

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:32 P.M. on February 17, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes  
Janet Engel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Chris Steineger  
Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties  
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office  
Brian Newby, Johnson County Election Commissioner  
Michael Donnelly, Disability Rights Center of Kansas  
Mike Byington, Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.  
Kevin Sieh, Topeka Independent Living Resource Center

Others attending: See attached list.

**Hearing on SB 204 - Governmental ethics; extension of governmental ethics act to certain units of government.**

Ken Wilke, committee staff, summarized the bill and fielded questions.

Janet Williams from the Ethics Commission attended as a resource person to answer questions and did not testify.

Proponents:

Senator Chris Steineger presented testimony and fielded questions. ([Attachment 1](#))

Opponents:

Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, presented testimony. ([Attachment 2](#))

Kim Gulley, League of KS Municipalities, presented testimony and fielded questions. ([Attachment 3](#))

Chairman Huelskamp closed the hearing.

**Hearing on SB 143 - Elections; direct recording electronic voting systems**

This bill was scheduled for hearing on February 16, but the committee ran out of time. Most materials were distributed in packets then and are attached with these minutes.

Proponents:

Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office, summarized the bill and presented testimony. ([Attachment 4](#))

Brian Newby, Johnson County Election Commissioner, provided written testimony. He was in attendance on February 16 and did not return. ([Attachment 5](#))

Michael Donnelly, Disability Rights Center of Kansas, presented testimony. ([Attachment 6](#))

Mike Byington, Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., verbally agreed with comments made by Michael Donnelly.

Michael Donnelly, Mike Byington, and Anthony Fadale (Kansas ADA Coordinator in the audience) fielded questions.

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Bob Mikesic, Independence, Inc. provided written testimony (Attachment 7).

Chairman Huelskamp closed the hearing.

**Discussion of SB 54 - Roofing materials; fire retardant requirements.**

A proposed amendment to replace sections 1, 2, and 3 with a new section 1 was distributed. (Attachment 8) It was moved by Senator Reitz and seconded by Senator Betts to accept the amendment as marked. Motion carried.

It was moved by Senator Reitz and seconded by Senator Betts that the committee favorably pass this bill as amended. Motion carried.

**Report from Subcommittee on SB 80 - Open records; public agency; certain records excluded.**

Senator O'Connor reviewed the amendment from the subcommittee. (Attachment 9)

It was moved by Senator O'Connor and seconded by Senator Francisco that the committee adopt this amendment as a substitute bill. The motion carried. Senator Wilson asked to have his no vote recorded.

Chairman Huelskamp announced that on Monday the committee will consider sending this substitute bill to the Senate floor.

**Closing**

The next meeting is Monday, February 21, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.