

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on February 14, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes  
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Assistant  
Zoie Kern, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Huelskamp opened committee meeting with **SB 519**—concerning mail ballot elections; pertaining to mailing of ballots to inactive voters in local question submitted elections conducted by mail ballot; amending K.S.A. 25-433 and repealing existing section.

There were no opponents to **SB 519**.

Motion was made by Senator Donovan and seconded by Senator Barone to move out favorably as amended **SB 519** to become effective when printed in the register.

Discussion.

Motion carried.

Senator Lynn motioned and Senator Donovan seconded to report out **SB 519** favorably as amended.

Discussion.

Motion carried.

Senator Huelskamp brought committee's attention to **SB 520**—An act concerning elections; pertaining to the order in which candidates names appear on the ballot; amending K.S.A. 25-212 and 25-610 and repealing the existing sections.

Discussion.

Discussion began with questions to Brad Bryant from the Secretary of States Office. Brad questioned on order of candidates names placed on ballot.

Brad Bryant stated the names are also put in this order by last name of candidate. Rotation goes with how many candidates there are. The number of precinct in each county are used to determine if rotation is necessary. Each county does there own rotation. The object is to get a balance as close as they can. A fair distribution is the goal.

The state is saying we need this to re-arrange the order if needed to balance the count. The purpose is to allow the candidates name to be at the top as many times as possible.

Senator Huelsamp referred to Bryan Caskey's testimony on February 12 as an example of the distribution process (Attachment 1).

Discussion concluded with no motions.

Senator Huelskamp brings attention to **SB 575**—An act concerning campaign finances; prohibiting the use of public funds and certain other public assets to influence the nomination or election of a candidate; amending K.S.A, 25-4169a and repealing the existing section.

Senator Donavon moved and Senator Wilson seconded to accept technical amendment 105a and 105b in **SB 575**.

Discussion.

Motion carried.

Motion by Senator Wilson and seconded by Senator Reitz to move **SB 575** out favorable as amended.

Motion carried.

Senator Lynn asked for clarification on lines 16-19 of **SB 575**.

Discussion.

Senator Reitz moved and seconded by Senator Barone to move **SB 575** forward as amended.

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Senator Lynn offered as a substitute motion to amend **SB 575**.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senator Huelskamp asked Ken Wilke of the Revisor of Statutes office to put motion into a balloon.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie C. Kern, Committee Secretary