

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jene Vickrey at 3:30 P.M. on March 14, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brad Smoot, First American Title Company
Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association
Bill Meek, Sedgwick County Register of Deeds
Cynthia Dunham, Johnson County Board of County Commissioners
Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 3001 **Defining the phrase clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy for purposes of open records act**

Brad Smooth, First American Title Company, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He said the proposed legislation would restore the uniformity and predictability that was intended by the Kansas Open Records Act.

Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He proposed an amendment prohibiting the use of Social Security numbers as a method of identifying an individual in a public record required to be open under the Kansas Open Records Act.

Bill Meek, Sedgwick County Register of Deeds, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 3). He said the proposed legislation, if enacted, would reverse the Kansas Supreme Court decision in a case where he was a defendant.

Cynthia Dunham, appeared on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County. She testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 4). She said the proposed legislation, if enacted, would negatively impact the personal privacy of Kansas citizens because it would mandate the disclosure of highly personal information contained in records filed with county registers of deeds.

Judy Moler, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 5). She said local government is interested in retaining the ability to keep information private when necessary to protect its citizens.

Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities, submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill (Attachment 6).

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 3001**.

SB 499 **Re-authorization of certain exceptions to KORA**

Rep. Sawyer made a motion for the favorable passage of SB 499. Rep. Lane seconded the motion.

Rep. Lane made a motion to amend the contents of HB 3001 into SB 499. Rep. Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion to amend the contents of HB 3001 into SB 499 failed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Rep. Sawyer made a motion to amend SB 499 to include an alternative approach to the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.O.M.A.) and Kansas Open Records Act (K.O.R.A.) Rep. Goico seconded the motion.

Rep. Sharp made a motion to table SB 499. Rep. M. Miller seconded the motion.

Rep. Sharp withdrew her motion to table.

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Faust-Goudeau made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting. Rep. M. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006.