

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Kay O'Connor at 1:33 P.M. on February 8, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Tim Huelskamp- excused

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 Mark Gilstrap
Theresa Bush, Attorney General's office
Richard Gannon, KS Press Assn.
Harriet Lange, KS Assn. of Broadcasters
Judy Moler, KS Assn. Counties
Don Moler, League of KS Municipalities

Others attending:
See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator O'Connor reminded members that the deadline for individuals to introduce bills is tomorrow, February 9. For committees it is Friday, February 11, and this committee will not meet Friday.

Hearing on SB 164 - concerning cities; relating to quarterly reports of the treasurer; amending KSA 12-1608 and repealing the existing section.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, described this bill. Mike Heim, committee staff, clarified city classifications. The fiscal note was provided in the meeting packets.

Proponents: Senator Mark Gilstrap provided verbal testimony and answered questions. The bill is based on his difficulty in meeting the 30 day window at year end in a weekly newspaper. His written testimony was provided later (Attachment 1).

Opponents: There were no opponents.

Senator O'Connor closed the hearing.

Hearing on SB 79 - concerning the attorney general; establishing an office of public integrity.

Martha Dorsey, committee staff, described this bill. The fiscal note was provided in the meeting packets.

Proponents:

Theresa Bush, Attorney General's office provided testimony (Attachment 2). She stated that the fiscal note was written with out consulting her and that she does not foresee adding staff to fill this role because only the reporting function is new. No new staff will be required unless public use is extensive. She fielded questions.

Doug Anstaett, KS Press Association provided testimony (Attachment 3). There were no questions.

Harriet Lange, KS Association of Broadcasters provided testimony (Attachment 4). There were no questions.

Opponents:

Judy Moler, KS Association of Counties provided testimony (Attachment 5) and fielded questions.

Senator Betts asked Ms. Bush to provide a written statement from her office related to the minimal fiscal

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impact of this bill and no need to actually create an office or position.

Don Moler, League of KS Municipalities provided testimony (Attachment 6) and fielded questions.

Senator O'Connor closed the hearing.

Closing

The next meetings are Wednesday, February 9 and Thursday, February 10.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.