

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on January 16, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

R. J. Wilson, Crawford County Clerk

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

Don Merriman, KS County Clerks & Elections Officials Assoc.

Jamie Shew, Douglas County Clerk

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Requests

Joan Wagon, Secretary, KS Department of Revenue, and Chair, KS Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (KACIR), requested a committee bill that would remove the remaining barriers to consolidation and provide incentives for further consolidation.

Brad Bryant, Secretary of State, requested committee bills relating to:

voter registration cleanup

write-in candidacy

petition review

Stuart Little, Johnson County Government, requested a committee bill to change the current time-limit for a unit of government to respond to a petition from five calendar days to five business days.

The Committee approved the requests.

HB 2019 Advance voting; satellite voting sites

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2019**.

R. J. Wilson, Crawford County Clerk, testified in support of **HB 2019** (Attachment 1).

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, testified in support of **HB 2019** (Attachment 2).

Don Merriman, Saline County Election Officer and County Clerk, testified in support of **HB 2019** (Attachment 3).

Jamie Shew, Douglas County Clerk, testified in support of **HB 2019** (Attachment 4).

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by Brian Newby, Election Commissioner, Johnson County (Attachment 5).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2019**.

HB 2019 Advance voting; satellite voting sites

Rep. Sawyer made a motion for the favorable passage of **HB 2019**. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2007.