

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on February 21, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Assistant
Zoie Kern, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brad Bryant, Professor Michael Kautsch, Ralph Gage, Goug Anstaett
Richard Gannon, Sandy Jocquot, Dale Goter, Judy Moeller, Stuart Little

Others attending:

See attached list.

Ken Wilke Revisor of Statutes office gave a brief summary of **SB 616**.

Senator Barone gave testimony in favor of **SB 616** (Attachment 1).

Discussion.

Brad Bryant Secretary of States Office testified as an opponent to **SB 616** (Attachment 2).

Discussion.

Hearing closed on **SB 616**.

Open Hearing on **SB 621**.

Ken Wilke of Revisor of Statutes Office gave summary of **SB 621**.

Questions.

Professor Michael Kautsch from Kansas University gave testimony in as a proponent to **SB 621** (Attachment 3).

Discussion.

Ralph Gage Lawrence Journal World gave testimony as proponent to **SB 621** (Attachment 4).

Discussion.

Doug Anstaett Kansas Press Association testified in support of **SB 621** (Attachment 5).

Discussion.

Richard Gannon submitted testimony on **SB 621** for Dan Simon publisher for The Olathe News (Attachment 6).

Sandy Jocquot League of Kansas Municipalities testified in opposition to **SB 621** (Attachment 7).

Discussion.

Dale Goter City of Wichita gave testimony in opposition to **SB 621** (Attachment 8).

Discussion.

Judy Moler Kansas Association of Counties testified as an opponent to **SB 621** (Attachment 9).

Stuart Little on behalf of Johnson County Government gave testimony in opposition to **SB 621** (Attachment 10).

Hearing closed on **SB 621**.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie Kern, Committee Assistant