

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon at 3:38 p.m. on March 13, 2000 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Gary Hayzlett (E)  
Margaret Long (E)  
Ted Powers (E)  
Kay O'Connor (E)

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Research  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor  
Dee Woodson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office

Others attending: See attached list.

**SB 515 -Elections; technical changes in forms**

Chairperson Benlon opened the hearings on **SB 515**, and called Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Elections and Legislative Matters, as a proponent. He explained that the bill was introduced at the request of the Secretary of State as a technical clean-up bill and would accomplish two things. He testified the bill would change "19" to "20" in several places to bring two laws into Y2K compliance, and the bill would also delete the specific reference to the street address for the Secretary of State's office to reflect the agency's recent relocation. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Bryant was asked how this bill passed the Senate, and he replied it was on the Consent Calendar and passed 40 to 0.

There were no opponents. Following a brief discussion, the Chair closed the hearings on **SB 515**.

**SB 517 - Secretary of State; storage of legislative journals**

Chairperson Benlon opened the hearings on **SB 517**.

Brad Bryant, testified in support of this bill which was proposed by the Secretary of State at the request of the Legislative Coordinating Council to reduce the excess inventory of Permanent House and Senate Journals. He explained that each year the number of Journals to be printed is determined through consultation between the LCC, the Revisor and the Secretary of State, who distributes the books. He said that under current law, the Secretary of State sells the Journals until the supply reaches 50 or fewer, and then they are possibly given away upon request. He stated that this bill would allow the Secretary of State's office to dispose of the Journals beginning one year after publication. (Attachment 2)

General questions and discussion followed regarding how the books are disposed of, frequency of requests, the size of backlog of these old Journals, and whether schools request copies of these dated Journals. The Chair offered an amendment submitted by Chief Clerk of the House, Janet Jones, on page 2 of the bill, starting on line 12, and read as follows; "One year after the publication date of any volume, the Secretary of State may dispose of extra copies retaining an inventory of ten volumes for distribution without charge and after five years, the Secretary of State may dispose of the remainder of such copies." Mr. Bryant stated that his agency would not have any problem with that amendment. He was asked if this bill was on the Consent Calendar on the Senate side, and he answered in the affirmative.

There were no opponents to the proposed legislation. The Chair closed the hearings on **SB 517**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

**SB 566 - Notification provided to county clerk upon change of classification of city of third class**

Chairperson Benlon opened the hearings on **SB 566**.

There were no proponents or opponents appearing before the Committee for testimony. Representative Welshimer briefed the Committee on **SB 566**. She said it was a problem in Wichita where the County Clerk of Sedgwick County did not get notified about a change from a first class city to a second class, and did not get the paperwork out in time. She stated it was a technical change, and requires a notification so they can have the appropriate paperwork completed on time. Representative Shriver further explained that by not having the correct class of city it made a difference in the tax rolls, and the County Treasurer was not aware of this change and sent out taxes according to the prior year's Treasurer's report. He said this caused a problem because the proper taxes for the classification were not reported. The Chair said this bill would be delayed for further discussion until next Wednesday's meeting.

The Chair closed the hearings on **SB 566**.

Chairman Benlon adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Governmental Organization and Elections Committee will be Monday, March 15, 2000, 3:30 p.m., Room 521-S.