

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jeff Jack at 3:30 P.M. on March 7, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Representative Michael O'Neal - Excused
Representative Michael Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stan Hazlett, Office of Judicial Disciplinary Administrator
Jeff Bottenberg, Kansas Sheriff's Association

The hearing on **SB 36 - the Supreme Court may require applicants to practice law to be fingerprinted and submit to a national criminal history record check**, was opened.

Stan Hazlett, Office of Judicial Disciplinary Administrator, explained that the proposed bill would allow the Kansas Supreme Court to require those applying for admissions to practice law in Kansas to submit a fingerprint and to a national criminal history record check. 26 other states have similar legislation. The bar applicant would be responsible for the fee of the background check therefore having on fiscal impact on the state. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Hazlett requested that subsection(b) be deleted from the bill. It would allow the Kansas Supreme Court to grant those who have graduated from the President's Law School in Wichita to apply to take the bar.

The hearing on **SB 36** was closed.

The hearing on **SB 39 - service of process fees charged by sheriff; single payment for same case**, was opened.

Senator Jay Emler, the sponsor of the bill, provided written testimony in support. (Attachment 2)

Jeff Bottenberg, Kansas Sheriff's Association, expressed the Associations support for the bill.

The hearing on **SB 39** was closed.

The hearing on **SB 5 - trade secret defined as in uniform trade secrets act**, was opened.

Representative Kinzer served on the 2004 Interim Committee on Local Government which studied Kansas Open Records Act. During that study it was found that the definition of "trade secrets" was in various state statutes and many were different. Therefore, the purpose of the bill is to establish a uniform definition of "trade secrets".

The hearing on **SB 5** was closed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in room 313-S.