

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Ethics and Elections** recommends **HB 2104** be amended on page 2, in line 10, by striking "(b)"; following line 27, by inserting:

"(b) (1) A person who has been nominated by any means for any national, state, county or township office may be withdrawn from nomination if:

(A) The nominee certifies to the secretary of state that such nominee is withdrawing from nomination because of a severe medical hardship on the nominee or the nominee's immediate family. Such nominee shall send the secretary a certification of the severe medical hardship signed by a medical doctor; or

(B) the nominee certifies to the secretary of state that the nominee does not reside in the state of Kansas.

(2) If the secretary of state receives either of the certifications listed in paragraph (A) or (B) from a nominee on or before the first day of September following a primary election, such nominee's name shall be withdrawn from nomination and such nominee's name shall not be printed on the ballots for such office for the general election. The secretary of state, in the case of national and state offices, or the county election officer in the case of county or township offices, shall notify the chairperson or the vice-chairperson of the party committee of the congressional district, county or state, as the case may be, of such vacancy within 48 hours of receiving a

certification listed in paragraph (A) or (B).";

Also on page 2, in line 28, before "In" by inserting "(c)"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson