	Approved
MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON _	ELECTIONS
The meeting was called to order byRepresentative	Sherman Jones at Chairperson
9:25 a.m./p.m. on February 3	
All members were present except: Representative Parkinson (excused) Representative Praeger (excused) Representative Baker (excused) Representative Shallenburger (excused) Committee staff present:	Representative Wells (excused) Representative Cates (excused) Representative Scott (excused) Representative King (excused)
Arden Ensley, Revisor Pat Mah, Research Shirley Lee, Committee Secretary	
Conferees appearing before the committee:	f State

Joe de la Torre, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

Others attending: see attached list.

Chairman Jones opened the hearing for SB 84.

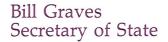
Joe de la Torre, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, appeared before the Committee in support of $SB\ 84$. He stated $SB\ 84$ allows 16 and 17 year olds to be poll workers, and provides increased voter education among the youth of Kansas (Attachment 1).

Chairman Jones opened the floor for questions. There being none, he called for any opponents to SB 84. There were no opponents and the hearing was closed.

With no further business, Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

GUEST LIST

DATE: February 3, 1992 COMMITTEE: HOUSE ELECTIONS COMPANY/ORGANIZATION ADDRESS NAME (PLEASE PRINT)





2nd Floor, State Capitol Topeka, KS 66612-1594 (913) 296-2236

STATE OF KANSAS

TESTIMONY OF JOSE DE LA TORRE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE February 3, 1992

SENATE BILL 84

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of Secretary of State Graves.

Senate Bill 84, which allows 16 and 17 year olds to be poll workers, provides us with a tool to increase voter education among the youth of Kansas. It will also create a larger pool of potential board workers for the county election officers.

Secretary Graves has always believed that the key to increasing voter participation is through voter education. Sixteen and seventeen year olds will build a lifetime of voting habits through this first-hand experience.

Because the election board worker system is partisan by nature, we will use teen-age poll workers only after the county chairs' recommendations have been exhausted.

An added benefit to this piece of legislation is the larger pool of potential board workers. It is becoming an increasing problem throughout the nation, and Kansas is no exception, for county election officials to recruit board workers.

We urge your approval of this legislation and ask that you consider it favorable for passage.

Thank you.

House Elections 2-3-92 AHachment 1