MINUTES OF THE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 11:33 a.m. on March 29, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:
 Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
 Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
 Ron Hein, Hein Law Firm, Chartered

Others attending:
 See attached list.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and opened the floor for final action on **SB 102 - Governmental ethics commission; candidate, lobbyist fee increases**. (Attachment 1)

This bill was sent back to the Committee from the Committee on Ways and Means to be reworked. Carol Williams, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission, answered questions regarding the proposed fee increases for filing fees.

Ron Hein, Hein Law Firm, Chartered, an opponent, testified showing concern about the dramatic increase in the individual lobbying client fee which would be tripled under the Senate Ways and Means plan. (Attachment 2)

Senator Schmidt moved, seconded by Senator Apple, to increase filing fees for statewide offices from $750. to $1000. Motion carried.

Senator Schmidt moved, seconded by Senator Reitz to add to lobbyists reports, the date of expenditures on elected officials. Motion carried.

Senator Kelsey moved, seconded by Senator Apple, to amend **SB 102 - Governmental ethics commission; candidate, lobbyist fee increases** as proposed and to add the contents of **SB 102** into the **Senate Substitute for HB 2080**. Motion carried.

Senator Schmidt moved, seconded by Senator Kelsey, to amend into **Senate Substitute for HB 2080** technical amendments for the original **SB 130 - Elections; candidate filing deadlines; other**. Motion carried.

Senator Reitz moved, seconded by Senator Kelsey, that the Senate Substitute for HB 2080 be passed favorably as amended. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.