

Approved: January 30, 2012  
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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2012 in 159S of the Capitol. The staff was introduced.

All members were present except:

Senator Pete Brungardt  
Senator Ralph Ostmeyer

Committee staff present:

Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant  
Mike Heim, Revisor  
Scott Wells, Revisor  
Jill Shelley, Research  
Laura Jurgensen, Research

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor  
Nathan Eberline, Kansas Association of Counties  
Alvan D. Johnson, Riley County Board of Commissioners, Chairman (written testimony, only)

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Hearing on

**SB 207- An Act concerning counties; relating to acceptance of credit and debit cards.**

Senator Reitz opened the floor to introduction of new bills. There were none at this time.

*Senator Kelsey moved to hear SB 207 the motion was seconded by Senator Marshall. The motion passed.*

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Mike Heim, Revisor, read and explained the bill. Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor gave testimony that would confirm the right of all counties to accept credit and debit cards for county services (attachment 1). Nathan Eberline, Kansas Association of Counties testified that **SB 207** would clarify the authority of Kansas counties to accept credit and debit card payments. (attachment 2) Written testimony was submitted by Alvan D. Johnson, Riley County Board of Commissioners, Chairman (attachment 3).

Discussion followed that focused on the "convenience fee". The question was posed as to whether the "convenience fee" would be a problem we should address. The response was that we could allow citizens to pay by credit/debit card, but then the taxpayers would be paying the convenience fee out of the general fund. This bill permits us to shift the burden for paying the fee to the individual citizen that wants this service.

*Senator Kelsey moved to pass **SB 207** out of committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Huntington. The motion passed.*

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned.