

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Huebert at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused  
Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called the meeting to order for working the following bills:

**HB 2158 - Kansas highway patrol; elective and appointed offices allowed.**

Representative Schwab made a motion to amend the bill by inserting the words "task force" on page 2, line 41. Representative Menghini seconded the motion. Following discussion, a substitute motion was made by Representative Brunk to clarify the previous amendment stating that the words "board, commission or task force" be inserted. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwab. The motion to amend was passed. Representative Brunk made a motion to pass HB 2158 favorably as amended. Representative Schwab seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**HCR 5010 - Constitutional amendment providing method for filling vacancies in executive offices.**

Representative Schwab made a motion to pass HCR 5010 favorably. Representative Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**HB 2077 - Elections; voters; photo identification required; free photo identification, certain persons.**

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided information to clarify the problem of two different dates in Section 1 and 2 of the bill. He advised that the committee should make all parts of the bill be effective on the same date. Representative Schwab made a motion and offered a conceptual amendment similar to the language from the state of Virginia. Representative Otto seconded the motion. Representative Sawyer moved to offer amend the bill to include, "if a voter is unable to provide a form of identification, he is to be allowed to vote after signing a statement that he is the named registered voter." Representative Menghini seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Schwab made a motion to insert on page 9, the words "applicant, signature and expiration date." Representative Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Sawyer made a motion to unify the dates in the bill to be designated January 1, 2012. Representative Menghini seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Schwab made a motion to pass the bill favorably as amended. Representative Horst seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Chairman announced that the Vice-Chairman would be contacting members for the purpose of selecting those who will carry the bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2009.

