

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 1, 2000, in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:     Senator Praeger  
  Senator Steineger  
  Senator Petty

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:     Dan Hermes, Director of Governmental Affairs

Chairman Hardenburger opened the meeting by asking for approval of the minutes of January 25 and 26, 2000.

Senator Gooch moved that the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Senator Vidricksen. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger requested a bill be introduced concerning recall petitions. The bill would add a qualifier to the existing statutes that would release a County Attorney from the responsibility of verifying the reason for recall contained on that petition.

Senator Becker moved that the bill be introduced, seconded by Senator Gooch. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger opened hearings on **SB 463 concerning the term of office for certain elected state officials, and repealing the existing section.**

Dan Hermes, Director of Governmental Affairs, presented testimony in favor of **SB 463**, advising the Committee that this bill would clarify that it would authorize the Governor to select a qualified replacement in the event that a vacancy would exist in the office of Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, and Attorney General.

The Committee discussed if the Governor would have to select an individual from the same political party for the vacancy replacement.

Chairman Hardenburger closed hearings on **SB 463** and opened hearings on **SB 465 concerning elections, and repealing the existing section.**

Dan Hermes, Director of Governmental Affairs, presented testimony in favor of **SB 465**. He advised the Committee that this bill provides that for political parties, their constitution and their bylaws will govern in the event of a vacancy for officers and committees.

Chairman Hardenburger informed the Committee that this effort proposed by the Governor is a continued effort to remove some of the statutes that still exist that refer to party rules.

Chairman Hardenburger closed hearings on **SB 465**. **SB 463** will be discussed further at another meeting.

Senator Gooch moved that **SB 465** be passed out favorably and placed on Consent Calendar, seconded by Senator Lawrence. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2000.







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