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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven R. Brunk at 1:40 p.m. on March 13, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kiegerl – Excused  
Representative Goico – Excused  
Representative Carlson – Excused  
Representative O’Brien – Excused  
Representative Holmes – Excused  
Representative Patton – Excused  
Representative O’Hara – Excused  
Representative Seiwert – Excused  
Representative Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Terry L. Maple, Acting State Fire Marshal  
Doug Jorgensen, Director, Alcohol Beverage Control

Others attending: See attached.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 387–Qualifications of the state fire marshal.**

Mike Heim said the bill amends the statute dealing with the qualifications of the person that holds the office of State Fire Marshal. It strikes some requirements that they have knowledge of building construction. The new requirement is that any person appointed to State Fire Marshal have not less than five years experience in fire prevention and inspections, safety inspection or investigation or any combination thereof.

Terry L. Maple presented testimony as a proponent of **SB 387** (Attachment 1). He said that **SB 387** would broaden the “five years experience” requirement to include “fire prevention and inspection, safety inspection or investigation, or any combination thereof”. Also the knowledge of building construction was removed from the statute. These amendments allow the consideration of candidates who possess a broader variety of skill sets potentially vital to the operation of the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Written testimony in support of **SB 387** was submitted by:

Kevin Flory, The Kansas State Fire Fighters Association (Attachment 2).

Philip Bradley, Kansas Fireworks Association (Attachment 3).

Robert W. McLemore, President, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs (Attachment 4).

## CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee at 1:40 p.m. on March 13, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Doug Jorgensen commented that the failures from the past came from a lack of leadership and guidance. This bill opens up the field of candidates that the Governor has to pick from.

Representative Brunk said that this does not eliminate the qualifications since it requires five years experience in fire prevention and inspection.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 387**.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.