

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicki Schmidt at 9:40 a.m. on March 18, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Pat Apple-excused.

Committee staff present:
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Long, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
None

Others attending:
None.

The meeting was called to order with the chair opening **SB 443** for discussion. Motion made by Senator Brungardt, seconded by Senator Kultala to remove the amendment and return the bill to the original content. Motion passed. The chair called for final action on **SB 443; contribution limitations; candidates for the state board of education.** Moved by Senator Brungardt, seconded by Senator Kultala that **SB 443** be moved out favorably for passage in its original form. Motion passed.

The Chair called for final action on **SB 542 - Elections; changing the date of April primary elections to August.** Senator Brungardt made a conceptual motion to take everything out of the bill but the date of the primary elections, moving that to the second Tuesday in September. Seconded by Senator Huntington. Motion passed. Senator Brungardt moved that **SB 542**, as amended, be passed out favorably, seconded by Senator Reitz. Motion carried.

SB 563 - Campaign Finance Act; application to retention elections for appellate justices and other judges was brought to the committee for final action. The Chair informed the committee that they had received **HB 2079**. Amendments to **SB 563** had been prepared by staff stating that Section 1 be removed and that on page 5, Section (m) definition of "state office" would mean the state officers elected on a statewide basis, members of the house of representatives and state senators, members of the state board of education, justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, district judges, district magistrate judges and district attorneys. The amendment would also raise the limits to \$4,00 for a justice of the supreme court or a judge of the courts of appeals for each retention election. Senator Huntington moved that the limit for supreme court justices be set at \$2,000, seconded by Senator Brungardt. Motion passed. It was moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Faust-Goudeau that **SB 563**, as amended, be put into **HB 2079** and that **HB 2079** be passed as amended.. Motion carried.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank staff and the committee assistant for their work.

There are no further meetings scheduled. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.