

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 17, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Emler
Ken North, Management Consultant, North and Associates
Brian Caskey, Administrative Assistant, Elections and Legislative Matters, Secretary of State
Senator O'Connor

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Action on:

SB 376 - campaign finance; use of unexpended campaign funds

Chairperson Allen asked Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes, to address the balloon to **SB 376** (Attachment 1). Senator Schmidt move to adopt the amendment, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion carried.

Senator Betts, recognized by the Chair, had an amendment to **SB 376** (Attachment 2). His amendment had a new section #2. After December 1, 2004, there would be no transferring of campaign accounts, a person could not hold two accounts. Senator Betts ask to clarify that "section B only applies to transfers that were made only to 2003" moved to adopt the balloon and pass favorably. Senator Gilstrap second the motion. On SB 376 as amended Senator Clark move to pass out of committee favorably. seconded by Senator Betts. The motion carried with a five to four vote. NO votes recorded were: Senator Schmidt, Senator Jackson, Senator Buhler, Senator Allen.

Hearing on:

SB 387 - interlocal agreements, public security

Chairperson Allen opened the hearing on **SB 387** and recognized Senator Emler. Senator Emler stated **SB 387** came up out of a securities study done years ago. One change noted in "line 20 emergency preparedness" was left out and believes it should be in the bill. Senator Emler introduced Ken North, Management Consultant, North and Associates.

Ken North presented to the committee testimony in support of **SB 387**. He stated, 1)it creates new opportunities for antiterrorism programs and 2) communicates a coherent vision - and attendant expectations - for antiterrorism activities to local units of government. **SB 387** will clearly create new opportunities for creative and synergistic approaches to community public safety (Attachment 3).

There being no others to testify on **SB 387**, the Chair closed the hearing.

HB 2606 - elections; electronic filing of election abstracts

The hearing on **HB 2606** was opened by Chairperson Allen. The Chair recognized Brian Caskey, Administrative Assistant, Elections and Legislative Matters, Secretary of State, to the committee. Brian gave testimony in support. Brian stated **HB 2606** would allow county election officers to transmit official election results via a secure electronic transmission (Attachment 4).

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There being no others to testify on **HB 2606**, the Chair closed the hearing.

The Chair asked the committee if there were any objections to taking action on **HB 2606** today. Seeing none Chairperson Allen asked for a motion. Senator Clark moved to pass **HB 2606** out favorably. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 502 - elections; district conventions; voting by proxy

Chairperson Allen opened the hearing on **SB 502**. Senator O'Connor, recognized by the Chair, testified in support (Attachment 5). Senator O'Connor stated **SB 502** corrects discrepancies in proxy voting.

There being no others to testify on **SB 502**, Chairperson Allen closed the hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.