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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Elections

The meeting was called to order by Richard L. Harper, Representative at
Chairperson

9:00 am a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 1987 in room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Foster, excused; Representative Helgerson, excused; Representative Johnson, excused; Representative King, excused; Representative Littlejohn, excused; and Representative Roy, excused.

Committee staff present: Myrta Anderson, Legislative Research Department
Nancy Ryan, Secretary of State's Office
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's Office
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dottie Musselman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Nancy Ryan, Secretary of State's Office
Marjorie Van Buren, Judicial Administrator's Office
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State's Office

Chairperson Harper called the meeting to order. SB 107, concerning the filling of vacancies of district court judges, was first on the agenda for hearing today. This bill was a request of the office of the Secretary of State. The Chair recognized Nancy Ryan. Ms. Ryan came before the committee telling them that their office has requested this legislation due to a problem which came up last July, and that this bill would clarify the procedure for filling the vacancy of a district court judge. SB 107 provides that if a vacancy occurs, in the office of the district court on or after May 1 of the second year of the term, the person so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, and until a successor is elected and is qualified. If the vacancy occurs before May 1st of the second year of that term, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified at the next general election to serve the remainder of the expired term.

The Chair next recognized Marjorie Van Buren, Judicial Administrator's Office. Ms. Van Buren appeared before the committee in support of SB 107.

The hearing closed on SB 107.

Representative Baker made a motion to recommend SB 107 favorably for passage. Seconded by Representative Blumenthal. Motion carried.

The next order of business for today was SB 130. This bill relates to the Secretary of State; concerning the publication of the session laws. The Chair recognized Ron Thornburgh. Mr. Thornburgh gave the committee a briefing of SB 130, saying this bill strikes the requirement that the Secretary of State shall publish and sell paperbound copies of the Session Laws of Kansas. The duty to publish and sell clothbound copies would continue. This bill is supported by the Secretary of State's Office to eliminate an unneeded publication requirement. The cost differential between the two types of publications is \$1 per volume.

The hearing closed on SB 130.

Representative Baker made the motion that SB 130 be passed and placed on Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Blumenthal. Motion carried.

Representative Amos moved that the committee accept the minutes of the March 5, 1987, meeting as written. Seconded by Representative Flottman. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.