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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 March 13, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Assistant
Zoie Kern, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brad Bryant, Carol Williams

Others attending:

See attached list.

Open hearing on **HB 2804.**

Ken Wilke of the Revisor of Statutes Office gave summary of **HB 2804.**

Representative Mike Burgess gave testimony as a proponent to **HB 2804 (Attachment 1).**

Discussion.

Closed hearing on **HB 2804.**

Open hearing on **HB 2308.**

Ken Wilke gave summary on **HB 2308.**

Carol Williams of the Governmental Ethics Commission gave favorable testimony on behalf of **HB 2308 (Attachment 2).**

Discussion.

Closed hearing on **HB 2308.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Testimony in Support of HB2804

Chairman Huelskamp and members of the Senate Elections and Local Governmental Committee:

HB2804 will add three additional at large members to the board and remove term limits. Currently the board is limited to one member per township and three from the city of Topeka.

As a former board member of the Shawnee County Fair Association, I witnessed the difficulty in recruiting members. We've had a very difficult time filling openings for some townships, but at the same time have found several willing people who were unable to serve because there is already someone on the board from their township.

These two changes should help this volunteer organization continue to serve the tax payers of Shawnee County.

I urge you to pass HB2804 and recommend it favorable for passage.

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Attachment 1*



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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**Testimony before Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government
in Support of House Bill 2308
by Carol Williams, Executive Director
March 13, 2008**

House Bill 2308 amends K.S.A. 25-4157a, a provision of the Campaign Finance Act, under the jurisdiction of the Governmental Ethics Commission.

House Bill 2308 would prohibit a candidate for state or local office from receiving any goods or services which are received as a result of any dues paid or donations made to a community service or civic organization when campaign funds are used. Under current law, the commission believes it is illegal for a candidate or officeholder to keep any goods or services received at an auction, raffle, etc. when campaign funds are used to make the donation or payment.

Since this new language would clarify this prohibition, the Commission supports HB 2308 and urges you to pass HB2308 favorably out of committee.

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Attachment 2*