

Approved: March 19, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on March 12, 2012, in Room 159 S of the Capitol. The minutes of March 5 and 6, 2012 were read. Senator Marshall moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Kelsey. The motion passed.

All members were present except:
Senator Brungardt
Senator Faust-Goudeau

Committee staff present:
Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees:
Representative Stan Frownfelter
Larry Baer, Assistant General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities
Leslee Fonseca, Assistant to the City Administrator, City of Lenexa
Scott J. Schneider, J.D., City of Topeka (written only)

Others in attendance:
See attached list

Mike Heim, revisor, explained **HB 2646–Cities; abandoned property and qualifications thereof; pertaining to commercial real estate.** The bill as amended (attachment 1) would add commercial real estate property to the definition of abandoned property in a set of statutes dealing with unsafe or dangerous structures and abandoned property. Representative Stan Frownfelter testified as a proponent of the bill (attachment 2) and presented several proposed amendments. Also testifying in favor of the bill were Larry Baer, Assistant General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities (attachment 3), Leslee Fonseca, Assistant to the City Administrator, City of Lenexa (attachment 4). Scott J. Schneider, J.D., City of Topeka provided written testimony in support of the bill (attachment 5).

The hearing was closed.

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Dennis Taylor, Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration explained that **HB 2675 County clerks; land owner duty to provide property description; tax rolls; repealed. HB 2675**, as amended, would revise a statute concerning the duties of county clerks and county appraisers with regard to the listing and valuation of real estate (attachment 6).

The hearing was closed.

Mike Heim, revisor, reviewed **Substitute for HB 2166--Pertaining to the publication of certain ordinances by cities**. The bill would permit a summary of certain city ordinances to be published in the official newspaper, with the full ordinance available on the city's website, and would remove a provision regarding nonuniform city ordinances. Discussion followed. *Senator Huntington moved to pass Sub for HB 2166 favorably out of committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Kultala. The motion passed.*

Substitute for HB 2555--Recreation commissions; conversions of existing recreation systems was reviewed by Mike Heim, revisor. Discussion and questions followed. There was no action taken.

HB 2666--Cities; experience requirements for plumbers, electricians and certain mechanical contractors. Representative Brian Weber explained the bill, its effects on those entering or moving up in the building trades addressed in the bill, and answered questions from the committee. Discussion followed. *Senator Love moved to pass HB 2666 favorably out of committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. The motion passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

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