

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on February 21, 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:

TC Anderson, KS Society of Certified Public Accountants
Jim Edwards, KS Assn of School Boards
Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park
Danielle Noe, Johnson County Governments
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities
Randall Allen, KS Assn. of Counties
Rich Gannon, KS Press Assn.

Others attending: See attached list.

Hearing on SB 34 - Continuation of certain exceptions to disclosure of records.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, described this bill and distributed (Attachment 1). There were no questions of staff.

Proponents:

TC Anderson provided testimony (Attachment 2).

Jim Edwards provided testimony (Attachment 3).

Erik Sartorius provided testimony (Attachment 4).

Danielle Noe provided testimony (Attachment 5) and answered questions.

Kim Gulley provided testimony (Attachment 6) and answered questions related to the impact of HPPA.

Randall Allen provided testimony (Attachment 7).

Rich Gannon provided testimony (Attachment 8).

Opponents: None

Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Discussion of SB132 - Elections; optical scanning voting equipment.

A balloon with amendments was distributed as discussed with the Secretary of State's office (Attachment 9). It was moved by Senator Betts and seconded by Senator Reitz to adopt the amendments as presented. Motion carried.

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

Discussion of SB 204 - Governmental ethics; extension of governmental ethics act to certain units of government.

It was reported that Senator Steineger will support amending the bill to only apply to the Unified Government

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of Wyandotte County and Kansas City. Senator Betts moved to make such amendment. The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion of SB 143 - Elections; direct recording electronic voting systems

Ken Wilke, committee staff, presented a proposed balloon (Attachment 10). He reported that it will have no impact on SB 134. It was moved by Senator Wilson and seconded by Senator Donovan to adopt the amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Senator Betts asked about another amendment previously requested. Committee staff left to locate that language. The amendment was not proposed to the committee.

During the wait, Brad Bryant reported that the language used is consistent with the cleanup from last year.

It was moved by Senator Donovan and seconded by Senator Betts to report the bill favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Closing

The final meeting for the committee to consider bills originated in the Senate this session is tomorrow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.