

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 February 1, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson - excused
Representative Ted Powers - excused
Representative Ronnie Metsker - excused
Representative Jene Vickrey - 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:

Doug Smith, Direct Marketing Assoc.
Carol Williams, KS Ethics Commission
Mark Desetti, KS NEA

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Rep. Deena Horst requested a campaign finance bill relating to expenditures by political parties. The proposed legislation requires political parties to identify themselves in mailings on behalf of candidates. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The request will be accepted as a committee bill.

Rep. Terri Huntington requested three bills relating to campaign finance. Rep. Pottorff made a motion to accept the requests as committee bills. The requests will be accepted as committee bills.

Chairman Burgess requested a bill relating to elected officials and training in KOMA and KORA. Rep. Pottorff seconded the motion. The request will be accepted as a committee bill. Chairman Burgess also requested a bill relating to voter identification and requiring photo identification. Rep. Brunk seconded the motion. The request will be accepted as a committee bill.

HB 2197 Campaign finance; corrupt political advertising shall include certain telephone communications; vendors records required.

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2197**.

Doug Smith, Direct Marketing Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He stated that their group has no opposition to **HB 2197**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Elections and Governmental Organization Committee at 3:30 P.M. on January 16, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics Commission, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 2](#)). She informed that the bill is one of the recommendations made by the Governmental Ethics Commission in its 2005, 2006, and 2007 Annual Reports and Recommendations.

Mark Desetti, KS National Education Association, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 3](#)). He said the peanut of the bill is simple and puts direct advocacy political phone calls on the same basis as direct advocacy political mail.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2197** was submitted by Rep. Terri Huntington ([Attachment 4](#)).

Harriet Lange, KS Association of Broadcasters, testified neutral on the bill ([Attachment 5](#)). Her comments were directed at the requirement for vendor record keeping, found on page 2, line 19 of the bill.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2197**.

HB 2198 Elections; prohibition against “robo calls”

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2198**.

Doug Smith, Direct Marketing Association, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 6](#)). He stated that with an amendment to the definition of “automatic dialing-announcing devices”, their group can support **HB 2198**.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2198** was submitted by Rep. Terri Huntington ([Attachment 7](#)).

Mark Desetti, KS National Education Association, testified in opposition to the bill ([Attachment 8](#)). He explained that the bill is overkill. He said that it would throw out the get-out-the-vote calls along with nasty attack calls.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2198**.

HB 2058 Courts for enforcement of county codes and resolutions, removal of restriction

Rep. Brunk made a motion to amend the bill ([Attachment 9](#)). Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rep. Storm made a motion for the favorable passage of HB 2058 as amended. Rep. Pottorff seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rep. Otto asked to be recorded as a “No” vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2007.