

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 17, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Clark - excused

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel/Dir. Of Governmental Affairs
Senator Kay O'Connor
Senator Karin Brownlee
Connie Schmidt, Johnson County Election Commissioner
Elizabeth Ensley, Shawnee County Election Commissioner
Karen Hartenbower, Chair of Elections Committee for the
Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association

Others attending: See attached list.

Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel/ Director of governmental Affairs conceptually introduced legislation concerning recount of certain statewide offices. Senator O'Connor made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Brownlee. The motion carried to introduce the Governor's recount bill.

Senator O'Connor requested introduction of a constitutional awareness bill that candidates would gain more knowledge of the Kansas Constitution. Senator O'Connor made a motion that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

Senator Brownlee requested introduction of a bill requiring the last four digits of a person's social security number to be added to the voter registration card. Senator O'Connor made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Gooch. The motion carried.

Connie Schmidt, Johnson County Commissioner, gave an elections overview presentation of Johnson County to the committee (Attachment 1).

Elizabeth Ensley, Shawnee County Election Commissioner, presented testimony regarding the Global Accu-Vote 2000- Precinct Counter (Attachment 2).

Karen Hartenbower, Chair of Elections Committee for the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association provided a report of the Accu-Vote precinct tabulators and a list of the Kansas Counties and the election system used in their county (Attachment 3). Ms. Hartenbower presented a copy of the First Judge application/nomination form, which is a student election judge program, and the success they have had in Lyon County (Attachment 4).