

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on March 5, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Representative Steven Brunk- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brad Bryant

Donald Merriman

Bryan Caskey

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 65 Advance Voting - satellite voting sites

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 65**.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He explained that the bill is identical to HB 2019. He said the bill will expand voting opportunities for Kansas by allowing more counties to establish satellite advance voting sites.

Donald Merriman, Saline County Election Officer and County Clerk, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He said that this amendment of K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 25-1122, also has the support of the Kansas County Clerks' and Elections Officials' Association and members of the Election Committee of the Association.

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by R. J. Wilson, Crawford County Clerk (Attachment 3).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **SB 65**.

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 99**.

SB 99 Recall petitions; requiring court actions to be filed within 30 days of decision

Bryan Caskey, Administrative Assistant, Elections and Legislative Matters, Office of the Secretary of State, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4). He explained that the bill clarifies the time frame when mandamus or injunction proceedings to compel or restrain a recall election must begin. He said the bill also requires the officer sought to be recalled in a local recall effort to be notified by the county or district attorney of his/her determination of validity of the petition form.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **SB 99**.

Rep. Steve Huebert made a motion for the favorable approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2007, February 19, 2007, and February 20, 2007 meetings. Rep. Metsker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2007.