

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 3:30 p.m. on March 4, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except

Representative Mario Goico, Excused
Representative Michael Peterson, Absent
Representative Joe Seiwert, Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carol Bertram, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dorothea K. Riley, Bond Counsel to the City of Lenexa
Doug Mays, City of Olathe

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chair Schwartz opened the hearing on **SB 451 - Municipal bond sales**.

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of **SB 451**. She stated the bill would make a change to the municipal bond law by allowing municipalities the option of accepting the good faith deposit for a municipal bond in the form of cash, including cash deposited via electronic fund transfer.

Questions by the Committee followed and were answered by Ms. Dorsey.

The Chair recognized Dorothea K. Riley, Bond Counsel, City of Lenexa, who testified in support of **SB 451 (Attachment #1)**. She provided the Committee information concerning current law and its requirements. She stated the amendments contained in **SB 451** will assist Lenexa and other municipalities to make their municipal bonds more marketable while still requiring a good faith deposit to secure performance of the purchase of the bonds by the selected best bidder.

Questions by the Committee followed and were answered by Ms. Riley.

Chair Schwartz opened the floor to anyone else who would like to speak on **SB 451**. Doug Mays, City of Olathe, spoke in support of the bill. He stated the City of Olathe likes this bill and believes it is a very common-sense bill. No written testimony was provided.

There being no further proponents or opponents to testify before the Committee, Chair Schwartz drew the Committee's attention to two written-only testimonies which are in support of **SB 451**, from (1) Larry R. Baer, Assistant General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities (Attachment #2), and (2) Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park (Attachment #3).

Chair Schwartz closed the hearing on **SB 451**.

It was moved by Representative Slattery that the Committee pass **SB 451** favorably for passage and that it be put on the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Gordon. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Representative Sharon Schwartz, Chair

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Local Government Committee at 3:30 p.m. on March 4, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.