

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicki Schmidt at 9:30 a.m. on March 12, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Long, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chair opened the meeting and called for final action on **SB 297–Eliminating the filing requirement for faculty of state educational institutions.** An amendment was offered which clarifies the information required by K.S.A. 46-229 is an open public record and also states that any conflict of interests information required by the state board of regents or state educational institution that is in addition to K.S.A.46-229 may be placed in the faculty member’s personnel records file and discretionarily closed.

Senator Reitz moved, Senator Brungardt seconded, to amend SB 297 as reflected in the balloon that was distributed (Attachment 1). Motion carried.

Senator Reitz moved, Senator Brungardt seconded, to recommend SB 297 favorably for passage as amended. Motion carried.

The Chair then recognized Senator Pyle for the purpose of final action on **SB 186–Vacancy in office of lieutenant governor; notice of resignation from office of governor or lieutenant governor.** Senator Pyle offered an amendment which would add the state treasurer and insurance commissioner to the vacancies addressed and stating the provisions of subsection (a) would not apply if the office of governor became vacant as a result of the death, permanent disability or resignation of the governor before the senate was able to act on the confirmation of the person appointed lieutenant governor.

Senator Pyle moved, Senator Wagle seconded, to amend SB 186 as reflected in the balloon (Attachment 2). The motion failed on a voice vote. No further action was taken.

The Chair called for final action on **SB 267–Elections; voters; voter identification changes.** An amendment was offered at the request of the Secretary of State’s office (Attachment 3) and concerned permanent advance voter status, stating that once valid identification has been verified pursuant to current statutes, the permanent advance voter would not be required to provide identification in subsequent elections unless they had changed their name or residential address; moved out of the county or state; or were removed from the registration list and re-registered. It would also include the addition of the word “request” on page 8, line 41.

Senator Reitz moved, Senator Kultala seconded, to amend SB 267 as reflected in the balloon that was distributed. Motion carried.

The second amendment, presented by Senator Pyle (Attachment 4) states that no person may apply for an advance ballot less than 24 hours after submitting an application for registration. A balloon to this amendment was moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Reitz and passed to include any person who applies to register to vote and at the same time applies for an advance ballot, either in person or by mail in the five (5) day period where they can do both, shall have their ballot considered as a provisional ballot.

Senator Reitz moved, Senator Brungardt seconded, to recommend SB 267 as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee at 9:30 a.m. on March 12, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. There are no further meetings scheduled.