

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 7, 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: Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant, Secretary of State Office
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities

Chairman Hardenburger opened hearings on **SB 517—concerning legislative journals, and repealing the existing section,**

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant, Secretary of State Office, testified in support of **SB 517**, informing the Committee that this bill was proposed by the Secretary of State at the request of the Legislative Coordinating Council to reduce the excess inventory of Permanent House and Senate Journals. (Attachment #1)

Pat Seville, Secretary of the Senate, expressed concerns about having one copy stored. She said that she has been reassured by the Secretary of State's office that would be taken care of.

Chairman Hardenburger closed hearing on **SB 517.**

Senator Lawrence moved that the bill be approved favorably and recommended that it be placed on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Senator Becker. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger opened the hearing on **SB 515 concerning elections, and repealing the existing section.**

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant, Secretary of State Office sponsor of the bill, testified that **SB 515** would accomplish two things. (1) The bill would change "19" to "20" on several voter application forms, and (2) would delete the specific reference to the Secretary of State's street address to reflect the recent relocation of the agency on voter registration application. (Attachment #2)

Chairman Hardenburger closed the hearing on **SB 515.**

Senator Lawrence moved that the bill be approved favorably and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Senator Becker. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger opened the hearing on **SB 544 concerning elections; relating to recall petitions, and repealing existing section.**

Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development & Communications, League of Kansas Municipalities, testified on **SB 544**. She informed the Committee the proposed language in the bill would limit the discretion of county attorneys with respect to recall petitions. She further informed the Committee that if the language was to be incorporated in the statute, a county attorney would be forced to approve recall petition even if the attorney knew the allegations in the petition to be false. (Attachment #3)

The Committee discussed the county or district attorney's role in determining sufficiency and legality of recall petition and the legal aspects of same.

Chairman Hardenburger closed the hearing on **SB 544.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2000.

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