

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Huelskamp at 1:30 P.M. on March 20th, 2007 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Zoie Kern, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Ostmeyer began with testimony on behalf of County Commissioners in regards to **HB 2307 Concerning counties; amending KSA 19-202 and repealing the existing section.** (Attachment 1).

Discussion.

Ken Wilke to put amendments in bill form.

Further discussion to clarify the removal of boundaries for election purposes.

Senator Ostmeyer assures the committee that commissioners are aware of possible problems in equal representation but are willing to take this on.

Senator Ostmeyer states dissolving districts would eliminate more serious problems. He will work with Ken Wilke from the Revisor of Statues office to draft the final wording for **HB 2307.**

Ken Wilke gave summary on **HB 2322 concerning elections; tabulating votes.** Copies of the amendment were given to members of Committee (Attachment 2).

Discussion.

Senator Francisco moved to change wording page 2, line 41 from 10% to 5%. Second by Senator Betts.

Motion carried..

Senator Francisco moved and it was second by Senator Betts to move **HB 2322** out favorable.

Motion carried..

Ken Wilke gave brief summary of **HB 2058 concerning counties; enforcement of codes and resolutions.**

Senator Pyle moved to include 5 more counties to page 2, line 40. Senator Huelskamp second.

Discussion.

Senator Francisco motioned to leave “in any county” as the amendment states on page 2 line 40.

Motion carried..

Senator Pyle motioned and second by Senator Reitz to move out **HB 2058** as amended.

Motion carried..

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoie C. Kern, Committee Secretary