

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on February 10, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

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:

Carol Williams, Kansas Ethics Commission
Shelby Smith, Ad Hoc Lobbyist Campaign Finance Committee
Brad Bryant, Secretary of State Office
Julia Gilmore Gaughn, Disability Rights Center of Kansas

Others attending: See attached list.

Hearing on SB 66 - campaign finance; reports by certain committees shall include names of candidates supported or opposed.

Meeting materials were distributed yesterday and are included as attachments with these minutes.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, described the bill and fielded questions. This is the first recommendation from the Ethics Commission.

The fiscal note was included in the meeting packets.

Proponents: Carol Williams provided testimony (Attachment 1) and answered questions.

Shelby Smith previously provided written testimony. A reprint is included as (Attachment 2).

There being no Opponents, Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Hearing on SB 132 - Elections-optical scanning voting equipment.

Ken Wilke, committee staff described the bill and fielded questions. This was requested by the Secretary of State's Office as a requirement to implement HAVA.

The fiscal note was included in the meeting packets.

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

There being no Opponents, Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Hearing on SB 141 - Elections; providing for an advance voters list and access thereto.

Ken Wilke, committee staff described the bill and fielded questions. The fiscal note was not yet available.

There were no proponents present.

Opponents: Brad Bryant provided testimony (Attachment 4) and answered questions.

Neutral: Julia Gilmore Gaughn asked that new legislation protect the disability status and type of those who have applied for permanent advance voting status. (Attachment 5)

Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Hearing on SB 134 - Elections; party affiliation in primary elections.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, described the bill.

The fiscal note was included in the meeting packets.

Proponents: Brad Bryant provided testimony (Attachment 6) and answered questions.

There being no Opponents, Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Subcommittee for SB 80: Senator O'Connor announced that the subcommittee for this bill will meet on Monday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m. in 423-S.

Discussion of SB 67 - Campaign finance; corrupt political advertising, inclusion of telephonic communications.

Mr. Wilke distributed a proposal (Attachment 7) marked to expand the definition of telephonic means. It was moved by Senator Donovan and seconded by Senator Pyle to amend as marked. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilke distributed (Attachment 8) with a proposed amendment to insert (d)(1) & (2) after line 17 on page 2 related to vendor records. It was moved by Senator Pyle and seconded by Senator Reitz to amend as marked. Motion carried.

It was moved by Senator Reitz and seconded by Senator Betts that the committee favorably pass this bill as amended. Motion carried.

Closing

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.