

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Huebert at 2:00pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Maureen Stinson, 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](#)

Chair Huebert called the meeting to order.

Bill introductions

Representative Tom Phillips requested a committee bill relating to sewer districts and increasing the construction contract bid threshold. Without objection, the bill will be introduced as a committee bill.

Representative Tom Phillips requested a committee bill relating to location restrictions on microbrewery locations and seeking an exemption in core commercial districts. Without objection, the bill will be introduced as a committee bill.

Representative Virgil Peck requested a committee bill designating Cowley County as the official stone bridge capitol of Kansas. Without objection, the bill will be introduced as a committee bill.

Representative John Whitmer requested a committee bill relating to improvement districts and their procedure for filling vacancies. Without objection, the bill will be introduced as a committee bill.

Representative Larry Campbell requested a committee bill relating to municipalities and contracts with other municipalities. Without objection, the bill will be introduced as a committee bill.

Representative Stan Frownfelter requested a committee bill relating to blighted properties. Without objection, the bill will be introduced as a committee bill.

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties, had recently emailed to the committee a brief explanation and map showing the makeup of Boards of County Commissioners in Kansas as a follow-up the January 20th hearing on **HB 2003**. A hard copy of the explanation and map were distributed to

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committee members and staff. ([Attachment 1](#))

HB 2003 - cities; annexation of non-adjoining land.

Chair Huebert called for Final Action on **HB 2003**.

Representative Houser explained a proposed amendment to **HB 2003**. The amendment replaces the unanimous vote requirement with a two third's vote requirement. It also would remove all of the language relating to manifest injury to surrounding landowners.

Representative Houser made a motion to amend the bill and submitted the proposed balloon amendment. ([Attachment 2](#)) Representative Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried and the bill is favorably amended.

Representative Houser explained a second proposed amendment to **HB 2003**. The amendment would require that the county commissioner that represents the district or districts in which the land is located vote in favor of the annexation.

Representative Houser made a motion to amend the bill and submitted the second proposed balloon amendment. ([Attachment 3](#)) Representative Esau seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken. The Chair was in doubt, therefore a counted vote was taken. Motion failed on a show of hands.

*Representative Houser made a motion to pass out **HB 2003** favorably as amended. The motion carried.*

Scheduled staff presentations were canceled by Chair Huebert since the meeting was not called to order until 2:00 p.m. The pdf file of the staff presentation on abandoned property issues considered by the 2014 Interim Committee was emailed out to committee members and staff. ([Attachment 4](#)) Martha Dorsey made a few brief comments to the committee relating to the presentation. The pdf file of the staff presentation on Local Government Bills from the 2013-2014 Biennium was emailed out to committee members and staff. ([Attachment 5](#))

Chair Huebert adjourned the meeting. There will be no meeting held on January 29th. The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 3rd.