

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 31, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Senator Stan Clark
Lester Haremza
Steve Kearney, Kansas County and District Attorney Association
Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel/ Director of Governmental Affairs
Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Carol Williams, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission

Others attending: See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Huelskamp requested a bill to require notice to the lien holder of a vehicle by units of government that impound vehicles of persons for any reason. Senator Huelskamp moved to request this bill be drafted, seconded by Senator Clark. The motion carried.

Trent LeDoux, Chairman 2nd Congressional District Republican Party, requested to introduce a bill concerning campaign finance; relating to district party committees. Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce the bill, second by Senator Jackson. The motion carried.

On January 18, 2001, during the briefing on recounts and contests by Representative Jerry Williams, 8th House District race, Representative Williams submitted written testimony from Mr Ed Bideau III, former member of the Kansas House, regarding provisional ballots. The Chair requested Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, to review the letter and in turn the Secretary of State have recommended one change in statute with regard to provisional ballots and proposed language to clarify the statute to when the provisional ballots are opened (Attachment 1). Senator Clark moved to introduce this language as a bill, seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

Woody Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers, requested to introduce a bill for a public hearing held by County Commissioners prior to entering into a business or type of activity which essentially would compete with people who are already providing that service for goods in the county in which it is located (Attachment 2). Senator O'Connor moved to have this bill drafted, seconded by Senator Gilstrap. The motion carried

Senator Brownlee moved to request the committee have a bill drafted to address the Blue Valley Recreation system. Senator Clark seconded the request. The bill already drafted, the motion was amended to request introduction of the bill. The motion carried.

Hearing on: SB63- relating to registration of voters. Information on other states using the last four digits of

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the social security number was provided to the Chair at her request; by Brad Bryant, Deputy Secretary of State and distributed to the committee (Attachment 3).

SB107 - concerning elections; relating to petitions

Senator Clark testified in support of **SB107** (Attachment 4). He also submitted written testimony of Lester Haremza, resident of Colby, Kansas, (Attachment 5).

Steve Kearney, representing Kansas County and District Attorney Association testified in support of **SB107** (Attachment 6). Mr. Kearney stated the Association's position on this issue was made clear previously in 1999, when testimony was given on **SB 244**. County and District Attorneys specialize in the area of criminal law, not in the area of determining the legality of the form of the question on petitions.

There being no others to testify on **SB107** the hearing was closed.

SB 108 - elections; establishing requirements for electronic reporting of campaign contributions

Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel and Director of Governmental Affairs, appeared on behalf of Governor Graves, testified in support of **SB 108**. **SB 108** promotes a more educated voting public by requiring statewide campaigns to file all campaign finance reports by electronic means and requiring daily reporting of campaign receipts during the 11 days immediately preceding the primary and general election (Attachment 7).

Since there were time limitations on the committee and other conferees still needing to testify on **SB 108** Chairperson Allen held the hearing open on **SB 108** and would continue tomorrow, February 1, 2001.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, provided information from the hearing on **SB 127** regarding the open records act (Attachment 8).

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2001.