

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Tony Powell at 3:30 p.m. on February 11, 2002 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Steve Huebert, Excused

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor  
Dennis Hodgins, Research  
Shirley Weideman, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Geraldine Flaharty

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Powell brought the committees' attention to the two handouts given to members. One is a memo Representative Ray had brought to the committee from the City of Overland Park regarding the rights of felons under the laws of Kansas. (Attachment #1) The second handout was research by Dennis Hodgins "Categories of Felons Disenfranchised Under State Law" as requested by the committee on February 6 (Attachment #2).

The chair recognized Representative Donald Dahl who proposed a committee bill to require non-government agencies or entities receiving monies from the state to have their financial records open to the public. He said this would ensure that entities receiving loans or grants will be able to pay off their obligations.

Without objection, it will be introduced as a bill.

Chairman Powell opened the hearings on **HB 2378 - Campaign finance; political committees; registration fees.**

He told the committee that they were given a copy of the fiscal note on this bill.

Representative Geraldine Flaharty was recognized by the chair as a proponent for **HB 2378**. She said she hoped this bill would encourage political involvement by small grass roots groups without making substantive changes in public policy. Current law divides registration fees for political committees into two categories: Those anticipating income of less than \$2,500 pay a registration fee of \$35 and those above \$2,500 pay \$240. Representative Flaharty told the committee that this bill would add a third category to the political committee registration fee for those committees anticipating the receipt of more than \$2,500 but less than \$5,001 or more in any calendar year to pay a fee of \$100. She answered questions asked by members of the committee. (Attachment #3)

The hearing was closed on **HB 2378**.

**HB 2677 - Public works bond; restrictions on requirements thereof.**

Representative Hermes moved to amend HB 2677 to add on lines 31 and 32 "or any other bond" after 'require that the bond' and adding "a" instead of "any one" before 'specific surety, agent, broker or producer'. The motion was seconded by Representative Huff. Motion passed.

Representative Jim Morrison moved that HB 2677 as amended be moved favorably out of committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Huff. Motion passed. Representative Hermes will carry the bill.

**HCR 5036 - Constitutional amendment limiting the number of terms to which a person may be elected to the senate and house of representatives.**

Representative Wilson proposed a conceptual amendment to the bill that provides the incumbent to file for office if he collects enough signatures for the ballot access petition to overcome the term limit. The motion was seconded by Representative Barnes. Motion passed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Following discussion on the bill, Representative Toplikar moved to pass **HCR 5036** favorably out of committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Mayans. The motion failed. Chair Powell, Representative Toplikar and Representative Mayans were recorded as voting aye.

Representative Morrison moved to table **HCR 5036**. The motion was seconded by Representative Barnes. The motion passed and **HCR 5036** is tabled.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Powell at 4:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 13 at 3:30 p.m.