

Approved: February 13, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwab at 9:45 a.m., on January 30, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present .

Committee staff present:

Renaë 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:

Jana Goodman, State Representatives
Jim Edwards, Director, Kansas Association of School Boards
Diane Gjerstad, on behalf of Lynn Rogers, Wichita Public Schools
Carol Williams, Director, Governmental Ethics Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions:

Tom Witt, Kansas Equality Coalition, requested a bill introduction that will require experience specific voter education, including numbers that would be weighted for population differences. Bill was entered with no objections.

Tom Witt, Kansas Equality Coalition, requested a bill introduction that will require training of election workers and officials in provisions of existing and new election laws and require workers to be evaluated on their understanding of the law. Bill was entered with no objections.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2423–Municipalities; political campaign yard signs regulation limited.** Katherine McBride, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

The Chair called on Representative Goodman, who spoke in support of the bill (Attachment 1) and responded to questions from the committee.

There was no neutral or opposing testimony on **HB 2423.**

Hearing closed on **HB 2423.**

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE ELECTIONS Committee on January 30, 2012, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2425—campaign finance; schools; question submitted elections.** Katherine McBride, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

The Chair called on the following who spoke in support of the bill: Representative Goodman (Attachment 2), Jim Edwards (Attachment 3) and Diane Gjerstad, on behalf of Lynn Rogers (Attachment 4). The conferees answered questions presented by the committee.

Carol Williams provided neutral testimony on the bill (Attachment 5) and responded to questions from the committee.

There are no opponents to **HB 2425.**

Hearing closed on **HB 2425.**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.