

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 March 23, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Jim Barnett  
Representative Peggy Long-Mast  
Pat Lehman, Kansas Fire Service Alliance  
Bill Walker, Fire Chief, Coffey County Fire District #1  
Representative Toelkes  
Mark Lenz - Representing Sunny Dale Area, Park City  
Talmer Easley- Haysville  
Joanie Storck- Haysville  
LaVonna Benner- Haysville  
Fred Mosteller- Wichita  
Jane Mosteller- Wichita  
Lynanne Degarmo- Wichita  
Lisa Stubbs - member, Topeka City Council  
Jack and Margaret McCormick, Sedgwick County

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Hearing on:

**HB 2528 - Purchase of installation of fire hydrants by fire districts**

Vice-Chairperson O'Connor opened the hearing on **HB 2528**.

Written testimony from Senator Jim Barnett in support of **HB 2528** was distributed to committee members ([Attachment 1](#)).

Vice-Chairperson O'Connor welcomed Representative Peggy Long-Mast to the committee, who presented testimony in support of **HB 2528** ([Attachment 2](#)).

Vice-Chair O'Connor recognized Pat Lehman to address the committee. Mr. Lehman, representing Kansas Fire Service Alliance, presented testimony in support of **HB 2528** ([Attachment 3](#)).

Vice-Chair O'Connor recognized Bill Walker as a proponent **HB 2528**. Mr. Walker, Fire Chief for Coffey county fire district #1, presented testimony in favor of **HB 2528**. ([Attachment 4](#)).

Vice-Chairperson O'Connor closed the hearing on **HB 2528**.

Action on:

**HB 2528 - Purchase of installation of fire hydrants by fire districts**

Senator Clark moved to pass **HB 2528** out of committee favorably, seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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### **HB 2805 - Law enforcement consolidation; Lincoln and Cloud counties**

An amendment to put to the voters was addressed by Senator Schmidt (Attachment 5). Jeff Bottenberg representing the Sheriffs' association stated it would be in support of the amendment. Senator Schmidt moved to adopt the amendment. Senator Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Schmidt second amendment would be for the local agencies to make the decision as to the retirement of county law enforcement officers and employees (Attachment 6) Senator Schmidt made a motion to adopt the amendment, seconded by Senator Clark. The motion carried. Senator Clark moved to pass HB 2805 favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

### **Hearing on subject matter of HB 2654 - Annexation by cities, election; extension of municipal services required; procedure to deannex**

Senator Jackson recognized by the Chair had distributed to the committee an annexation amendment (Attachment 7).

Testifying before the committee as proponents of **HB 2654** were Representative Toelkes (Attachment 8); Mark Lenz, Valley Center, Kansas (Attachment 9); Talmer Easley, Haysville, Kansas (Attachment 10); Joanie Storck, Haysville, Kansas (Attachment 11); LaVonna Bonner, Haysville, Kansas (Attachment 12); Jane Mosteller, Wichita, Kansas (Attachment 13); Kelly Wendeln, Chanute, Kansas (Attachment 14); Lynanne Degarmo, Valley Center, Kansas (Attachment 15).

Written testimony from proponents are: Gerald and Gynne Lamooney, (Attachment 16); Cathy Byers, Haysville, Kansas (Attachment 17); Julia Callier, Haysville, Kansas (Attachment 18); Adraine Baker, Wichita, Kansas (Attachment 19); Jack and Margaret McCormick (Attachment 20).

Those in opposition to **HB 2654** appearing before the committee were Kathy Damron. She presented copies of testimony presented to the House Local Government Committee during hearings held earlier in the session. Kathy also presented copies of remarks from Topeka Mayor James McClinton, Topeka City Councilwoman Lisa Stubbs and a resolution adopted by the City of Topeka (Attachment 21).

Lisa Stubbs, member of the Topeka City Council appeared before the committee in opposition. Ms Stubbs stated this would be a major policy change for the state of Kansas. This annexation amendment would basically be a review board of city representative, county representative and a land owner. It would be transferring all unilateral annexation over to the county commission to make decisions. No written testimony was presented.

The minutes of January 20, February 5, 10, March 9 and 11<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Senator O'Connor seconded by Senator Betts. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m.