

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 5, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Schmidt - excused

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Rehorn
Senator Haley
Carol Williams, Executive Dir., Governmental Ethics Commission

Others attending: see attached list

Hearing on

SB 53 - Counties; statement of expenditures; publication of; availability

Chairperson Allen recognized Representative Rehorn to committee. Representative Rehorn testified in support of **SB 53** (Attachment 1).

Fiscal note passed out stated it would have no fiscal effect on the state.

Senator Clark made a motion to pass put **SB 53** and place on the consent calendar seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried.

Action on **SB 40 - Fire district; board of trustees**

Senator Gilstrap briefed the committee on **SB 40**, It is an inter-local agreement with cities and township within a fire district. The County Commissioner could delegate authority, there would be a board appointed by city of Lansing and two fire districts. There was no opposition to the bill. The bill went through the house and passed out. Senator Gilstrap had a request on line 43 with publication in the statute book and amend to register.

Senator Jackson moved to include the change amending publication date to the Kansas register and pass **SB 40** favorably, seconded by Senator Clark and the motion carried.

Hearing on

SB 96 - Campaign finance; exemption from filing certain reports

Senator Haley recognized by Chairperson Allen as a proponent of **SB 96**, states under current Kansas law,

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the timing of filing of the affidavit of exemption from regular the contribution and expenditure report. Currently, it is an anticipatory that a candidate must know if they are going to raise or expend \$500 in that given period. Sometimes that is not foreseeable. It sends a clear signal, if this is pre-filed before the primary election, that a candidate would be limiting themselves to a certain amount of activity. The amount of money that a candidate raises or spends is in parallel to the success of the candidate in an election. By pre-filing this, it may send a correct or incorrect signal that the candidate would be actively involved. At the same time, currently those candidates would have to know if they are going to raise or expend \$500 in that given time period. A candidate may be running for office and may not intend to raise or expend that much money. This must be filed 10 days before a primary election. No written testimony was given.

Carol Williams, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission, briefed the committee how **SB 96** would affect current law (Attachment 2).

There being no other conferees to testify on **SB 96**, the hearing was closed.

Hearing on

SB 97 - Campaign finance; candidate's treasurer

Senator Haley appeared before the committee as a proponent. He states a candidate takes full responsibility for filing reports and fulfilling duties as the treasurer unless the candidate has reported a treasurer to the ethics commission. It is assumed the candidate is the treasurer unless papers have been filed. If the candidate is their own treasurer, they must file all reports and fulfill all duties accordingly. No written testimony was provided.

Carol Williams, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission, briefed the committee how **SB 97** would affect current law (Attachment3).

There being no other conferees to testify on **SB 97**, the Chair closed the hearing.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.. The next scheduled meeting is tomorrow, February 6, 2003.