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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwab at 9:50 a.m., on February 15, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

Conferee appearing before the Committee: NONE

Others attending: See attached list.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2309—Allowing the transfer of campaign funds to a bona fide successor committee or candidacy.** Renae Jefferies, staff revisor, reviewed the bill and answered questions from the committee. Chairman Schwab called on Carol Williams, Director of Governmental Ethics, to provide clarification of the bill and answer committee questions. Carol Williams suggested that a small change be made in the bill to define public office.

There were no proponents or opponents to the bill.  
Hearing closed on **HB 2309.**

Representative Schwab asked Carol Williams to explain why the Senate has leadership PAC's and the House does not. Ms. Williams stated that “in 2000 the legislators decided that PAC's were not appropriate and passed a law that no new PAC's would be established. As of that date, existing PAC's would be allowed because the legislation only prohibited new ones. In 2000 the then Speaker of the House Robin Jennison terminated his PAC, and, once terminated, the next Speaker could not create a new PAC. Whenever the Democrat Senatorial Campaign Committee changed leadership they took over the existing PAC that was in effect prior to the change in law. Additional discussion followed regarding limitations of contributions during legislative session and the differences on what is allowable in contributions for the political party committee and for the political action committee, which are formally independent of political parties and subject to different rules.

Chairman Schwab opened committee discussion and action on **HB 2224—Requiring candidates for state and federal offices to provide proof of citizenship.**  
*Representative Rubin moved to take **HB 2224** off the table, seconded by Representative Otto. Motion carried. Representative Rubin moved that **HB 2224** be amended by balloons, seconded by Representative Gregory.* Representative Rubin provided an explanation of the balloon amendments to the committee and discussion followed.

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Representative Rubin closed on his motion and motion carried. Representative Rubin moved to pass HB 2224 favorable as amended, seconded by Representative Gonzalez. Discussion followed and motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.