

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPARENCY AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elaine Bowers at 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, in room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Charles Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Elaina Rudder, Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Randi Walters, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

Final action on: HB2579 — Requiring electronic filing of campaign reports by candidates for state office unless an exemption is granted for cause.

Chairperson Bowers opened final action on **HB2579**. Charles Reimer, staff revisor, provided a review of the bill. Mr. Reimer and Mark Skoglund, Executive Director, Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission addressed questions from the Committee.

Chairperson Bowers distributed an amendment. Mr. Reimer explained the balloon amendment. ([Attachment 1](#))

Senator Francisco moved, Senator McGinn seconded, to adopt the balloon amendment. Motion carried.

Chairperson Bowers distributed an amendment. Mr. Reimer explained the balloon amendment. ([Attachment 2](#)) During discussion, Mr. Reimer and Mr. Skoglund addressed questions from the Committee. Chairperson Bowers offered a conceptual amendment working from her proposed amendment taking the first box and changing December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2023. There was more discussion to clarify the amendment.

Senator Ryckman moved, Senator Francisco seconded, to adopt the conceptual amendment to continue the requirement that reports for candidates for statewide office must be filed electronically; require treasurers for candidates who become a candidate for state office after December 31, 2023, to also file reports electronically; and giving staff technical discretion on the amendment. Motion carried.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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*Senator Francisco moved, Senator Thompson seconded, to recommend **HB2579** as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried.*

Final action on: SB485 — Expanding the scope of uses of campaign contribution moneys under the campaign finance act to include family caregiving services.

Chairperson Bowers opened final action on **SB485**. Charles Reimer, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Senator Doll distributed and explained a balloon amendment. ([Attachment 3](#))

Senator Doll moved, Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded, to adopt the balloon amendment. Motion carried.

Chairperson Bowers noted there is a proposed technical balloon amendment and explained the amendment. ([Attachment 4](#)) Mark Skoglund addressed questions from the Committee.

Senator Francisco moved, Senator Ryckman seconded, to adopt the balloon amendment. Motion carried.

Mr. Skoglund addressed additional questions from the Committee.

*Senator Francisco moved, Senator Haley seconded, to recommend **SB485** as amended, favorable for passage. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.