

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on February 8, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Unruh

Don Moler

Dee Stuart

Rep. Steven Brunk

Carol Williams

Eric Sartorius

Others attending:

See attached list.

**HB 2267** Unilateral annexation; county-owned lands excluded

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2267**.

David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Sedgwick County, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He explained that the bill would prohibit cities from unilaterally annexing land owned by a County. He summarized their belief that fairness requires that counties be treated with the same accord and respect as cities when it comes to forced annexation.

Don Moler, LKM, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 2). He recommended that the committee not retroactively apply this proposed statutory change. He stated that it is a poor approach to public policy.

Dee Stuart, Mayor of Park City, KS, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 3). She stated **HB 2267** is nothing more than an attempt by Sedgwick County to do an end around of a legal proceeding enacted by Park City in December, 2006. She said that HB 2267 not only changes the law, but also would make it retroactive to a date prior to the vote of Park City.

Eric Sartorius, City of Overland Park, testified as neutral to the bill. He explained that they plan to meet with the legal department of Sedgwick County concerning a possible amendment to the bill to clarify the language concerning right of ways.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2267**.

**HB 2083** Campaign finance, use of unexpended campaign funds

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2083**.

Rep. Steven Brunk testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4). He said the bill allows a candidate to transfer campaign funds to a bonafide successor committee. He stated, in short, that this bill allows a candidate for elective office to transfer his or her funds to another personal successor campaign.

Carol Williams, Ethics Commission, testified neutral to the bill (Attachment 5). She explained that **HB 2083** amends three provisions of the Campaign Finance Act. She said these amendments would permit a candidate for a state or local office to transfer the residual funds from his or her original campaign account to a new campaign account which is established by the candidate when he or she files for a different state or local

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Chairman Burgess appointed sub-committees to meet on **HB 2197** and **HB 2198**. Chairman Burgess will serve as Chairman of both committees. Representatives Melody McCray - Miller and Sheryl Spalding will serve on both sub-committees as well.

Rep. Vickrey made a motion for the favorable approval of the minutes for the February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meetings. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2007.