

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike O'Neal at 3:30 P.M. on January 9, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research  
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Duston Slinkard, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council  
Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigations

Committee members and staff were introduced.

Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council, requested two bills be introduced:

1. A bill relating to civil procedure amending K.S.A. 60-206 & 60-256 and repealing K.S.A. 20-325 & 20-1036. The sections amended and the sections repealed combine to remove the concept of "terms of court" from the statute.
2. A bill relating to inheritance rights of children which provides that after a child is adopted that child's rights to inherit from birth parents, other than a birth parent who is the spouse of the adopting parent, shall cease.

Representative Kinzer made the motion to have the requests introduced as committee bills. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigations, requested a bill which would repeal section 13 of the Kansas Juvenile Code. The repeal would allow for juveniles to be fingerprinted and photo's taken when they are arrested, and not have to wait until they are charged.

Representative Kinzer made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Crow requested a bill relating to the scalping of tickets. She made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Pauls requested a bill that would define the Kansas Sentencing Commission as the statistical data collecting center. She made the motion to have her request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Ward requested a bill that would increase docket fees for libraries. He made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Davis requested two bills:

1. Amendments to K.S.A. 60-2301 - earned income tax credit
2. A bill relating to home inspection contracts

He made the motion to have his requests be introduced as committee bills. Representative Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research, provided the committee with an overview of 2006 Special Committee on Judiciary interim reports.

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:14p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2007.