

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlos Mayans at 3:30 p.m. on January 18, 2000 in Room 521-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except:      Rep. Ethel Peterson, excused  
Rep. Jeff Peterson, excused

Committee staff present:                    Michael Heim, Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Lisa Montgomery, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Mike Taylor, City of Wichita

Others attending:                              See Guest List ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairman Mayans welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated he had visited with the House leadership about bills to be referred to this committee and leadership indicated bills on the Kansas Open Records Act will be included. The Chairman also noted the hold-over bills remaining in committee. He indicated Representative Minor requested a hearing on **HB 2241** (County officers and candidates for office; residency requirements), and it will be scheduled; committee bills **HB 2063** (Retailers' sales tax, resolving statutory conflict) and **HB 2064** (Powers of board of county commissioners; resolving statutory conflict) will be considered; Representative Hayzlett has indicated that no action be taken at this time on **HB 2390** (County officers; execution of duties of office); and Representative Hermes indicated no action be taken at this time on **HB 2338** (Cities; incorporation; areas within five miles of existing city).

The meeting then was opened to introduction of bills. Mike Taylor, Government Relations Director for the City of Wichita, requested the committee introduce two bills (1) opening the bid process to allow telefacsimile or other electronic transmission bidding on municipal bond sales; and (2) allow destruction six months from maturity date of bonds and coupons stamped paid or canceled and returned to the city by fiscal agents. The latter change would bring consistency to the way other bonds are handled. Mr. Taylor indicated other cities may benefit by this legislation as well. A question was raised if these bonds should be held twelve months for audit; he indicated these kinds of bonds are usually held by the private investors who hold the bonds and are not in the audit process. The committee approved the introduction of these two bills.

Representative Dixie Toelkes requested a bill be introduced to allow the Topeka Township to acquire title and responsibility for the Lynn Creek Cemetery. The committee approved introduction of this bill.

Representative Welshimer indicated a bill is being drafted concerning the Open Records issue to include the creation of an office in the Secretary of State's Office to oversee such activities in the state. Chairman Mayans indicated several other pieces of legislation are being considered by the Governor, legislative leaders and others, which will be forthcoming as well.

Representative Hermes indicated she is considering introduction of bills on (1) nudist colonies; (2) licensing crematoriums; and (3) enforcing sales taxes on small animal sales at flea markets and trades. Representative Palmer noted that since state matching funds to FEMA grants for disasters were cut it has placed hardship on some communities where flooding occurred. She asked if this committee could author legislation to insure state matching so federal grant funds are not impacted. She indicated grant applications are approved by the Lt. Governor or included in the Governor's budget. The Chairman indicated most likely that bill would be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Representative O'Connor recommended that the committee consider Post Audit Division's recommendation for legislation concerning the one-call system (which is used to determine the location of underground utility lines). The Division recommended several changes to current law, including (1) that excavators be prohibited from digging before utilities are marked, and (2) that a review be made to determine if current exemptions are appropriate. Chairman Mayans indicated that a Division

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representative will be asked to discuss the system at the next meeting of the committee.

Representative Barnes indicated she is considering re-introduction of a bill to require locksmiths obtain proper identification of persons requesting such services.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2000.