

Approved: March 30, 2012  
Date

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwab at 8:00 a.m., on March 20, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Annie Tietze            Excused

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

Conferee appearing before the Committee:

NONE

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman opened committee discussion and action on **SB 145–Elections; corrupt political advertising; stand by your ads requirement**

*Representative Goico moved to amend SB 145 by substituting the contents with all the language in Substitute SB 333, making a House Substitute for SB 145, seconded by Representative Rubin.*

Discussion followed and *motion carried.*

*Representative Goico moved to amend House Substitute for SB 145 by adding language from Article 5, section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas to accommodate convicted felons who have been pardoned or otherwise have had their civil rights restored to the bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Rubin and motion carried.*

*Representative Goico moved to amend House Substitute for SB 145 by striking lines 38 through 40 on page 10 (striking subsection d), seconded by Representative Rubin, motion carried.*

*Representative Goico moved to pass out House Substitute for SB 145 favorably as amended, seconded by Representative Montgomery, motion carried.*

Chairman opened committee discussion and action on **SB 102–Governmental ethics commission; candidate, lobbyist fee increases.**

*Representative Garber moved to amend SB 102 by adding in K.S.A. 25-4153b: New Subsection (b), which states any political committee currently in existence, a major purpose of which is to expressly advocate the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for the legislature or to*

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make contributions or expenditures for the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for the legislature, established by a member of the legislature is hereby abolished. All moneys in such political committees shall be returned to the donors. Motion was seconded by Representative Goico. Discussion followed and motion failed.

Representative Garber moved to amend **SB 102** to keep original fees and add balloon (iii) and (iv) on Page 9, seconded by Representative Gregory. Representative Mah offered a substitute motion to adopt the amendment minus roman numeral (iii) on Page 9, seconded by Representative Otto. Motion carried.

Representative Gioco moved to amend **SB 102**, Page 9 by inserting a new Section 7, seconded by Representative Otto. Discussion followed. Representative Gregory made a substitute motion to include a, b and d and remove subsection (c) from the amendment, seconded by Representative Goico. Motion carried.

Representative Mah moved to amend **SB 102** by adding language to the Lobby Control Act that would eliminate reporting of expenditures of less than \$10 for health test and health services provided by special interest groups to legislators, legislative staff and executive branch employees, seconded by Representative Goico. Discussion followed and motion carried.

Representative Goico moved to pass **SB 102** as amended favorably for passage, seconded by Representative Garber. Motion carried.

Chairman opened committee discussion and action on **HB 2782—Substitute for House Bill 2782 by Committee on Elections -- Elections; qualifications to run for public office in Kansas**

Representative Rubin moved to amend **Substitute for HB 2782**, by changing wording in Section 1a, paragraph 1, line 2, which was made to clarify the qualifications of those running for office, seconded by Representative Gregory. Discussion followed and motion carried.

Representative Rubin moved to pass **Substitute House Bill 2782** as amended favorably for passage, seconded by Representative O'Brien. Motion carried.

Chairman Schwab passed around a letter for signatures that he will be sending to the Ethics Commission. It is basically a letter that states that they misinterpreted our law and a request to issue a new opinion.

Chairman Schwab again thanked the committee members for all their help and cooperation during the last two years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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