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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 1, 2007 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  
Zoie Kern, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer  
Randall Allen - Kansas Association of Counties  
Brad Bryant - Secretary of States Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Ken Wilke gave summary of **HB 2307**. This bill applying to **Sherman County board of Commissioners; election at large.**

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer gave testimony in favor of **HB 2307 (Attachment 1).**

Discussion.

Randall Allen, Executive Director of Kansas Association of Counties testified in favor of **HB 2307 (Attachment 2).**

Discussion.

Brad Bryant, Secretary of States Office gave neutral testimony on **HB 2307 (Attachment 3).**

Discussion.

Written testimony submitted from Sherman County Commissioners on **HB 2307 (Attachment 4).**

Hearing closed.

Ken Wilke gave summary on **HB 2332 Election; tabulating provisional ballots by precinct.**

Brad Bryant gave testimony as an opponent to **HB 2332 (Attachment 5 & 6).**

Attachment 6 shows the lump sum figures that does not allow for breakdown for clarification.

Discussion.

Hearing closed.

No one present as proponent nor opponent for **SB 136 Voiding certain restrictive covenants political yard signs.**

**Senator Betts moved to send S 136 out favorably. Second by Senator Donovan.**

Discussion.

Senator Wilson discussed private housing area covenants. Senator Lynn agreeing this would be a potential problem. Time frame for allowing signs in yards reviewed.

Senator Pyle mentioned free speech rights.

Vote taken.

**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie Kern, Committee secretary