

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bill Mason at 1:35 p.m. on February 12, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative John Edmonds - E

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Rose Marie Glatt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Randy Allen, Executive Director
Kansas Association of Counties
Kyle Smith, Director of Public Governmental Affairs, KBI
Walter Markley, Chairman of the Board
Kansas Association of License Investigators
Mary Feighny, Attorney General's Office
Sandy Meier, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
John W. Ellis, B.S., M.A.J. (written testimony only)

Others attending: See Attached

Without objection, a bill was introduced as requested by Randy Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties that would provide, following establishment of county commission districts by a board of county commissioners, no county election officer may alter precinct boundaries that would change commission districts unless there is unanimous approval by the board of county commissioners.

HB 2101- Private detective license and firearm permit become anniversary biennial process.

Kyle Smith, Director of Public and Governmental Affairs, KBI appeared in support of **HB 2101** (Attachment 1). The bill would update language and allow for the licenses of private investigators to be renewed on the anniversary date of when they were licensed. This would spread out the workload, so that license renewal may be conducted throughout the year rather than having a massive backlog occurring every January 1st.

Mary Feighny from the Attorney General's office and Sandy Meier from Kansas Bureau of Investigation responded to questions regarding the process and responsibilities of the authorizing agent of licenses.

It was noted that on page 1, line 36 of the bill, the word *on* should be omitted.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2101**.

HB 2163 - Continuing education requirement for licensure as a private detective.

Walter Markley, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Kansas Association of Licensed Investigators, spoke in support of **HB 2163** (Attachment 2). The bill has no fiscal impact to the state and the emphasis

for this bill comes from within the industry.

Mr. Markley explained three key points of the bill:

- It establishes a continuing education requirement of 24 hours during the two year license period.
- Provides that Attorney General rule and regulation authority to establish the requirements for these programs
- Provides for the Attorney General to contract for the administration of these new provisions.

Discussion followed regarding the current standards, definition and training necessary to fulfill the 24 hours of continuing education requirement. The Committee asked for clarification on whether they are credit or clock hours.

A Committee member called attention to written testimony, distributed to the committee, from John W. Ellis, B.S. M.A.J., an opponent to **HB 2163** (Attachment 3). Mr. Ellis states that the low demand for these courses does not merit expensive curriculums offered at community colleges and technical schools and the bill requires that the attorney general approve the training, thus significantly increasing that agencies work load and costs. He knew of no instance where misfeasance or poor performance could be traced to lack of knowledge. After discussion it was suggested that Mr. Markley review the concerns raised in Mr. Ellis' testimony and offer an explanation of the conflicting information.

In response to a question about the Attorney General's position on the bill, Mary Feighny, Attorney General's office, stated that since that agency would oversee the program he believed he should remain neutral.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2163**.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for February 17, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in room 313-S.

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