

Approved: March 12, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dick Kelsey at 9:30 a.m. on March 6, 2012, 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
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

Nicole Proulx-Aiken, Staff Attorney, League of Kansas Municipalities
Kim Winn, Deputy Director, League of Kansas Municipalities
Doug Anstaett, Executive Director, Kansas Press Association
Dan Stanley, Interim City Manager, City of Topeka
Mike Taylor, Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas, Public Relations (written only)
Dick Carter, Overland Park, Kansas (written only)

Others in attendance:
See attached list

The hearing opened on **HB 2412–Cities; dissolution, certain cities**. Nicole Proulx-Aiken, League of Kansas Municipalities, spoke in favor of the bill (attachment 1). The hearing was closed. *Senator Huntington moved to pass **HB 2412** out of committee. Senator Kultala seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Chairman Reitz returned to the meeting and opened the hearing on **HB 2166–Substitute for HB 2166 by Committee on Local Government -- Pertaining to the publication of certain ordinances by cities**. Kim Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities, explained the bill is a compromise with the Kansas Press Association. **HB 2166** would provide an alternative for cities with regard to full ordinance publication. Cities could, at their option, continue to publish their ordinances in the local newspaper (attachment 2). Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association, Inc., also spoke in favor of the bill (attachment 3). Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Mike Taylor, Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas, Public Relations (attachment 4), and Dick Carter, Overland Park, Kansas, (attachment 5). Daniel Stanley, City of Topeka, spoke in opposition to the bill (attachment 6).

The hearing was closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Local Government Committee at 9:30 a.m. on March 6, 2012 in Room 159 S of the Capitol.

The hearing opened on **HB 2555–Substitute HB 2555 by Committee on Local Government -- Recreation commissions; conversions of existing recreation systems.** Mike Heim, revisor, reviewed the bill. The bill would create a new section of law allowing the governing body of a school district, which previously established a recreation system, to take joint action with the governing body of the city in which the school district is located, to initiate the conversion of the existing recreation system to a city recreation system under certain stipulations and procedures.

The hearing was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.
The next meeting will be March 12, 2012.