

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 9:38 AM. on March 8, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except for:
Senator Kelsey

Committee staff present:
Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislation Research Department
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Others attending:
See attached list.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Senator Kultala introduced two students who were paging for her. Senator Reitz introduced two students who were paging for him.

Staff presented a briefing on the Rules and Regulations related to **2011 HB 2067–Voter photographic identification requirements**. (Attachment 1) This was a brief review of general procedures after agency drafting and before the effective date of the proposed rules and regulations, review of the Secretary of State's authority to promulgate these rules and regulations, and review of each rule and regulation and comments from the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations (JCARR) related to each. Senator Schmidt chairs the JCARR; Senator Faust-Goudeau is also a member of the committee. The Secretary of State's rules and regulations related to voter identification requirements were published in the Kansas Register February 9, 2012. The agency had made no changes in response to the JCARR recommendations. The Committee expressed concern as to whether all election officials in Kansas understood all of the new rules and regulations. Staff from the Secretary of State's office stood for questions.

The Chairman thanked staff for their assistance and announced that the Committee will meet next week.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM.