

Approved: March 14, 2011  
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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwab at 9:30 a.m., on March 7, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Randy Garber            Excused

Committee staff present:

Doug Taylor, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Tim Shallenburger, Legislative Liason, Governor's Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chair asked the members for approval of the Elections Committee Minutes for February 11, February 16, February 21 and March 2. Representative Mah moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Representative Gonzalez. Motion carried.

The Chair opened the hearing on **SB 129 – Elections; vacancies; state senators.** Doug Taylor, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Brad Bryant spoke in support of **SB 129**, stating that this bill will amend K.S.A. 25-321 to allow for a candidate filing period and a primary election. If the vacancy occurs before May 1 of the second year of the Senator's term, the person appointed to fill the vacancy faces a midterm election for the remaining two years of the term. There would be a regular June 10 candidate filing deadline and an August primary. (Attachment 1).

Testimony was concluded and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 129** was closed.

The Chair opened the hearing on **SB 67 – Increasing campaign contribution limits for candidates for the state board of education.** Doug Taylor, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Tim Shallenburger stated that Governor Brownback supports this bill to allow incoming governors the discretion of donating all residual funds not otherwise obligated for the payment of expenses incurred for the gubernatorial inauguration to any charitable organization which qualifies as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation, (Attachment 2).

Testimony was concluded and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 67** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.