MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:36 P.M. on January 27, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
                                Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department
                                Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
                                Janet Engel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
        Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
        Brian Newby, Johnson County Election Commissioner

Others attending: See attached list.

Bill Introductions
Senator Huelskamp received a request from Representative Gilstrap to introduce a bill changing timing for cities to file quarterly reports from 30 to 45 days. It was moved by Senator Wilson and seconded by Senator Reitz that the committee introduce the requested bill. Motion carried.

Informational Session
Brad Bryant provided a report, "Discussion on Electronic Voting" (Attachment 1). Details and exhibits were provided including the certification process, types of equipment, security, and 2006 procurement under HAVA. He fielded questions from the committee with the assistance of Anthony Fadale and Michael Byington who were in the audience.

Brian Newby provided a report, "Voting Systems Overview" (Attachment 2). It covered operations, security, and accountability as used in Johnson County. He also showed electronic voting machines currently used in Johnson County. The included features geared toward physically handicapped voters. He fielded questions from the committee.

Other Business
Senator O'Connor reported that Senator Brownlee asked the committee to have a bill drafted related to advance ballot requests that do not carry the correct signatures. It was moved by Senator Wilson and seconded by Senator Reitz to ask that a committee bill be drafted. Motion carried.

Closing
Time having run out, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Many committee members stayed to look at and/or try the voting machines on display.