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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on January 10, 2007 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members except Senator Donovan were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Zoie Kern, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

Others in Attendance:

See attached list:

Bill introduced to allow Satellite Advance Voting in all counties - not just Johnson and Sedgwick Counties. Senator Wilson made the motion and Senator Reitz seconded to proceed with bill.

Senator Huelskamp introduced Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State who spoke on HAVA (Attachment 1).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie C. Kern, Committee Secretary

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Presentation to Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government by

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

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Summary of HAVA

Passed in 2002

Biggest change in election administration in history

Major themes of HAVA:

- consistency, uniformity of election procedures—equal protection of laws
- accessibility to polling places, ballots for voters with disabilities
- training of county and precinct election workers
- voter education / voter outreach
- increased state control over election administration
- federal funding—first time ever

2004 Election

Polling place postings

- sample ballots
- voter rights & responsibilities posters
- date of election, hours of voting

Voter identification—first time voters in the county

Training of county election officers, poll workers

Administrative complaint procedure

Accessibility of physical polling places—doors, ramps, etc.

Voter outreach—advance & provisional voting, registration

Guarantee of right to provisional ballot

Right to find out if ballot counted, and if not, why

Federal services (military) ballot applications good for two elections

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2006 Election

ELVIS statewide voter registration system
Election management system
Accessible voting equipment deployed statewide
2nd chance voting
Voter outreach—new voting equipment

HAVA's effect on elections

More consistency in procedures
Integrated communication
Strong relationship between Secretary of State & county election officers
Increased training
Reliance on county work groups to build all aspects of HAVA program
County election officers and poll workers' jobs are more complicated
County costs of administering elections are higher—programming machines, audio ballots, training programs are more extensive

Future HAVA projects

College poll worker recruitment program
Various EAC studies, including “human interface with voting equipment”
Revised voting equipment standards (as NIST & EAC take over testing process from NASED)

Future federal issues

Post-election audits of voting machines
Voter verifiable paper audit trails on electronic voting machines