

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 9:35 a.m. on March 9, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue
Kathy Perry, Provisional Ballot Judge, Wichita
Brian Newby, Johnson County Election Commissioner
Bruce Newby, Wyandotte County Election Commissioner
Ron Roberts, Butler County Clerk
Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State
Ken Dunwoody, citizen, Olathe
Kelly Parks, citizen, Sedgwick County
Richard Fry, November Patriots

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **HB 2067 - Voter photographic identification requirements**. Staff gave a history of the bill in the Kansas Legislature and an explanation of the bill. **HB 2067** would change the requirements for providing voter identification at elections. The bill would require photo identification of all in-person voters at every election (with the exception of certain voters who would be exempted), and it would require inclusion of the number on or a copy of a specified form of photo ID for all voters submitting advance ballots by mail for every election. (Current law does not require a photo ID, nor does it require ID be provided at every election.) The bill would allow for the issuance of a free photo ID card to anyone who qualifies under specified poverty criteria and signs an affidavit. The bill also would require any person registering to vote to submit evidence of U.S. citizenship. ([Attachment 1](#))

Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, testified as neutral on the bill. She stated it is not expected that a significant number of free ID cards would be issued if this legislation were enacted and that it would have no impact of driver's license security. ([Attachment 2](#))

Kathy Perry, Provisional Ballot Judge, Wichita, testified as a proponent. Her testimony was based on her experiences as a provisional ballot judge for the November 4, 2008 presidential election. ([Attachment 3](#))

Brian Newby, Johnson County Election Commissioner, testified as a proponent. As the administrator who works in the largest election office in the state, he felt that the bill could be successfully implemented by election workers. ([Attachment 4](#))

Bruce Newby, Wyandotte County Election Commissioner, testified as a proponent. This bill will help applicants understand that they must provide proper identification to county election officials to be registered to vote. ([Attachment 5](#))

Kelly Parks, citizen, Sedgwick County, testified as a proponent. She cited experiences she witnessed during a voter registration drive in her district. ([Attachment 6](#))

Ron Roberts, Butler County Clerk, testified as a proponent. ([Attachment 7](#))

Ken Dunwoody, citizen, Olathe, testified as a proponent. He asked the committee to take his written testimony into consideration and support the bill. ([Attachment 8](#))

Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State, testified as a proponent. Secretary Kobach stated that the

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problem of voter fraud is understated in Kansas; that there might have been more than 700 fraudulent votes in the last presidential election.

Stacia Long, Seward County Clerk, a proponent, provided written testimony only. (Attachment 9)

The Chairman thanked the conferees for their testimony and asked Secretary Kobach to continue his testimony at the following meeting. Due to time constraints, the hearing will continue on March 10, 2011 finishing with proponents and hearing opponents. The Chairman closed the hearing.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.