

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Kay O'Connor at 1:40 P.M. on February 1, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol. Chairman Tim Huelskamp took the chair at 1:45.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes  
Janet Engel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Kay O'Connor  
Pat Rahija, Wyandotte County Election Commissioner, via letter  
Elizabeth Ensley, Shawnee County Election Commissioner  
Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

Others attending: See attached list.

### **Bill Introductions**

It was moved by Senator Betts and seconded by Senator O'Connor that the committee introduce the bill about reports required of a county as requested by Senator Gilstrap. Motion carried.

It was moved by Senator O'Connor and seconded by Senator Peterson that the committee introduce a bill regarding standardizing poll agents, including provisions for the Secretary of State to develop regulations and training. Motion carried.

### **Hearing on SB 106- an act concerning advance voting; pertaining to the transmission of ballots; amending K.S.A. 2004 Supp.25-1123 and repealing the existing section.**

Ken Wilke described this bill. In answer to previous questions, yes, 14 days is the correct number. There were no questions of staff.

#### Proponents:

Senator Kay O'Connor provided testimony (Attachment 1)

#### Neutral or Both:

Pat Rahija, Wyandotte County Election Commissioner testified via Attachment 2.

Elizabeth Ensley provided testimony and fielded questions. She referred to Ms. Rahija's testimony and did not provide another one.

#### Opponents:

Brad Bryant provided testimony (Attachment 3) and answered questions.

Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing. He also noted that County Clerks will be in town on Thursday. He encouraged the committee to visit with them about this bill. The bill will not be discussed until after that day.

### **Closing**

The next meetings are Wednesday to hear SB 54 and Thursday to hear SB 78 and SB 80

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.