

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 9:37 a.m. on March 11, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except for:

Senator Kelsey – excused
Senator Reitz – excused
Senator Brungardt – excused
Senator Petersen - excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee

Representative Ann Mah, Kansas House of Representatives
Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Elections and Legislative Matters

The Chairman called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, January 19, January 26, January 27, February 3, February 9, February 10, February 16, February 17, and February 18. Senator Schmidt moved, seconded by Senator Faust-Goudeau. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 222 - Relating to voter identification**. Staff provided the Fiscal Note for SB 222 from the Division of the Budget. (Attachment 1)

Representative Ann Mah testified as a proponent that no state in the nation has the requirements set out in **HB 2067**. **SB 222** is a more common sense approach to voter identification. (Attachment 2)

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Elections and Legislative Matters, testified as an opponent. **HB 2067** is a better alternative, legally defensible and enforceable. (Attachment 3)

Ryan Kreigshauser, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Policy, stood for questions comparing the Georgia and Arizona Voter ID bills to **HB 2067**.

There being no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

The Chairman thanked everyone who came back a third time to testify.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.