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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 23, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Schmidt - excused

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim, Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

Others attending: see attached list

Introduction of bills

Don Moler, League of Municipalities, requested introduction of a bill to help defray local taxpayers costs by placing local publication of official notices for cities and counties on an internet web site (<u>Attachment 1</u>). Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce this legislation, seconded by Senator Gilstrap. The motion carried.

Don Moler, League of Municipalities, second request is to re-introduce <u>HB 2086</u> relating to depositories for public funds. The bill passed in the year 2002 as amended by the House Committee on Local Government which did not the pass the House Committee as a whole. This legislation passed would be another way to maximize taxpayers dollars. <u>Senator Gilstrap moved to introduce the legislation</u>. <u>Senator O'Connor seconded the motion</u>. The motion carried.

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State gave an overview federal election reform (Attachment 2). Secretary of State, Ron Thornburgh stated he would have a bill introduction next week before the Committee.

Adjournment

Chairperson Allen informed the Committee to watch the Senate calendar for the next meeting. She stated the Committee would tentatively be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.