

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jene Vickrey at 3:30 P.M. on January 18, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Frank Miller- excused
Representative Melody Miller- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Harold Lane
Brad Bryant, Office of the Secretary of State
Rep. Pat Colloton
Rep. Tom Sloan
Ken Grotewiel, Kansas Water Office
Terry Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau
Art Brown, Mid-America Lumbermens Assoc.
Gary Hanson, Kansas Rural Water Assoc.
Stanley Rasmussen, Army Dept. of Defense
Woody Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers' Assoc., Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Rep. Mike Burgess requested a committee bill that would change the date that county treasurers take office to the second Monday in January. He explained that the second Monday in January is the date that other county elected officials take office.

Without objection, the request will be accepted as a committee bill.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2005 **Elections; disclosure of felony conviction**

Rep. Harold Lane testified as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 1). Rep. Lane said the bill would require that a candidate for public office, when filing the application, disclose if they have ever been convicted of a felony by checking a box on the application. He explained that the bill provides for a penalty if someone fails to reveal that they were ever convicted of a felony.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, provided administrative information concerning the proposed legislation in written testimony (Attachment 2) submitted to the committee.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2005**.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2027 **Library boards; reduction of waiting period for reappointment**

Rep. Pat Colloton testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). She said there is a problem in finding and keeping well-informed members of local library boards. She informed that this bill reduces the waiting period to one year from the current two year requirement before a board member can be reappointed to the board.

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Rep. Kenny Wilk submitted written testimony (Attachment 4) in support of the bill.

Pauline Graeber, Leavenworth, Kansas, submitted written testimony (Attachment 5) in support of the bill.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2027**.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2018 **Acquisition of rural water district by another district**

Rep. Tom Sloan testified in support of the bill (Attachment 6). He said the bill provides the means by which two or more rural water districts may voluntarily merge.

Ken Grotewiel, Kansas Water Office, appeared in support of the bill (Attachment 7). He said the bill provides an alternative process to the one outlined in K.S.A. 82a-640 for rural water districts to use when they have an interest in consolidating.

Gary Hanson, Kansas Rural Water Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 8). He explained that the bill is modeled after K.S.A. 19-3512 and K.S.A. (2004 Supp.) 82a-649, providing for the annexation of territory by Water District No. 1, Johnson County (Water One) and acquisition of rural water districts by cities, respectively.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2018**.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2019 **Encroachment restriction districts**

Rep. Tom Sloan testified in support of the bill (Attachment 9). He said the bill creates a process by which facilities at risk and local governments can work together in sustaining the future of those facilities.

Woody Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association and also the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 10). He said the purpose of the bill is to provide a clearer definition regarding access to and development of natural resources within our state.

Stanley Rasmussen, Army Department of Defense, testified on behalf of Barton Ives in support of the bill (Attachment 11). He said the proposal provides a formalized process for cooperation between military installations and the local community and government, but also makes this same process available to other entities potentially affected by encroachment.

Art Brown, Mid America Lumbermen's Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 12). He said the bill allows for protection for the businesses he represents as long as certain safeguards mandated by the local unit are in place.

Terry Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 13). He said the bill would allow local units of government authority to place restrictions on privately held property at the request of nearby landowners through the establishment of an encroachment restriction district.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2019**.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005.

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