

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike O'Neal at 3:30 P.M. on January 25, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Kevin Yoder- excused

Committee staff present:
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Duston Slinkard, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Ian Staples, University of Kansas, Student Legislative Awareness Board
Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Lee Woodward, Sedgwick County Law Library
John Pickett, Johnson County Law Library

Ian Staples, University of Kansas, Student Legislative Awareness Board, requested a bill which would amend the Kansas Residential Landlord Tenant Act with regard to the standardization of automatic renewal clauses and eliminating the use of a pre-determined arbitrary set of charges used to determine damages. Representative Davis made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Kinzer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, appeared before the committee to request three bill introductions:

- striking the sunset provision relating to arrest powers of federal law enforcement officers
- DNA collection clean-up from last years bill
- revisions to the drug paraphernalia statute

Representative Patton made the motion to have the requests introduced as committee bills. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Davis requested a bill on behalf of Attorney General Paul Morrison that would allow for funds in the Crime Victims Compensation account to be used for crime scene cleanup. He made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The hearing on **HB 2073 - fee increase authority for Sedgwick & Johnson county law libraries**, was opened.

Lee Woodward, Sedgwick County Law Library, appeared as a proponent to the bill. He explained that the proposed bill would allow for an increase filing fees up to \$4.00 in Sedgwick & Johnson Counties. The library fee has not been increased since 1988. The fee goes to provide resources for lawyers, both in public & private practice, and provides for classroom space for college and high school students. (Attachment 1)

John Pickett, Johnson County Law Library, stated that they draw individuals from surrounding areas who use the library. He pointed out that while the consumer price index has risen almost 44% the library fee for Johnson county has not increased since 1992. (Attachment 2)

The hearing on **HB 2073** was closed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 29, 2007.