

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Kahrs at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 09, 2016, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Ruth Mahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Meeting call to order

The meeting was delayed until a quorum was present. Chairman Kahrs called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Attention was directed to two sets of minutes that were ready for approval. Representative Esau moved that the minutes be approved as presented; Representative Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2543 — Substitute for HB 2543 by Committee on Elections - Election audits; voting machine requirements; time of canvass.

Chairman Kahrs opened discussion about **HB2543**, which was passed out of committee previously, never rose above the line in General Orders, and is back in committee for reconsideration.

Representative Esau moved to add an amendment. Daniel Yoza of the Office of Revisors explained that the amendment would strike subsection (f) of Section 1. Representative Campbell seconded.

Chairman Kahrs distributed an informational brief regarding the amendment which had been prepared by Bryan Caskey, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of State. ([Attachment 1](#)) In response to questions regarding the rules and regulations that would govern compliance with the bill, Chairman Kahrs deferred to Mr. Caskey, who stood to answer. The amendment was passed with two votes in opposition.

Representative Esau moved to pass **HB2543** favorably from committee as amended. Representative

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Campbell seconded. The motion passed with one vote in opposition.

Announcements

There are no plans for further meetings at this time. Chairman Kahrs thanked the committee members for their work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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