

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 9:40 a.m. on March 16, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and opened the floor for final action on **HB 2067 - Voter photographic identification requirements.**

The Committee amended the bill to provide a free nonvoter identification card to anyone who swears under oath that he or she desires an identification card in order to vote in an election and does not have any of the forms of ID acceptable under the bill. The person requesting the free ID card also must produce evidence that he or she is registered to vote in Kansas. The bill would remove a penalty provision specific to an affidavit required in an earlier version of the bill. Moved by Senator Huntington, seconded by Senator Schmidt. Motion carried. (Attachment 1)

The Committee amended the bill to provide a free birth certificate to anyone who swears under oath that he or she plans to register to vote and does not possess any of the documents that constitute evidence of U.S. citizenship under the bill. The amended bill would remove a penalty provision specific to an affidavit required in an earlier version of the bill. Moved by Senator Schmidt, seconded by Senator Brungardt. Motion carried. (Attachment 2)

The Committee amended the bill to include additional language regarding ID affidavits and birth certificates referenced in Attachment 2. Moved by Senator Kelsey, seconded by Senator Petersen. Motion carried.

The Committee amended the bill to include technical corrections. Moved by Senator Schmidt, seconded by Senator Petersen. Motion carried.

The Committee amended the bill to add language regarding affidavits in the balloon amendment, referenced in Attachment 2. Moved by Senator Kelsey, seconded by Senator Petersen. Motion carried.

The Committee amended the bill to remove a section that would have authorized the Secretary of State, along with the Attorney General and district and county attorneys, to prosecute election crimes. This amendment was supported by the Secretary of State, Kris Kobach. Moved by Senator Schmidt, seconded by Senator Brungardt. Motion carried. (Attachment 3)

The Committee amended the bill to add to the bill sections dealing with various dates related to elections, amended in general to allow more days for voters who voted provisional ballots to provide identification and to ensure basic state and federal election deadlines can be met, on these subjects: deadlines for the Secretary of State and county election officers for checking nomination petitions, county notifications to the Secretary of State of a recount and recounts. Moved by Senator Kelsey, seconded by Senator Apple. Motion carried. (Attachment 4)

The Committee amended the bill section dealing with various dates related to elections, amended in general to allow more days for voters who voted provisional ballots to provide identification and to ensure basic state and federal election deadlines can be met, on county canvass dates as referenced in Attachment 1. Moved by Senator Brungardt, seconded by Senator Schmidt. Motion carried.

The Committee amended the bill to require the Secretary of State to provide notice of the voter ID requirements, using ads, public service announcements, and the websites of the Secretary of State and the

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Governor. Moved by Senator Schmidt, seconded by Senator Kelsey. Motion carried. (Attachment 5)

Due to time constraints, the final action will continue on March 17, 2011. The Chairman thanked everyone for their patience during the long list of amendments.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.