

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on January 25, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stuart Little

Brad Bryant

Randall Allen

Alan Cobb

Wayne Flaharty

Don Moler

Eric Sartorius

Others attending:

See attached list.

### **Bill Requests**

Chairman Burgess requested a committee bill concerning elections.

Rep. Vickrey requested a committee bill concerning elections.

Rep. Kay Wolf requested a committee bill concerning campaign finance.

Alan Cobb, Americans for Prosperity, requested a committee bill prohibiting taxpayer funded lobbying.

Rep. Huebert requested a committee bill concerning cities and benefit fees for certain services.

The Committee approved the requests.

**HB 2128** Elections; petitions; time frame for advisory opinion

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2128**.

Stuart Little, Johnson County Government, presented testimony in support of the bill by Mary Buhl, Assistant Johnson County Counselor (Attachment 1).

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2).

Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2128**.

Rep. Sawyer made a motion for the favorable passage of **HB 2128** and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Brunk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**HB 2082** Initiative and referendum; extended to counties

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2082**.

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Alan Cobb, Americans for Prosperity, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4).

Wayne Flaharty testified in support of the bill (Attachment 5).

Don Moler, League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 6).

Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 7).

Eric Sartorius, City of Overland Park, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 8).

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Tracey Osborne, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 9).

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Ashley Sherard, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce, (Attachment 10).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2082**.

**HB 2080** Governmental ethics, acceptance of meals, when

Rep. Lane made a motion to adopt a balloon amendment (Attachment 11). Rep. Brunk seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Brunk made a motion for the favorable passage of **HB 2080** as amended. Rep. Horst seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2007.