

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Don Myers at 3:30 p.m. on March 19, 2003 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Bill McCreary

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Revisor  
Kathie Sparks, Research  
Shirley Weideman, Secretary

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

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Myers said that the committee would work **SB 103 - Elections; recall procedures.**

Committee Chairman Myers asked Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, to explain his proposed amendments to **SB 103.** He said that he brought the first part of the amendment to the last meeting for discussion. Mr. Bryant reminded the committee that there are 2 steps in the recall process on the local level and 3 steps in the process on the state level. Mr. Bryant proposed an amendment to SB 103 for clarifying the number of signatures required for a recall petition pertaining to state officers in Sections 2, 3 and 5 by inserting after.....(percent or number) of the votes cast for all candidates “for the office of the state officer sought to be recalled, such percentage to be based upon”....., and pertaining to local officers in Sections 7 and 8 by inserting after.....(percent or number) of the votes cast for all candidates “for the office of the local officer sought to be recalled, such percentage to be based upon”..... The second part of his amendment was on page 5, Section 7, line 19, striking “200” and inserting “180” so that it will read on lines 18-20 “(3) the petition was filed during the first 120 days of the term of office of the official sought to be recalled or within less than 180 days of the termination of the term of office of the officer sought to be recalled;”. (Attachment 1)

Representative Miller moved that SB 103 be amended as proposed by Brad Bryant. Representative Betts seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Miller moved SB 103 as amended be passed favorably from committee. Representative Sharp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.