

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jene Vickrey at 3:30 P.M. on March 7, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mario Goico- excused
Representative Tom Holland- excused
Representative Melody Miller- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Marilyn Nichols, Shawnee County Register of Deeds
Kathy Sacs, Office of the Secretary of State
Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association
Matt Veatch, Kansas State Historical Society
Tony Scott, Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants
Richard Gannon, Kansas Press Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

SB 336 **Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act**

Marilyn Nichols, Shawnee County Register of Deeds, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). She said that the proposed legislation is entirely permissive in nature and does not "mandate" all Register's of Deeds to be read at the same rate to receive electronic recordings.

Kathy Sachs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). She said the Electronic Recording Commission created by the legislation would ensure that the proper considerations be given to the complex subject of electronic government.

Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). He emphasized the importance of the language in the bill that states that Register of Deeds MAY accept electronic filings but SHALL continue to accept paper filings.

Matt Veatch, Kansas State Historical Society, requested an amendment to Section 5 of the bill that would include the "state archivist or the state archivist's designee" as a member of the Electronic Recording Commission (Attachment 4).

Kathy Olson, Kansas Banker's Association, submitted written testimony (Attachment 5). She urged the Committee to proceed at a pace that will allow those who will be developing the statewide standards, as well as those who will be implementing those standards, adequate time within which to do so.

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **SB 336**.

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Rep. Otto made a motion to amend Section 5 of the bill that would include the state archivist or the state archivist's designee and one person representing the agriculture industry, appointed by the Governor, as members of the Electronic Recording Commission. Rep. F. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Rep. Swenson made a motion for the favorable passage of SB 336 as amended. Rep. Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

SB 499 **Re-authorization of certain exceptions to KORA**

Tony Scott, Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 6). He spoke in favor for the continuation of the long-standing peer review confidentiality provision found in **K.S.A. 1-501**.

Richard Gannon, Kansas Press Association, requested an amendment relating to continued education on Kansas Open Records Act (K.O.R.A.) and the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.O.M.A.).

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **SB 499**.

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Sharp made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2006 meeting. Rep. Swenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2006.