

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 March 8, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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:

Representative Larry Powell

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Brad Bryant

Senator Julia Lynn

Others attending:

See attached list.

**HB 2464** Library boards; membership

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2464**.

Representative Larry Powell testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He explained that members of some of these boards rotate chairmen every year so they cannot get up to speed on the board before a change is made. He said that if the ex-officio member is appointed, they could serve more than one year.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2464**.

**SB 131** Authorized poll agents; limitation on time for authorization

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 131**.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He explained that their office supports the amendments made by the Senate Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization.

**SB 135** Authorized poll agents; qualifications

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 135**.

Senator Julia Lynn testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). She explained that the bill will tighten qualifications of those allowed to work at the polling sites to ensure local control and prevent inappropriate tactics from occurring.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4). He said their office supports the bill because it requires poll agents to meet a reasonable set of qualifications and it adds accountability to poll agents' role in the election process.

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **SB 135**

Rep. Huebert made a motion for the favorable approval of the March 7, 2007 minutes. Rep. Storm seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2007.