

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Huebert at 3:30 p. m. on January 18, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Sloan - excused

Committee staff present:
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed members, and invited members to introduce themselves with information as to the district they serve. He reviewed the Rules of the Committee, then opened the meeting for bill introductions.

The Chairman read a request by Representative Kinzer from the 2009-2010 legislative session for the re-introduction of **HB 2675** - Certain city annexation of fire district territory.

Representative Mah requested the introduction of a bill requiring county commissions to review annexations and reduce the amount of time required from five years to a period of two years. A second bill request would be to remove residency requirements for pawnbrokers and precious metals dealers.

Representative Otto requested the committee consider a bill to require a dual majority vote when consolidation of city and county governments has been proposed.

Representative Seiwert requested a bill addressing a dispute review process for townships.

The Chair said that without opposition, all requested bills be introduced as proposed.

The Chair requested staff provide the committee information on the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations. Discussion and coordination with the Senate is recommended.

Referencing fire sprinklers and cemeteries, members discussed consideration of the issues from the 2009-2010 legislative session. A briefing and update from the Secretary of State's office on cemeteries will be tentatively scheduled for the meeting next Tuesday.

Staff Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department, introduced other staff members. She reviewed the status of bills assigned to the Local Government Committee in the 2009-2010 session (Attachment 1). Ms. Dorsey provided two documents with summaries of bills from the last session (Attachments 2 and 3). She called attention to a section of the Kansas Legislator Briefing Book for 2011, which gives information related to annexation (Attachment 4).

Ms. Dorsey said the staff is available to answer any questions and will provide information on upcoming legislation.

The the meeting was closed at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 3:30 p.m.