

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Tony Powell at 3:30 p.m. on January 23, 2002 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Gwen Welshimer, Excused
Representative Steve Huebert, Excused

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor
Dennis Hodgins, Research
Shirley Weideman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Tony Powell welcomed committee members. He congratulated Representative Melany Barnes as the new Ranking Minority Member. Chairman Powell welcomed Representative Alan Goering as a new member of the committee to take the seat of Representative Alldritt.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State was introduced by Chair Powell. Mr. Bryant and the office of the Secretary of State request the introduction of a committee bill dealing with voting rights of felons. The purpose of the bill is to resolve an inconsistency in current state laws regarding the circumstances under which a person convicted of a felony regains the right to register and vote. (Attachment #1)

Without objection, it will be introduced as a bill.

Representative Cindy Hermes introduced a bill:

Concerning public improvements and buildings, relating to public works bonds.

Without objection, it will be introduced as a bill.

Chairman Powell announced that Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh will give the committee an overview of the changes in federal law regarding elections on Monday.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is January 28 at 3:30 p.m.