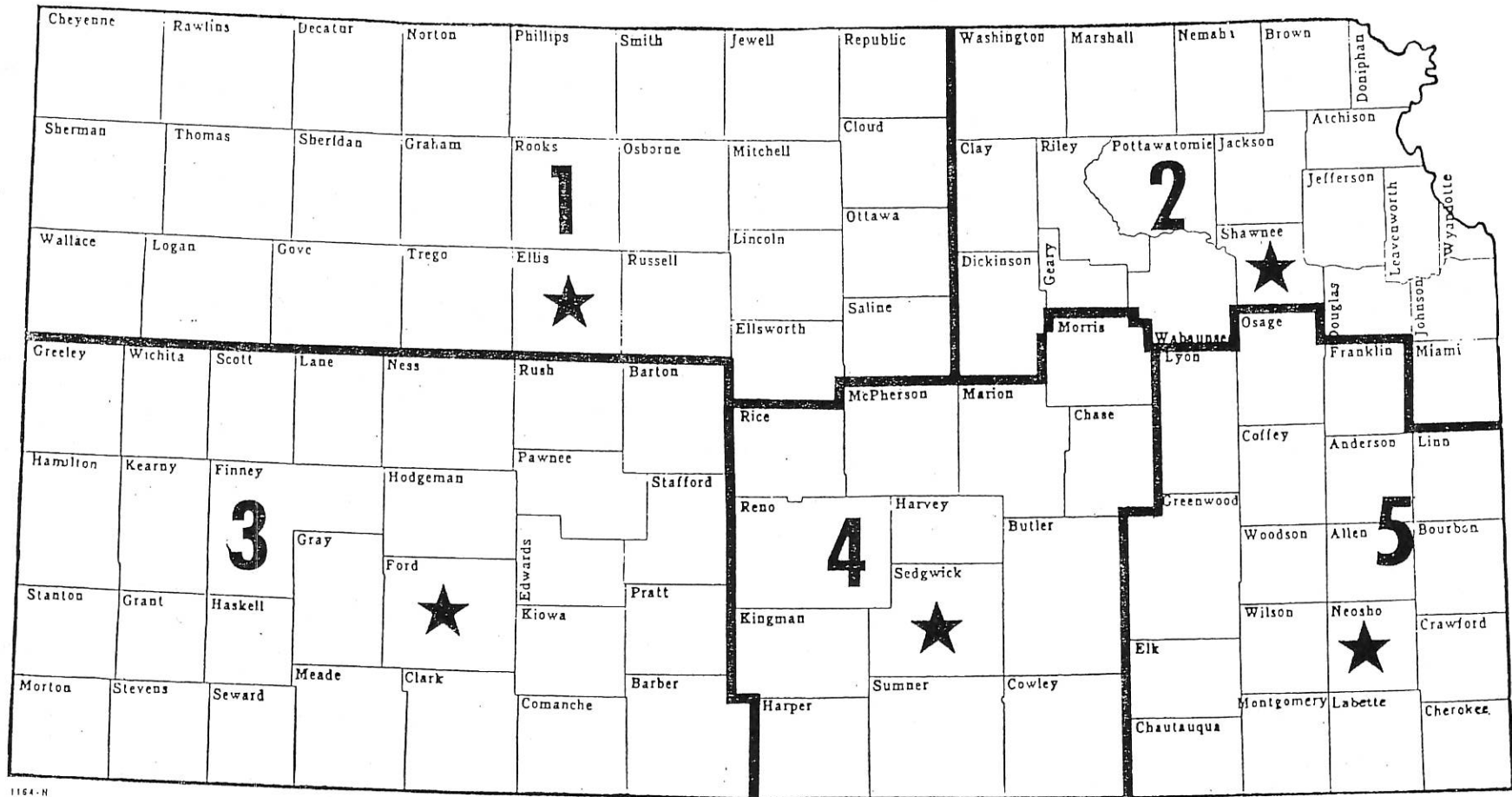
Hopefully this bill would stop this situation from happening again. I would not want to see anyone of the five districts not have at least one Commissioner on the Wildlife and Parks Commission.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to stand for questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Grant

House Elections & Gov. Org.
Date: 1-17-2007
Attachment # 2



HOUSE BILL No. 2002

By Representatives Gatewood and Grant

12-8

Submitted by:
Rep. Grant

House Elections & Gov. Org.
Date: 1-17-2007
Attachment # 3

9 AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to the Kansas wildlife
10 and parks commission; amending K.S.A. 32-805 and repealing the ex-
11 isting section.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 32-805 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-

15 805. (a) There is hereby created within and as a part of the department
16 the Kansas wildlife and parks commission ~~which shall be composed of~~

which shall be composed
of seven members

17 ~~seven members~~. The governor shall appoint ~~seven~~ residents of this state
18 to be members of the commission. *One member of the commission shall*
19 *be chosen from each fish and wildlife administration region as established*
20 *by the department.* In the appointment of members of the commission,

21 the governor shall give consideration to the appointment of licensed hunt-
22 ers, fishermen and furharvesters, park users, nonconsumptive users of
23 wildlife and park resources ~~and to geographic balance among commission~~

and to

24 ~~members~~. No more than ~~four~~ a majority of the members shall be of the

25 same political party. Each member of the commission shall hold office
26 for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified,
27 except that in appointing the original commission members, the governor
28 shall designate one member for a term ending July 1, 1988, one member
29 for a term ending July 1, 1989, and two members for terms ending July

30 1, 1990. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the terms of~~
31 ~~all members of the Kansas wildlife and parks commission serving on the~~
32 ~~effective date of this act shall expire on July 1, 2007, and the governor~~

33 shall appoint seven members to the Kansas wildlife and parks commission
34 by the method authorized by this act. The governor shall designate two
35 members for terms ending July 1, 2009, two members for terms ending

36 July 1, 2010, and three members for terms ending July 1, 2011. The
37 governor shall fill any vacancy on the commission prior to the expiration
38 of a term by appointment for the unexpired term.

39 (b) Each member of the commission shall take and subscribe an oath
40 or affirmation as required by law before taking office.

41 (c) The governor may remove a commissioner after opportunity for
42 a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative
43 procedure act. If the commissioner is removed, the governor shall file in

1 the office of the secretary of state a complete statement of all charges
2 made against such commissioner and the governor's findings thereon,
3 together with a complete record of the proceedings.

4 (d) The commission shall have such powers, duties and functions as
5 prescribed by law. Other than rules and regulations pertaining to person-
6 nel matters of the department, the secretary shall submit to the commis-
7 sion all proposed rules and regulations. The commission shall either ap-
8 prove, modify and approve, or reject such proposed rules and regulations.
9 The secretary shall adopt such rules and regulations so approved or so
10 modified and approved. Fees established for licenses, permits, stamps
11 and other issues of the department shall be subject to the approval of the
12 commission. It also shall be the duty of the commission to serve in an
13 advisory capacity to the governor and the secretary in the formulation of
14 policies and plans relating to the department.

15 (e) The governor shall designate one commission member to serve
16 as chairperson of the commission. Members of the commission attending
17 meetings of the commission, or attending a subcommittee meeting
18 thereof authorized by the commission, shall be paid compensation, sub-
19 sistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-
20 3223 and amendments thereto. ~~Four~~ *A majority of the* members of the
21 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
22 Meetings may be called by the chairperson and shall be called on the
23 request of a majority of the members of the commission.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 32-805 is hereby repealed.

25 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the statute book.