

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 January 15, 2008 in Room

Members present except:

Representative Huebert - excused
Representative Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
Dianne Rosell, Assistant Revisor
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Piper Cameron, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brad Bryant Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Jamie Shew Douglas County clerk

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called for bill introductions:

Rep. Otto, requests that the city of Garnett issue tax abatements for the ethanol plant. This would allow the petition of school boards and the offended party to file notice that they were not in favor of the proposal, recovering up to 50% of the tax abatement, seconded by Rep. Vickrey. The motion carried.

Rep. David Crum, requested introduction of a bill addressing the manor in which township boards dispose of personal property valued over \$500.00. Chairman Burgess moved introduction, seconded by Ranking Minority Leader Sawyer. The motion carried.

SB 65- Advanced voting- satellite voting sites

Chairman Burgess opened the public hearing.

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

Jamie Shew, Douglas County Clerk, testified in support of the bill. Jamie stated that all indications exhibit participation in advanced voting, and will continue to increase in future elections. In addition to equal access within the county, approving satellite advanced voting provides equity, throughout the state of Kansas. (See Attachment 2)

Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes, explained to the committee that any holdover bills would need technical amendments, to change the dates from K.S.A. 2006 Supp. to K.S.A. 2007 Supp.

Rep. Sawyer made a motion to pass a bill with technical amendments, seconded by Chairman Burgess. Requesting modifications be made to 2019, in conference, **HB 2019** and **SB 65** are identical. No changes are to be made at this time. If the House passes this motion, **HB 2019**, will then proceed to the governor. The motion carried.

Being no other conferees the Chairman closed the public hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18p.m. Chairperson Burgess, announced that the Thursday meeting will be cancelled, due to weather.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Elections and Governmental Organization Committee at 3:30 P.M. on January 15, 2008 in Room DSOB 784 of the Capitol.