

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Huebert at 3:30 p.m. on March 17, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused
Representative Mike Peterson- excused
Representative Scott Schwab- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Sherrie Riebel, Allen County Clerk
Lou Kern, Washington County Clerk
Kim Winn, Director of Policy Development & Communications, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing On: SB 419 - Elections; filing requirements for city offices.

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, briefed the committee, saying that the bill would require a candidate for office to file his or her statement of intent with either the city clerk or the county election officer in the candidate's county of residence. He noted the bill also reduces from three to two the number of days a county election officer has to determine validity of filing.

Sherri Riebel, Allen County Clerk, testified as an opponent of **SB 419**, saying that the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association (KCC & EOA) does not support this legislation as amended by the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee (Attachment 1). She said that time allotted for staff to check petitions is not sufficient when city clerks do not return filings in a timely manner; the three-day time period is recommended by KCC & EOA for efficiency.

Kim Winn, Director of Policy Development & Communications, League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM), addressed the issue of where candidates for city office file papers (Attachment 2). She indicated the results of a poll of city clerks in Kansas do not favor the proposed changes. Ms. Winn said LKM does not oppose the bill if it does not prohibit city candidates from filing for office in their respective city hall offices.

The Chairman referenced additional written testimony, submitted in opposition to **SB 419**.

Angie Kirchner, Coffey County Clerk, (Attachment 3)
Linda Buttron, Jefferson County Clerk, (Attachment 4)
Joanne Long, Bourbon County Clerk, (Attachment 5)

The hearing on **SB 419** was closed.

Hearing On: SB 420 - County extension council elections; date of election of governing body.

Ken Wilke provided an update on **SB 420**, saying that the sum and substance of the bill would change the filing date for extension district governing body member candidates from five week to ten weeks preceding an April election.

Sherrie Riebel speaking as a proponent of **SB 420** said the KCC & EOA supports this legislation, which provides for a 20-day period to allow programming and ballots to be prepared in a timely manner (Attachment 6). She reported that extension districts are merging and placing more city and school election candidates on the ballots in an effort to save money. Ms. Riebel recommended the committee pass **SB 420** favorably.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Elections Committee at 3:30 p.m. on March 17, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Lou Kern, Washington County Clerk, spoke as a proponent of **SB 420**, saying that moving the filing deadline for extension candidates to ten weeks prior to the general election would permit counties to be well prepared for advanced voting (Attachment 7). Ms. Kern included a time line showing the requirements county election officials must adhere to in the preparation process. She noted that River Valley Extension District #4 includes Clay, Cloud, Republic and Washington Counties. Ms. Kern alluded to the good working relationship between K-State Research and Extension and District #4, both of whom agree that passage of **SB 420** would benefit candidates and voters.

The Chairman referenced additional written testimony submitted in support of **SB 420**.

Linda Buttron, Jefferson County Clerk, (Attachment 8)

Linda Bogart, Cloud County Clerk, (Attachment 9)

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, (Attachment 10)

Daryl D. Buchholz, Associate Director for Extension and Applied Research, (Attachment 11)

The Chairman closed the meeting on **SB 420**.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. There are no further meetings scheduled.

HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

DATE: March 17, 2010

NAME	REPRESENTING
Brad Bryant	Sec. of state
Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen Co. Clerk	KCC & EOA
Lou Kern, WSC Clerk	KCC + EOA
ROB MEACH	KENNEDY & ASSOC.
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SUE PELTON	K State
Emily Huey	K State

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March 17, 2010

To: House Elections Committee

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 419

From: Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk/Election Official
and Kansas County Clerks & Election Officials Election Committee Chair

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 419. Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association does not support this legislation as amended by the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee.

The intent of the original Senate Bill 419 was to have all filings with the County Election Office. This was to save time on checking petitions, designing ballots and programming.

Currently all cities have three days in which to get filings to the County Election Officer once they have received them from candidates. (Third class city candidates have the option of the city clerk or county election officer.) We wanted to have the filings in a more timely manner, so we were asking to have them returned to the County Election Office, not shorten the time of checking the petitions. Several Election Offices do not have the staff to check petitions as fast as 2 days; we would like to continue to have the 3 days in which to check signatures. Therefore, KCC&EOA does NOT support Senate Bill 419 as amended.

KCC&EOA urges the committee not to pass Senate Bill 419. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sherrie L. Riebel
Allen County Clerk/Election Official
& KCC&EOA Election Committee Chair

Hs-Elections
3-17-10 Attachment #1



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To: House Elections
From: Kim Winn, Director of Policy Development & Communications
Date: March 17, 2010
Re: SB 419

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) and our member cities. At the beginning of the session, we were approached by the County Clerks Association regarding the issue of where candidates for city office file their paperwork. Current law requires that filings are with the city clerk in cities of the first and second class. In cities of the third class, the filing may be either with the city clerk or the county election officer. We were told about a few anecdotal examples where cities failed to meet deadlines when submitting the information to the county election official.

As originally written, SB 419 would have changed the long-standing practice of filing for city office at city hall and would have required that all city candidates file with the county election officer. After our conversation with the County Clerks Association, we polled the city clerks in Kansas and we received an overwhelming response in opposition to this proposed change. The Senate amended the bill to allow for filing either at city hall or with the county election officer. We do not oppose the bill so long as city candidates can still file for office at city hall for the following key reasons:

- **Local Filing Encourages More Candidates.** Many city clerks expressed serious concern about discouraging candidates by requiring filing to be at the county election office, particularly in smaller communities that have difficulty getting people to run for office. Allowing for local filing promotes ease of access to the election process.
- **City Information.** Many city clerks provide a packet of basic information about cities to all of those who inquire about running for office. Filing with city clerks also gives the individuals an opportunity to ask questions about the city on the spot.
- **More cooperation is needed.** Most city clerks indicated that any problems with communication between city clerks and county clerks is simply an indication that perhaps more training and communication is needed.

To this end, the City Clerks Association and the League of Kansas Municipalities have committed to working to provide a non-legislative answer to the questions posed by this bill. We would be happy to work with the County Clerks Association to provide space in our publications and on our training schedules to address any concerns that they might have about filing for city office.

Thank you and I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

*Hs. Elections
3-17-10 Attachment #2*

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Board Meets Every Monday

March 17, 2010

To: House Elections Committee

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 419

From: Angie Kirchner, Coffey County Clerk/Election Official and
Kansas County Clerks & Election Officials Association - Election Committee member

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing my testimony on Senate Bill 419. As a member of the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association - Election Committee member, I also do not support this legislation as amended by the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee, as there may have been a misunderstanding of what Election officials were actually trying to change.

On page 2, Line 13 and page 3, Line 28 of Senate Bill 419 - shortening the time allowed for validating petitions from 3 days to 2 days was not the goal. The change Election officials were seeking was for candidates to file directly with the County Election office and bypass filing at the city office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Angie Kirchner
Coffey County Clerk/Election Official
& KCC&EOA Election Committee

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3-17-10 Attachment # 3

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March 11, 2010

Honorable Representative Huebert
Chairperson-House Elections Committee
And Committee Members

Re: S.B. 419

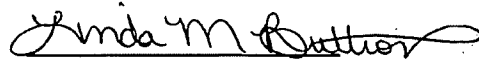
Chairman Huebert and Committee Members:

As Jefferson County Clerk and Election Officer and President of the Kansas County Clerk's and Election Officials Association, I am in opposed to the passage of Senate Bill No. 419 as it was amended in the Senate.

The association is not opposed to the candidate filing in either the City Clerk's office or the County Clerk's office for all classes of cities, but it does oppose reducing the time for County Clerk's to validate the filings from 3 days to 2 days.

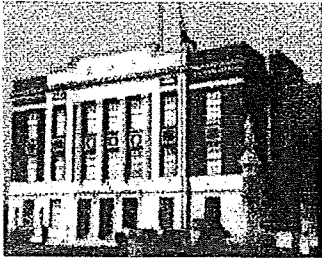
Thank you for your consideration concerning this bill.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Buttron
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President of the Kansas County Clerk's and Election Officials Association

As. Elections
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March 17, 2010

To: House Elections Committee

Re: Written Testimony on Senate Bill 419

From: Joanne Long, Bourbon County Clerk/Election Official
and Kansas County Clerks' and Election Officials' Association Treasurer

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in opposition of Senate Bill 419. The Kansas County Clerks' and Election Officials' Association opposes this legislation in its current form.

Currently, candidates for city office in Cities of the 1st and 2nd class are required to file with the corresponding City Clerk. Candidates for city office in Cities of the 3rd class may file with the City Clerk or with the County Election Office. A city clerk has three days to turn over the filing documentation to the County Election Officer once they have received it from candidates and the County Election Officer has three days to verify the candidate petitions.

With its current amendments, the County Election Officer will only have two days to verify petition signatures. In many counties, the person who handles election duties also handles other duties in the Clerk's Office, such as Payroll or Tax, which can be very time consuming and have deadlines during certain times of the year. Also, oftentimes candidate petitions come in several at a time and there simply isn't enough time to verify each of them in the two days allotted in the bill as it is presented to you.

Therefore, I and the Kansas County Clerks' and Election Officials' Association urge you to vote against Senate Bill 419 in its current state.

Sincerely,

Joanne Long
Bourbon County Clerk/Election Official
& KCC&EOA Treasurer

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3-17-10 Attachment #5

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March 17, 2010

To: House Elections Committee

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 420

From: Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk/Election Official
and Kansas County Clerks & Election Officials Election Committee Chair

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 420. Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association support this legislation.

Extension Districts are a growing item due to funding. More and more county extension offices are merging their services to save monies and utilize their agents to be more specialized. This is causing more and more City/School Elections to have extension district candidates on the ballot as well.

Currently the extension district candidates have until the day before a primary election date to file for extension board. However, if the County does not have a primary election we have to wait to finalize our General Election ballot. This causes time problems with programming and printing when you have 105 counties wanting programming and printing done so that the ballots can be mailed out in a timely manner. Example this year we have primary election day Tuesday, March 3, 2010 the canvass is on Friday, March 5, 2010. Advanced voting for the Tuesday, April 6, 2010 General Election starts on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. This leaves one week and two days for our ballots to be programmed and printed to go into the mail on the 17th or if people come into our office to vote. My point is the City/School Elections are so tightly scheduled if the Election Officials are fortunate not to have a Primary Election could get their General Election ballots done as long as they don't have to wait on an Extension District filing date. This would leave the Election Officials that have Primary Elections to get their programming and ballots in a timely manner.

KCC&EOA urge the committee to report Senate Bill 420 favorably for passage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sherrie L. Riebel
Allen County Clerk/Election Official
& KCC&EOA Election Committee Chair

HS. Elections
3-17-10 Attachment # 6

Good Morning – I am Lou Kern, Washington County Clerk. Washington County is the home county for River Valley Extension District #4 comprised of Clay, Cloud, Republic and Washington Counties. It was formed in 2006 under K.S.A. 2-623 and we have had two elections since the formation of the district.

Before the implementation of HAVA we were a paper ballot county. We now use precinct count machines and have our ballots printed by Lockwood Company through E S & S.

I have attached a 2009 election calendar from the April city/school election cycle. It shows the time line that we as county election officials must meet.

January 27 – Filing deadline for city/school candidates.

February 27 or before - Secretary of State sends instructions for the general election.

February 21 - Federal service ballots were to be mailed

March 4 - Extension candidates filing deadline

March 18 – Advance voting may begin in office

April 7 – General Election

While the time frame listed above appears to allow adequate time for county election officers to meet those deadlines it is barely possible to do so. ES&S/Lockwood requires that our information be prepared for printing 60 days prior to each election in order to allow time for us to submit the information, receive the draft, confirm any corrections that may be needed and then have ballots printed. In addition to the printed ballots Lockwood also prepares the card that lists all candidates for office by precinct and controls the scanners. Frequently the ballots are printed but the cards have not been burned for the counters so advance voting may not begin 20 days prior to the election. Our county voters have become accustomed to voting at their earliest convenience.

The map attached shows the number of extension districts that have or will be formed and represents a substantial impact on a majority of the counties in Kansas.

We have an excellent working relationship with K-State Research and Extension and both organizations agree that it would greatly benefit the candidates; the voters and especially the county election officers involved if the filing deadline for extension candidates is legislatively moved to 10 weeks prior to the general election rather than the current 5 weeks.

Do you have any questions for me? If not, thank you for your time and consideration.

*Ms. Elections
3-17-10 Attachment #7*

Local Extension Units Served by the Assigned Extension Director's Representative

Extension Director's Representative

Local Extension Units

James L. Lindquist, Extension Field Operations

Central Kansas, Douglas, Johnson, Reno, Riley, River Valley, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Wyandotte

Dale L. Fjell, Northeast Area Office

Atchison, Brown, Chase, Dickinson, Doniphan, Geary, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Leavenworth, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Meadowlark, McPherson, Morris, Pottawatomie, Rice, Wabaunsee

Chris Onstad, Northwest Area Office

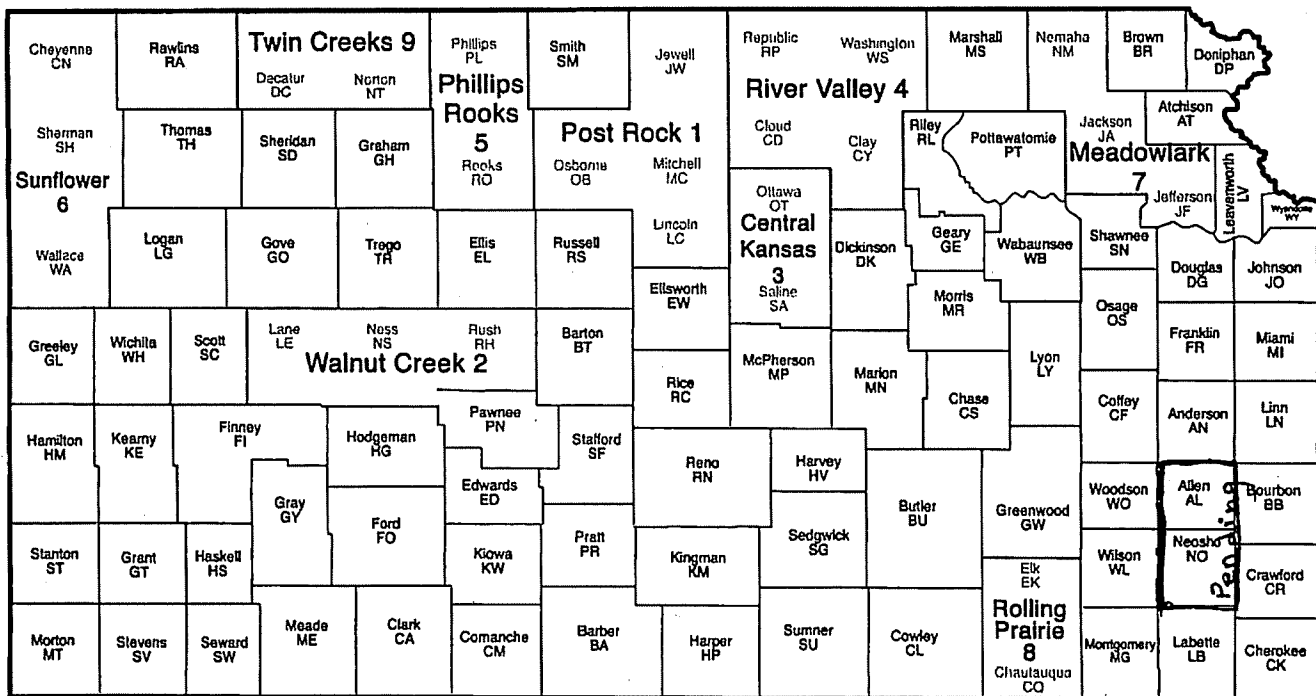
Barton, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Logan, Phillips-Rooks, Post Rock, Rawlins, Russell, Sheridan, Smith, Sunflower, Thomas, Trego, Twin Creeks, Walnut Creek

Paul D. Hartman, Southwest Area Office

Barber, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kiowa, Meade, Morton, Pawnee, Pratt, Scott, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Wichita

J. D. McNutt, Southeast Area Office

Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Franklin, Greenwood, Labette, Linn, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Rolling Prairie, Sumner, Wilson, Woodson



Office of the Kansas Secretary of State **January 2009** 2009 City & School Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 CEO - Deadline for city & USD clerks to certify offices to be elected. 25-2017a, 25-2118</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2 CEO - Voters may apply for mailed advance ballots for primary and general. 25-1122(e)(3),(4)</p> <p>←</p>	<p>3 Term of office begins at noon for U.S. House & Senate</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	<p>12 Term of office begins for state, county, township officers (except county treasurer). 25-313</p>	<p>13 SOS - Send CEOs city & school primary advance ballot forms and voter instructions (35 days before election) 25-1121. Deadline January 27.</p>	<p>14 CEO - On or before January 15, publish notice of election one time for school election. Publication not required for city election. 25-2108(b), 25-2112</p>	15	16	<p>17 CEO - Deadline to mail primary election ballots to federal service voters. 25-1220</p>
18	<p>19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p>	20	21	22	23	24
25	<p>26 CEO - biennial list of county elected officials due to SOS. 19-323</p>	<p>27 Candidate filing deadline Noon deadline for city, school, community college, hospital district candidates to file or withdraw. 25-2007(c), 25-2109, 71-1414(c), 80-2508</p>	28	29	30	31

Office of the Kansas Secretary of State February 2009 2009 City & School Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SOS/CEO - Deadline for in-state residence change for city & school primary. Voter who moves outside precinct within 30 days before election may vote in former precinct. 25-3701	2 CEO - County party chairs recommend board workers for city & school primary. (At least 30 days before election) 25-2803(a)	3	4	5 CEO - Prepare advance ballots for city & school primary (At least 20 days before election) 25-1120 Deadline February 11.	6 CEO - Deadline to publish times, places and close of registration for primary. Date may vary with daily or weekly newspaper schedule. 25-2310, -2311(a)(4), -2311(d), KAR 7-23-4	7 SOS - Notify CEOs of close of registration for general election. (At least 60 days before election) 25-2311(c) ←
8	9	10	11 CEO - Begin mailing primary advance ballots. (20 days before primary) 25-1123	12	13	14
15	16 SOS/CEO - Voter registration deadline for city & school primary. 25-2311(a)(4) Presidents Day	17 SOS/CEO - Registration books closed for primary. (14 days before election) 25-2311(a)(4) CEO - Deadline to appoint poll workers (10 days before election) 25-2801 CEO - Train poll workers any time 25-2806	18 SOS - Send CEOs general election advance ballot forms and voter instructions. (35 days before election) 25-1121. Deadline Feb. 27.	19	20	21 CEO - Deadline to mail general election ballots to federal services voters. 25-1220
22	23 CEO - Primary campaign finance report deadline for 1 st class city candidates. 25-4148(a)(1)	24 CEO - First day to vote primary advance ballots in CEO office. May begin as early as Feb. 11. 25-1122(f) CEO - Publish notice of school primary (if required) 25-2018(d)	25	26	27 CEO - Last day voters may apply for mailed advance ballots for primary. 25-1122(e)(3)	28

Office of the Kansas Secretary of State

March 2009

2009 City & School Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 CEO - Noon deadline to vote regular advance primary ballots in CEO office. 25-1122(f)	3 City & school primary election 25-2010, 25-2108a(a) CEO - Sick/disabled advance voting until polls close. 25-1124(c)	4 CEO - Registration books reopen. 25-2311 <i>Extension of Board Member filing</i>	5	6 CEO - County canvass of city & school primary today or Monday. 25-3101(d),(e), 25-3104	7
8 SOS/CEO - Deadline for in-state residence change for city & school general. Voter who moves outside precinct within 30 days before election may vote in former precinct. 25-3701	9 CEO - Noon deadline to request recount if canvass was Friday. 25-3107(b) CEO - Issue nomination certificates if recount not requested. 25-3110, KAR 7-26-1 CEO - Alternate date for county canvass of primary. 2-3104	10 CEO - 5:00 pm deadline to request recount if canvass was Monday. 25-3107(b) CEO - County party chairs recommend board workers for general. 25-2803(a)	11	12 CEO - Prepare advance ballots for general. Deadline March 18. 25-1120	13 CEO - Complete recount by 5:00 pm if requested Monday. 25-3107(b) CEO - Deadline to publish times, places & close of registration for general. Dates may vary with newspaper schedule. 25-2310, 2311(a)(5), 2311(u), KAR 7-23-4	14
15	16 CEO - Complete recount by 5:00 pm if requested Tuesday. 25-3107(b)	17	18 CEO - Begin mailing general advance ballots. (20 days before election) 25-1123	19	20	21
22	23 SOS/CEO - Voter registration deadline for city & school general. 25-2311(a)(5)	24 CEO - Deadline to appoint poll workers for general. (at least 10 days before election) 25-2801 SOS/CEO - Registrations books closed for general. 25-2311(a)(5) CEO - Train poll workers any time. 25-2806	25	26	27	28
29	30 CEO - General campaign finance report deadline for 1 st class city candidates. 25-4148(a)(2)	31 CEO - First day to vote advance ballots in CEO office for general. May begin as early as March 18. 25-1122(f)				

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Office of the Kansas Secretary of State

April 2009

2009 City & School Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 CEO - Deadline to publish notice of school general. 25-2018(e) CEO - Primary campaign finance report deadline for 2 nd & 3 rd class city, school, comm., college candidates. 25-904(b)	3 CEO - Last day voters may apply for mailed advance ballots for general. 25-1122(e)(4) <i>Public Test</i>	4
5	6 CEO - Noon deadline to vote regular advance general ballots in CEO office. 25-1122(f)	7 City & school general election 25-2010, 25-2107 CEO - Sick/disabled advance voting until polls close. 25-1124(c)	8 SOS/CEO - Registration books reopen. 25-2311	9	10 CEO - County canvass of general today or Monday. 25-3101(d),(e), 25-3104	11
12	13 CEO - Alternate date for county canvass. 25-3104 CEO - Noon deadline to request recount if canvass was Friday. 25-3107(b) CEO - Issue election certificates, certify results to city governing body if recount not requested. 25-3110, KAR 7-26-1	14 CEO - 5:00 pm deadline to request recount if canvass was Monday. 25-3107(b)	15	16	17 CEO - Complete recount by 5:00 pm if requested Monday. 25-3107(b)	18
19	20 CEO - Complete recount by 5:00 pm if requested Tuesday. 25-3107(b)	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Honorable Representative Huebert
Chairperson-House Elections Committee
And Committee Members

Re: S.B. 420

Written Testimony Only-

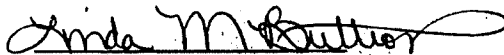
Chairman Huebert and Committee Members:

As Jefferson County Clerk and Election Officer and President of the Kansas County Clerk's and Election Officials Association, I am in support of the favorable passage of Senate Bill No. 420.

The bill makes the filing deadline for Extension District Directors the same as City and School candidate's filing deadlines. This simplifies the spring election process and allows County Clerk's to order their ballots for the April election much sooner than the current law allows.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this bill.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Buttron

Jefferson County Clerk & Election Officer

President of the Kansas County Clerk's and Election Officials Association

Ms. Elections
3-17-10 Attachment # 8

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March 10, 2010

To: House Elections Committee

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 420

From: Linda Bogart, Cloud County Clerk/Election Official

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 420. The Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association is in support this legislation.

This legislation would allow Election officials in the eight (8) Extension Districts, which includes twenty-three (23) counties to be able to prepare for the City/School General Election in a timelier manner. They would be able to submit their complete candidate listing, media programming and ballot information to their equipment vendor by their suggested submission date, which in 2009 was one week after the candidate filing deadline.

This legislation would allow for the Extension District candidate filing deadline to be prior to the deadline for mailing Federal Service ballots.

Also, it would allow sufficient time for candidate inspection of ballots, equipment testing prior to the beginning of Advance voting, twenty (20) days before to the election.

KCC&EOA urge the committee to report Senate Bill 420 favorably for passage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Linda Bogart
Cloud County Clerk/Election Official

*Ho. Elections
3-17-10 Attachment #9*

March 12, 2010

To: House Elections Committee Chair

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

Please consider the revision of K.S.A. 2-624, in regards to the filing deadline of Extension Councils as worded in Senate Bill No. 420. Ottawa County is in favor of this revision, as changing the filing deadline to coincide with the other elections would be a great help for election officials to prepare more efficiently in fulfilling other statutory obligations for the City/School Elections in odd-numbered years. I would encourage you to vote in favor of the proposed Senate Bill No. 420, in a way to help streamline the election process in order to fill ballot requests for advanced voting on a timely manner. Central Kansas Extension District #3 is in favor of the proposed bill.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 420.

Sincerely,

Mary Arganbright
Ottawa County Clerk/Election Officer

As. Elections
3-17-10 Attachment #10



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Representative Steve Huebert, Chair
Elections Committee
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 149-S
Topeka KS 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

It was been brought to our attention by the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association that they have introduced a bill in the Senate (SB420) to change the filing deadline for Extension District candidates to be the same as that of a city/school election. As this change will affect the election process for all current and future Extension Districts, I am writing this letter to indicate that K-State Research and Extension does not oppose this change. Further, we understand this change will remove any issues election officials may have with programming machines and printing ballots in a timely manner for the general elections held the first Tuesday in April.

Sincerely yours,

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