

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Kahrs at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 04, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Brett Hildabrand – Excused

Representative Tom Sawyer – Excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

June Christensen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Approval of February 11, 12, 16 and 18 Minutes

Chairman Kahrs requested approval of the February 11, 12, 16, and 18, 2015, Minutes.

Representative Campbell moved, seconded by Representative Huebert, to approve the February 11, 12, 16, and 18, 2015, Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Approved Senate Bills

Chairman Kahrs introduced Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research, to present an overview of the bills approved by the Senate and the current status of them. ([Attachment 1](#)). Ms. Dorsey reviewed the bills that have been or probably will be assigned to the House Standing Committee on elections: **SB 28**; **SB 77**, and **Sub. SB 171**. She also reviewed bills that had passed from the House that will be heard by the Senate and answered committee members' questions.

Daniel Yoza, revisor, reviewed **SB77**, which addresses the Governmental Ethics Commission proposed fee increases. This bill has not yet been assigned.

Mike Hein, revisor, reviewed the proposed **Sub. SB 171** ([Attachment 2](#)). The bill addresses Municipalities--governing body elections; bond Issues and tax elections; filling vacancies for cities and consolidated cities/counties; cities form of government; school building polling places; public information programs for changing from spring to fall elections; allows secretary of state to determine order of names on ballot; a limited number of persons between 16-18 would be allowed to serve on election board; precinct committee members would be elected for four-year terms at the August election of the Presidential election year; and other various amendments in keeping with the provisions of the bill. He answered committee members' questions.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Announcements

Chairman Kahrs announced that a hearing on **Sub. SB 171** will be held on Wednesday, March 11, and will be from 1 to 3 pm. Proponents will be allowed to speak for 45 minutes with questions for 15 minutes, and opponents will be heard for 45 minutes with an additional 15 minutes for questions. At this time, if other bills are ready to be heard, they may be scheduled for Monday, March 9, and the committee will be informed.

Adjournment

Chairman Kahrs adjourned the meeting at 2:57 pm.