

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Janice Hardenburger at 1:30 p.m. on February 17, 2000, in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Graceanna Wood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dan Hermes, Director of Governmental Affairs, Governor's office

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger opened discussion on **SB 463 concerning the term of office for certain elected state officials and repealing the existing section.**

Legislative staff explained the balloon for **SB 463.** (Attachment #1)

Chairman Hardenburger explained to the Committee that the statute is being changed for Lt. Governor only, and the other state executive office holders are brought into the bill for clarification of the Governor's role to appoint them..

Staff informed the Committee that the changes proposed by the balloons for the appointments of the State treasurer and Insurance Commissioner would only be until the next general election.

Senator Lawrence moved that SB 463 be passed out favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Becker. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger opened discussion on **SB 464 concerning campaign finance; establishing requirements for electronic filing of reporting of campaign contributions.**

Dan Hermes, Director of Governmental Affairs, Governor's office explained to the Committee the balloon for **SB 464.** (Attachment #2)

The Committee discussed the meaning of electronic filing.

Senator Becker moved that SB 464 be passed out favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Lawrence. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger opened discussion on **SB 558 concerning governmental ethics; relating to contracts involving state officers or employees, and repealing the existing section.** She said this is to close the loopholes on the ethics laws concerning contracts involving state employees, and would cover a contract comprised of competitive bidding and negotiations for state contracts.

Staff recommended technical changes to the bill.

Senator Becker moved to technically amend SB 558, seconded by Senator Praeger. Motion carried.

Senator Becker moved to pass out SB 558 favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Steineger. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2000.

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