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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Terrie Huntington at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 26, 2012 in 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department/Analyst
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department/Analyst
Susan Duffy, Kansas Legislative Research Department/Fiscal Analyst
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes/Assistant Revisor

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Carol Williams, Executive Director/ Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
Luke Bell, Executive Director/Kansas Society of Association Executives

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 102–Governmental ethics commission; candidate, lobbyist fee increases**. Staff presented a fiscal overview of the proposed legislation. (Attachment 1) This bill introduced in 2011 would raise fees paid to the Governmental Ethics Commission. Carol Williams, Executive Director of the Commission, testified as a proponent. **SB 102** would provide funds for the Commission until 2018. (Attachment 2)

Luke Bell, Executive Director, Kansas Society of Association Executives, opposed **SB 102** as introduced. He asked for a more reasonable, incremental increase in lobbyist fees and proposed a balloon amendment by the Commission in January 2012. (Attachment 3)

Committee members questioned whether the recommendations from the Association would help the Governmental Commission. The Commission's response was that it would not create extra work for their office. Extending the deadline for reporting expenses would give lobbyists more time to compile reports. The Committee asked the Revisor to prepare balloon amendments.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was closed. The Chairman advised the committee that the hearing on **SB 102** would continue on February 1, 2012.

Senator Schmidt introduced her three pages and Senator Faust-Goudeau introduced her intern.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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