

## 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 19, 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:

Marilyn Nichols

Dennis Phillips

Brian Little

Judy Moler

Kimberly Winn

Senator Tim Huelskamp

Brad Bryant

Jim Foster

Paul Degener

Myron Holter

Don Whitten

Dorothy Shoup

Senator David Haley

Janis McMillen

Arthur Solis

Others attending:

See attached list.

**SB 73** Mortgage registration fees, exemptions

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 73**.

Marilyn Nichols, Shawnee County Register of Deeds, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 1](#)). She informed that she also presents the testimony on behalf of the Kansas Register of Deeds Association as their Legislative Committee Chair. She explained that the proposed change to KSA 79-3102 would clarify the intent of the statute to collect mortgage registration tax on “new money” and would no longer be left to the interpretation of the Register of Deeds as to the appropriateness of collecting the tax.

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by Marilyn Calhoun, Montgomery County Register of Deeds ([Attachment 2](#)).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **SB 73**.

**HB 2573** Election of public employer-employee relations law by resolution of city or county voters

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2573**.

Dennis Phillips, Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 3](#)). He explained that the bill will give the citizens the opportunity to decide whether their community should come under Kansas public employer-employee relations act.

Brian Little, President of Olathe Fraternal Order of Police, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 4](#)). He explained that their organization supports the included language and desires that it continue through the legislative process to point of enactment into law.

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by Ken Gorman, Fraternal Order of Police, Kansas State Lodge ([Attachment 5](#)).

Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties testified in opposition to the bill ([Attachment 6](#)). She explained

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that current law works as approximately 15 or so local governments have opted to come under the public employer-employee relations act.

Kimberly Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 7). She explained that they support the current opt-in nature of PEERA (public employer-employee relations act) and oppose the forced unionization that would be authorized under **HB 2573**.

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Eric Sartorius, City of Overland Park (Attachment 8).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2573**.

**SB 169** Voters; photo identification required

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 169**.

Senator Tim Huelskamp testified in support of the bill (Attachment 9). He explained that integrity measures provided for by the bill will enhance the confidence of the citizens of Kansas in our election process by providing additional security protections to eliminate further the possibilities of voter fraud in our state.

Brad Bryant testified in support of the bill (Attachment 10). He informed that voter identification is an important part of the total security of the electoral process. He explained that the base provisions of the bill will address the need for full voter identification for each voter each election.

Jim Foster testified in support of the bill (Attachment 11). He spoke on topics relating to the rule, founding fathers and original intent, and mob rule.

Paul Degener testified in support of the bill (Attachment 12). He urged passage of the legislation to protect the current electoral process from voter fraud.

Myron Holter testified in support of the bill (Attachment 13). He included with his testimony a copy of the internet webpage for Citizens For Immigration Reform (CFIR).

Don Whitten testified in support of the bill (Attachment 14). He explained that passage of the bill is one step in designating how America will be governed, by leadership with allegiance to America.

Dorothy Shoup testified in support of the bill (Attachment 15). She said that legislative action is needed towards honesty in Kansas voter registration.

Senator David Haley testified in opposition to the bill. No written testimony was submitted.

Janis McMillen, League of Kansas Women Voters, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 16). She explained that recent figures from the U.S. Department of Transportation estimate that 6 to 12 percent of voters do not have government-issued photo ID's.

Arthur Solis testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 17). He explained that it is not sound public policy to enact this legislation because eligible Kansans who are elderly and poor will be most affected by the law.

**HB 2464** Library boards; membership

Rep. Sawyer made a motion to adopt the balloon amendment (Attachment 18). Rep. Horst seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Vickrey made a motion for the favorable passage of HB 2464 as amended. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SB101** Campaign finance; allowing candidate to sign reports in lieu of treasurer

Rep. Sawyer made a motion to create H Substitute for SB 101 by removing the language of SB 101 and

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replacing with the language from HB 2507 (Concerning funding of the Kansas sports hall of fame). Rep. Menghini seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Sawyer made a motion for the favorable passage of the substitute bill, H Substitute for SB 101. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representatives' Power and Beamer asked to be recorded as "No" votes.

Rep. Sawyer made a motion for the favorable approval of the minutes for March 8, 2007 and March 12, 2007. Rep. Menghini seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2007.