

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator James Barnett
Blaise Plummer, City Attorney, City of Emporia

Others attending:

See Attached List.

SB 523 - Taxing subdivisions, budgets; amendment of.

Senator Allen opened the hearing on **SB 523**. Senator Barnett appeared before the committee in support of **SB 523**. His testimony reflected the bill would provide a procedure for amendment or revision of the budget prior to November 1, when an error in calculation of the assessed valuation of taxing subdivisions in a county occurred (Attachment 1). He introduced conferee, Blaise Plummer, City Attorney, City of Emporia.

Chairperson Allen welcomed Blaise Plummer who gave testimony in support of SB 523 (Attachment 2)

Having no other conferees to appear on **SB 523**, Chairperson Allen closed the hearing.

Action on:

SB 387 - Interlocal agreement, public security.

Senator Clark made a motion to insert public safety and emergency preparedness, and for the revisor to place the language at the proper place in the bill. Senator Buhler seconded the motion and the motion carried. Senator Clark moved to pass SB 387 out favorably as amended with a second by Senator O'Connor. The motion carried.

SB 479 - Elections; changes to comply with the help America vote act of 2002.

Senator Jackson moved to pass SB 479 out favorably, seconded by Senator O'Connor. The motion carried.

SB 328 - Cities and counties - limitations on lien for unpaid sewer charges.

Senator Buhler made a motion to pass SB 328 out favorably, seconded by Senator O'Connor. The motion carried.

SB 502 - Elections; district conventions; voting by proxy.

Senator Buhler moved to pass SB 502 favorably. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.