

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

KS Highway Patrol Service on Governing Bodies; Corrupt Political Advertising; Sherman County Board of County Commissioners; Substantial Interest Statements of Certain Faculty Members; E-filing of Certain Campaign Finance Reports

HB 2158 addresses the elections and ethics issues of Kansas Highway Patrol members' service on governing bodies of municipalities, corrupt political advertising, electronic filing of certain campaign finance reports, the election method for the Sherman County Board of County Commissioners, and substantial interests statements of certain faculty members. Details of the bill follow.

Kansas Highway Patrol Member Service on Governing Bodies

The bill allows a member of the Kansas Highway Patrol to serve on the governing body of a municipality if the position is appointed or elected on a nonpartisan basis. It also allows a member of the Patrol to serve on an appointed task force the Patrol superintendent deems necessary as part of the member's duties.

It forbids any member of the Patrol from accepting any reward or gift pertaining to the performance of the member's duties.

This portion of the bill became effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Additions to "Corrupt Political Advertising" Statute

The bill makes additions to the statute relating to the crime of corrupt political advertising of a state or local office, as follows:

- It prohibits the making of any website, e-mail, or other internet communication expressly advocating the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office, which is disseminated to 25 or more individuals by a candidate, candidate committee, party committee, or political committee, unless the information disseminated is followed by a statement which indicates who paid for or sponsored the communication.
- It blends two versions of the prior statute, which resulted from the statute being amended twice in 2007. The new language shown in subsection (b) (1)(C) was enacted by the Legislature in one of the 2007 amendments to that statute.

E-Filing of Campaign Finance Reports by Statewide Candidates

The bill requires the electronic filing of regular campaign finance reports by candidates for offices elected on a statewide basis.

Election of Sherman County Board of County Commissioners

Effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*, this portion of the bill allows the Board of County Commissioners of Sherman County (Board) to provide for the at-large election of its members if the voters of Sherman County approve the proposal.

The Board is required to adopt a resolution that provides for the following:

- Each county commissioner would run at large, and each candidate is permitted to reside anywhere in Sherman County;
- All qualified electors residing in Sherman County are permitted to vote in both the primary and general election for each county commissioner being elected;
- Primary elections are to be conducted on a partisan basis. Primary election voters are permitted to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of commissioners being elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will appear on the general election ballot, for each county commissioner being elected. No person is permitted to cast more than one vote for any specific candidate;
- General election voters are allowed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of county commissioners being elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each commissioner office being elected will be deemed to have been elected;
- Unless the Sherman County voters elect to adopt this at-large election method, the statute allowing it expires on December 31, 2010; and
- The bill makes conforming changes to other sections of law.

Substantial Interests Statements of Certain Faculty Members

At the option of the employing educational institution, the bill creates the following temporary alternative to the currently required statement of substantial interests (SSI), which expires on July 1, 2010:

- The alternative form is permitted in lieu of the SSI required by law to be sent by each faculty member who receives an annual salary of \$50,000 or more, other than an adjunct faculty member, who is employed by a state education institution governed by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) to the Secretary of State (and maintained by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission [KGEC]);
- The alternative form must contain the same information required in the SSI that is filed with the Office of Secretary of State, it will be considered an open public record, and it must be filed annually as part of the educational institution's appointment or salary notification process. Any additional conflict of interest information required by the KBOR or the employing institution may be placed in the faculty member's personnel file and may be considered confidential; and
- The executive officer of any KBOR institution must notify the KGEC in writing if that institution's faculty will be using the alternative form in lieu of the regular SSI.

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Track	Bill #	Date Introduced	Current Status and Last Action	Bill Subject	Principal Bill Sponsor
	HB 2066	01/22/2009	Stricken from Calendar 02/24/2009 - House: Stricken from Calendar, House Rule 1507	Elections; pertaining to compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)	House Elections Committee
	HB 2077	01/26/2009	In House Elections 03/04/2009 - House: Withdrawn from Federal and State Affairs; referred to Elections	Elections	House Elections Committee
	S Sub for HB 2079	03/19/2010	In Senate Ways and Means 03/24/2010 - Senate: Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Ways and Means	Campaign Finance Act; pertaining to coverage of certain retention elections	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee (original bill by House Assessment and Taxation Committee)
	S Sub for HB 2082	03/11/2010	In Senate Ways and Means 03/24/2010 - Senate: Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Ways and Means	Campaign finance; relating to electioneering communication; establishing certain reporting requirements	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee (original bill by House Federal and State Affairs Committee)
	HB 2156	01/29/2009	In House Elections 02/05/2009 - House: Withdrawn from Local Government; referred to Elections	The Legislature; relating to legislators holding other elected offices	House Local Government Committee
	HB 2158	01/29/2009	Approved by Governor 05/21/2009: Approved by Governor Mark Parkinson	Elections and election related issues	House Local Government Committee
	HB 2193	02/02/2009	Killed in House 02/19/2009 - House: Final Action: Not passed; Yeas 54, Nays 69	Campaign finance	House Local Government Committee
	HB 2215	02/03/2009	In House Elections 02/04/2009 - House: Referred to Elections	Governmental ethics; prohibiting the use of public funds for lobbying	House Elections Committee
	HB 2216	02/03/2009	In House Elections 02/04/2009 - House: Referred to Elections	Contracts with state agencies	House Elections Committee

	HB 2244	02/04/2009	Stricken from Calendar 02/24/2009 - House: Stricken from Calendar, House Rule 1507	Campaign finance; pertaining to unitemized contributions	House Elections Committee
	HB 2256	02/04/2009	In House Elections 02/03/2010 - House: Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/10/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S	Elections; pertaining to preregistration of certain persons	Don Hill, R-60th
	HCR 5006	01/28/2009	In House Elections 02/11/2010 - House: Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/15/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S	A proposition to amend Section 1 of Article 10 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, relating to the reapportionment of senatorial and representative districts	House Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee
	HCR 5010	02/04/2009	Killed in House 02/20/2009 - House: Final Action: Not adopted; Yeas 65, Nays 54	A proposition to amend Section 11 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, relating to filling vacancies in executive offices	House Elections Committee
	H Sub for SB 3	03/13/2009	In House Elections 03/30/2009 - House: Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Elections	Elections	House Elections Committee (original bill by Anthony Hensley, D-19th)
	SB 38	01/15/2009	Approved by Governor 04/06/2009: Approved by Governor Kathleen Sebelius	Hospital districts; relating to the formation of a hospital district in Linn County	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
	H Sub for SB 43	03/10/2009	Rejected by House 03/29/2010 - House: Stricken from Calendar, House Rule 1507	Social workers; relating to continuing education requirements	House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee (original bill by Senate Education Committee)
	SB 55	01/21/2009	In House Elections 03/30/2009 - House: Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Elections	Elections; pertaining to official federal services absentee ballots	Senate Ways and Means Committee
	SB 56	01/21/2009	In House Elections 03/30/2009 - House: Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Elections	Elections; pertaining to advance voting ballots	Senate Ways and Means Committee
	SB 71	01/22/2009	In House Elections 03/04/2009 - House: Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/11/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 446-N	Certain elections	Senate Education Committee

	SB 79	01/22/2009	In House Elections 02/20/2009 - House: Referred to Elections	Elections; pertaining to filing deadlines for candidates	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
	SB 80	01/22/2009	Approved by Governor 04/10/2009: Approved by Governor Kathleen Sebelius	Cities; dealing with certain elections; relating to cities' power to relinquish authority to regulate natural gas and water utilities to the State Corporation Commission	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
	SB 103	01/26/2009	In House Elections 03/04/2009 - House: Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/9/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 446-N	Elections; relating to certain primary elections	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
	Sub for SB 117	02/12/2009	In House Elections 03/11/2009 - House: Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/16/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 446-N	Campaign finance; dealing with the crime of corrupt political advertising	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee (original bill by Senate Ethics and Elections Committee)
	H Sub for SB 118	03/19/2010	Rejected by House 03/29/2010 - House: Stricken from Calendar, House Rule 1507	Cities; relating to annexation	House Local Government Committee (original bill by Senate Ethics and Elections Committee)
	H Sub for SB 168	03/19/2009	Approved by Governor 05/22/2009: Approved by Governor Mark Parkinson	State agencies; relating to salaries and wages; amounts budgeted and appropriated therefor; payment of payroll obligations	House General Government Budget Committee (original bill by Senate Ways and Means Committee)
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	SB 171	02/02/2009	Veto sustained 06/04/2009 - Senate: No motion to reconsider; veto sustained	Sherman county; pertaining to the election of county commissioners	Ralph Ostmeyer, R-40th
	SB 268	02/12/2009	In House Elections 03/25/2009 - House: Referred to Elections	Elections	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
	SB 297	03/03/2009	In House Elections 03/23/2009 - House: Referred to Elections	Governmental ethics; eliminating the filing requirement for certain faculty of state education institutions; pertaining to reporting of certain expenditures by lobbyists; requiring certain members of the judicial branch to file disclosure statements	Senate Ways and Means Committee

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