

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on January 31, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Virginia Beamer- excused
Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Bill Otto
Doug Anstaett
Rich Gannon
Sandy Jacquot
Donna Whiteman
Randall Allen
Diane Gjerstad
Chad Austin
Jerry Slaughter
Harriet Lange

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Requests

Rep. Burgess requested three committee bills concerning elections. The Committee approved the requests.

HB 2054 Open meetings law; recording executive sessions

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2054**.

Rep. Otto testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1).

Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2).

Richard Gannon, Kansas Press Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3).

Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 4).

Donna Whiteman, Kansas Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 5).

Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 6).

Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 7).

Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 8). He presented the testimony of Deborah Stern, Kansas Hospital Association.

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Andy Schlapp, Sedgwick County (Attachment 9).

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Eric Sartorius, City of Overland Park (Attachment 10).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, testified neutral to the bill ([Attachment 11](#)).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2054**.

HB 2085 Open meetings; recording of executive sessions

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2085**.

Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 12](#)).

Harriet Lange, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, testified in support of the bill ([Attachment 13](#)).

Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in opposition to the bill ([Attachment 14](#)).

Donna Whiteman, Kansas Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to the bill ([Attachment 15](#)).

Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, testified in opposition to the bill ([Attachment 16](#)).

Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools, testified in opposition to the bill ([Attachment 17](#)).

Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association, testified in opposition to the bill ([Attachment 18](#)). He presented the testimony of Deborah Stern, Kansas Hospital Association.

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Andy Schlapp, Sedgwick County ([Attachment 19](#)).

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Eric Sartorius, City of Overland Park ([Attachment 20](#)).

Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, testified neutral to the bill ([Attachment 21](#)).

Chairman Burgess closed the hearing on **HB 2085**.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2007.