

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 5, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Huelskamp, excused

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee: Brad Bryant, Deputy Asst. Sec. Of State
Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration
Judge Paul Buchanan, 18th Judicial Dist.

Others attending: see attached list

Introduction of Bills:

Sen. Steineger introduced a committee bill concerning local control issues that would repeal the state ban on city restrictions on manufactured housing; moved by Sen. Clark, seconded by Sen. Schmidt, motion carried.

Sen. Schmidt requested a conceptual introduction of a bill concerning expansion which would require change in state law; moved by Sen. Schmidt, seconded by Sen. O'Connor, motion carried.

Jeff Burkhead, Executive Director of Kansas Press Association, introduced a bill concerning the taping of executive sessions during closed sessions; moved by Sen. Schmidt, seconded by Sen. O'Connor, motion carried.

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Sen. Jackson requested a conceptual introduction of a bill concerning N. Topeka Drainage District moving one area into their district; moved by Sen. Jackson, seconded by Sen. Clark, motion carried.

Hearing on S.B. 468 was opened by the Chair.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Asst. Sec. Of State, testified in support of S.B. 468. Section 1 of the bill clarifies how voter registration can be terminated, alters page 2, line 4 referring to line 18. Section 2 of the bill strikes the word "two" from K.S.A. 25-3102 concerning the filling temporary vacancies on county boards of canvassers. Section 3 of the bill changes guidelines for gubernatorial candidate petitions to comply with other petition guidelines and decision by U.S. Supreme Court.

Questions were taken from Senators O'Connor, Clark, Gooch, and Allen.

Hearing was closed by the Chair.

Hearing on S.B. 446 was opened by the Chair.

Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration, testified in support of S.B. 446. The bill amends K.S.A. 19-260b to allow chief judges of district courts in Johnson and Sedgewick Counties to make requisitions for all purchases of supplies and other transactions without going through the county purchasing officer.

Question taken from Sen. O'Connor.

Judge Paul Buchanan testified in support of the bill.

Chairperson Allen requested the Judge to submit written testimony.

Hearing was closed by the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Wed., Feb. 6, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.