

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:33 P.M. on January 26, 2005 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

Janet Engel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Larry Powell

Carol Williams, Ethics Commission

Others attending: See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Huelskamp has received a constituent request to introduce a bill related to reimbursement for licensed professional counselors. It was moved by Senator O'Connor and seconded by Senator Wilson that the committee introduce the requested bill. Motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2007 - an act concerning horsethief reservoir benefit district

Martha Dorsey, committee staff, described this bill and its supplemental note. It removes the requirement for the public vote to be by mail ballot and costing an expected \$50,000 - 60,000. The bill provides for the question to be posed to voters at a general election, special election, or election by mail. There were no questions of staff.

Proponents: Representative Larry Powell provided testimony (Attachment 1) and answered questions.

There were no opponents. Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Discussion of HB 2007

It was moved by Senator O'Connor and seconded by Senator Wilson that the committee favorably pass this bill. Motion carried.

Hearing on SB 67 - an act concerning campaign finance; relating to corrupt political advertising; amending K.S.A. 25-4156 and repealing the existing section.

Ken Wilke, committee staff, summarized the bill. It corresponds to the fourth recommendation from the Ethics Commission. This bill will require identification of those who sponsor or pay for messages delivered via phone banks. Mr. Wilke fielded questions from the Senators.

Proponents: Carol Williams presented testimony, provided (Attachment 2) and (Attachment 3), and fielded questions.

There were no opponents. Senator Huelskamp closed the hearing.

Discussion of SB 67

Senators discussed the bill until it was determined that Mr. Wilke needed to consult with others and adjust the language so it addresses known and anticipated technology methods to conduct phone banks and related electioneering. The bill was held until a future meeting when such language can be made available.

Discussion of SB 65 - campaign finance; pertaining to certain daily reports of contributions

Discussion was held on this motion which was heard January 25. Ms. Williams was asked to stand and field questions. It was moved by Senator Betts and seconded by Senator Reitz to amend line 28 to replace "upon" with "before". Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Elections and Local Government at 1:33 P.M. on January 26, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Mr. Wilke distributed (Attachment 4) with proposed amendments marked. The Secretary of State's office recommended the amendment marked on lines 16, 17, & 18. It was moved by Senator Huelskamp and seconded by Senator O'Connor to amend lines 16, 17, & 18 as marked. Motion carried.

It was moved by Senator Wilson and seconded by Senator Reitz that the committee favorably pass this bill as amended. Motion carried.

Closing

The next meeting is Thursday, January 27. The Secretary of State's office is coordinating a presentation about ballot security and electronic voting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.