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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marvin Smith at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 1993 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Delbert Gross (Excused)

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
Arden Ensley, Revisor of Statutes  
Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary of State Bill Graves  
William Bradley, INK Chairman  
Jeff Fraser, INK Network Manager  
Joe de la Torre, Secretary of State's Office

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Smith reopened the hearing on HB 2007.

Secretary of State Bill Graves testified and noted he is neither in opposition to, nor in support of, HB 2007 but he does support the concept of LINK (Attachment 1).

William Bradley, INK Chairman, appeared before the committee with information concerning the services INK provides and questions as to the need for LINK as he understands the intent of HB 2007 (Attachment 2). He emphasized the fact that they provide equal access no matter what part of the state you are in. In answer to a question, Mr. Bradley stated that INK has worked with DISC in every stage of development

Jeff Fraser, INK Network Manager, testified in the same manner and from the same testimony as Mr. Bradley (Attachment 2). He pointed out INK already provides service for other Kansas Agencies and all consumers and providers are pleased with their service.

Additional comments were provided by Karen Cole, Kansas State University, Chair of LINK Committee, in which she stated they have spoken with INK and DISC personnel and they do want to cooperate with both agencies. She stated LINK was meant to replace the Kansas Library Network Board by merely adding members and changing certain duties. They see their role as being one of setting up the equipment for libraries and training for use of that equipment. They would be a coordinating group. LINK would provide them with a monitoring system and be able to regulate.

There was great concern by committee members that dialogue and cooperation is necessary in this venture.

Being no more conferees on HB 2007, hearings were closed.

HB 2044 - relating to elections; concerning write-in candidates.

Joe de la Torre, Secretary of State's Office, testified in support of HB 2044, providing written testimony (Attachment 3) and stating that this bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas county clerks. He recommended changes in line 40 page 1 to include city "of first class" and in line 30 page 3 to read "any candidate who has filed an affidavit of write-in".

Representative Scott moved acceptance of the minutes for January 26, 1993. Representative Gilbert seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 1993.

## GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: From Governmental Organization  
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## STATE OF KANSAS

January 27, 1993

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me a moment of your time. I am Secretary of State Bill Graves. I am appearing as a statutory board member of the Information Network of Kansas. My appearance is neither in opposition to, nor in support of, House Bill 2007.

I support the concept of L.I.N.K. It is, in many ways, the same concept that caused us to create I.N.K. I am a strong proponent of information systems that allow Kansans access to needed information, and I feel the Committee should be fully aware of the capabilities of I.N.K. before making a decision about the creation of another information network.

All members of I.N.K. are advocates of enhancing access to information. My agency worked closely with I.N.K. officials during its creation so banks, law firms, C.P.A.'s, and A.S.C.S. offices, indeed *any* interested Kansan, could directly access information from our Corporations and Uniform Commercial Code divisions. We are continuing enhancements to that system.

The Information Network of Kansas was created in 1990 by the Legislature to provide electronic access to state, county, and local information to Kansas businesses and citizens.

I.N.K. is a unique public/private partnership. Oversight is provided by a 10-member board (most of whom are appointed by the Governor, including the Secretaries of Transportation and Revenue, the president of Kansas, Inc., the Director of D.I.S.C., an attorney, a C.P.A., a county official, and a librarian).

No state funds are appropriated for the operation of I.N.K. It is entirely fee-funded and operated by a private network manager. The network manager, the Kansas Information Consortium, was selected through a competitive bid process, and has done an excellent job.

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TESTIMONY  
OF

BILL GRAVES  
WILLIAM F. BRADLEY, JR.  
JEFF FRASER

ON BEHALF OF  
  
THE INFORMATION NETWORK OF KANSAS

PRESENTED BEFORE  
  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

JANUARY 27, 1993

RE: HB 2007

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Attachment 2



# Information Network Of Kansas

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

### THE INFORMATION NETWORK OF KANSAS

Presented By: Bill Graves, INK Board Member - Introduction  
William F. Bradley, INK Chairman  
Jeff Fraser, INK Network Manager

January 27, 1992

#### Introduction:

The Information Network of Kansas (INK) is a State of Kansas government instrumentality created in the 1990 Legislature for the purpose of providing equal electronic access to State, County, Local and other information required by Kansas business and citizenry. INK allows Kansans that require public information access to get the data they need on their own computer via the public telephone network.

INK is unique in that it is based upon a private business / government service model. Policy for INK is administered by a 10 member board appointed by the Governor and specified by legislation, and includes the Secretary of State, Transportation and Revenue, a representative from the Kansas Association of Libraries and private citizens. No State funds are appropriated for the operation of INK, it is entirely fee funded and operated by a private network manager, the Kansas Information Consortium who receives a regulated return on investment and is required to remit the majority of revenues created by the network to the State of Kansas. The network manager was chosen through an extensive competitive evaluation and bidding process lasting over ten months.

#### INK Board of Directors:

William F. Bradley, Chairman  
Attorney  
Hinkle, Eberhart & Elkouri

Nancy Parish  
Secretary of Revenue  
State of Kansas

Charlotte Shawver, Secretary  
Register of Deeds  
Riley County

Marvin Maydew, Treasurer  
C.P.A.  
Kennedy & Coe

Michael Johnston  
Secretary of Transportation  
State of Kansas

Charles Warren, Vice Chairman  
President  
Kansas, Inc.

Don Morris  
President  
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Jean Turner  
Director of DISC  
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INK Network Manager Contact:

Jeff Fraser, General Manager -

Mr. Fraser is President of the Kansas Information Consortium and serves as General Manager of INK. He reports directly to the INK Board of Directors and is responsible for all operations of the Information Network of Kansas. Mr. Fraser previously held several executive marketing and management positions for AT&T and holds a B.S. in Business Administration and a M.S. in Information Systems from Friends University in Wichita.

INK - Model Legislation For Education, Research & Economic Development:

The Information Network Of Kansas legislation is a "model" for public/private cooperation in that it has successfully created a government service which is administered for the good of the public, but benefits from the entrepreneurial spirit and efficiencies found in private business. The result is a service which gives Kansas businesses and citizens a decisive competitive advantage while saving the Kansas taxpayers millions of dollars, while requiring **no State appropriations, no grants and no public subsidies of any kind.**

INK is essential because to be successful in today's economy of 3 week product life cycles and foreign "knock-off" competition, Kansas businesses must have immediate access to information from a variety of sources, so they can make the best decisions possible as quickly as possible. In turn, information in the public domain must be administered for the public good. INK does both.

INK is successful because it provides the businesses and citizenry of Kansas **equal access** no matter where they reside to information specific to their requirements so they can be more productive. INK accomplishes this task by simply using a tried and true business development strategy, we find out what our customers want, we build it and we continually improve it to increase their satisfaction and usage. Since January 1992, INK has engaged "Strategic Task Forces" with members from Kansas banking, legal, insurance, manufacturing, media, accounting, engineering, agriculture and construction industries and political entities including all Kansas counties, most municipalities and school districts combined with participation from the Kansas Legislature and Revisor of Statutes, Departments of Commerce, Revenue, Transportation, Health & Environment, Human Resources, and Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Secretary of State, the State Library and county & local entities throughout the state. Together we have developed over 50 information access solutions and created 11 individual sub-networks with the cooperation and for the benefit of all information providers and users. An average of 2 new services at added weekly.

By increasing the efficiency of Kansas government at all levels and improving the productivity of Kansas businesses and requiring no appropriation of public funds, INK is an educational, research and economic development model which provides Kansans an advantage over competitors in other States.

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### INK - What Is It That They Do?:

Since January 2, 1992, INK has been creating a computer network which provides access to Kansas public information. A brief synopsis of current and future service development are described below:

#### **Kansas Legislative Services**

This service includes interactive access to the Legislative Bill Tracking System maintained by the Reviser of Statutes, access to Full Text Bills, House and Senate Journals, House and Senate Daily Calendars, Legislative Research Department Supplemental Notes, Kansas State Library Bill Locator and the Kansas Administrative Regulations. Very soon, the Kansas Statutes Annotated and the Kansas Register will be available.

#### **Kansas Business Network**

In conjunction with the Department of Commerce, the Department of Transportation and State Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and many other professional associations, INK is developing a Kansas Business and Commerce Network that will make it more convenient and cost effective for Kansans to do business with other Kansans. This network will then be used to increase export opportunities for Kansas firms. Other services included in this module are the KDOT Construction Bidding Lists, the Department of Human Resources job search system and access to numerous research and development networks.

#### **Kansas Bankers Network**

In conjunction with the Kansas Bankers Association, The Society of C.P.A.s and the Secretary of State, INK is providing Kansas bankers, lending institutions and public accountants an electronic access to UCC and Corporation Information Filings maintained by the Secretary of State. In the near future, an improved electronic information filing service will be available for filing required financial information at both the County and State level.

#### **Kansas Legal Network**

In conjunction with the Kansas Supreme and Appellate Courts and District Courts throughout the State, and with the support of the Kansas Bar and District Judges Associations, INK will soon provide access to Supreme and Appellate Opinions, Attorney General Opinions, on-line access to the K.S.A.s and an electronic notification and verification system between the Appellate court and case attorneys. Calendars and dockets from several Kansas District Courts are currently available and more will come on-line as they are automated.

## Kansas Insurance Network

In conjunction with the Department of Revenue, INK is providing on-line insurance agent access to MVR records for the purpose of quickly evaluating a prospective customer's casualty risk.

## Library Information Network Of Kansas

In conjunction with the Kansas Library Network, Kansas Board of Regent Libraries, the Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas Research and Education Network (KREN) and the State Board of Education, INK **hopes** to provide access to a variety of services from card catalog searches for high school students to affordable world wide super computer and library database access for school districts, libraries, individuals and small Kansas manufacturing concerns. INK could be providing services both to and from most Kansas educational and research institutions. Eventually, information managed at all libraries throughout Kansas should be readily available to students at their local library, in their classrooms and at home.

## Kansas Children's Network

In conjunction with the Kansas Departments of Health & Environment and SRS and with the support of numerous children's coalitions, INK has developed an information network that contains information on services effecting Kansas youth. INK provides this service free of charge through any Kansas library that wishes to participate.

## Information Kiosks

In conjunction with officials throughout Kansas State, County and Local government, INK is researching the possibility of placing "Government ATMs" throughout the state. These multi-media touch-screen Kiosks could allow citizens to find out where to buy a fishing license, search for a job, renew automobile tags, find government offices, medical facilities or even find out about local community events, without having to stand in line at a government office or wait endlessly on hold.

## How Is Public Information Accessed?:

INK is a public information network which accesses electronic data on computers throughout Kansas. INK's software developers use a sophisticated technique called High Level Language Application Programming Interface which while never allowing an on-line user access to the actual computer housing the data requested, delivers it via a network of computers managed by INK. This method of access provides complete security to State, County and Local computer systems and does not require the agency responsible for the data to modify their applications.

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### How Do Subscribers Use The Network?:

All a customer needs is a PC or Macintosh and a modem to use The Information Network of Kansas. INK provides all software and training required at no charge and network access is always provided through an (800) toll free number. In addition, INK works with individual customers and organizations as required to integrate INK into their current and future computer networking strategies. Special networks have been created by INK to support the needs of Kansas Counties and Municipalities, Bankers and many other user groups. This has proven to be a cost effective and efficient solution for these associations to determine individual policy of their respective networks, while at the same time benefiting from the economies of scale and expertise created by everyone working together toward mutual goals.

### How Much Does It Cost To Use The Network?:

It costs an individual customer \$50.00 to subscribe to the network and up to \$.40 per minute to access most INK services from anywhere in the United States. This is less than the average long distance telephone call in Kansas. INK services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and support from our staff is available anytime toll free at 1(800)4-KANSAS.

### Limitations on Usage:

Prior to accessing INK, a subscriber must agree to the terms and conditions of the Kansas Open Records Act and any additional rules and regulations or statutes which may apply to specific types of information accessed. In addition, access of records containing names and addresses of private citizens is extensively monitored by INK and the custodial agency, making sure that such records are only accessed by authorized users, for authorized purposes.

### A Mission Of Discovery:

As mentioned previously, our goal is to with an open mind, search out and find out what Kansans' information needs are, and to provide solutions for the betterment of all. We are interested in your ideas and those of your constituents. Please give me a call at 296-5154, or stop by our office at #106 Capitol Tower.

### Conclusion:

The most exciting aspect of being associated with INK is the enthusiasm that both customers and State employees have for the service. Practically every customer that subscribes to the network will offer additional ideas for enhancements. State officials and employees are recognizing the benefits of increased accessibility and lower maintenance costs that INK is offering them.

The conclusion that can be drawn from the input we have received is that both the consumers and providers of State information are pleased. Their cost/benefit analysis is indicating the Network is a tremendous asset to them. With the current taxpayer resistance to more government programs and spending the Information Network of Kansas has helped Kansas business improve productivity, more precisely evaluate business risk and offer innovative products and services without spending one dime of taxpayer money. In addition to productivity and savings, many additional safeguards required for the enforcement of laws pertaining to the access of public information are now possible and have been implemented.

By authorizing the Information Network of Kansas the legislature has improved the State's business infrastructure and has provided a key component toward the advancement of education, economic and technological development in Kansas.

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## STATE OF KANSAS

Testimony of Jose de la Torre

House Governmental Organization  
and Elections Committee

January 27, 1993  
House Bill 2044

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for the opportunity to appear before you to testify on behalf of House Bill 2044.

As a matter of background, the 1992 legislative session passed House Bill 2876 requiring that write-in candidates for president and vice president file an affidavit of candidacy by 12:00 noon on the second Monday preceding the general election in order for their votes to be counted.

House Bill 2044 will require write-in candidates for state, county, city and school offices to file the appropriate affidavit of candidacy no later than 12:00 noon on the second Monday preceding the election at which the write-in candidate is seeking nomination or election in order for a write-in vote for those candidates to be counted.

Present statutes do not allow write-in candidates to appoint poll agents. Poll agents are those individuals authorized to be present and observe the election proceedings.

House Bill 2044 would authorize those write-in candidates who have filed an affidavit of candidacy to be poll agents and to appoint poll agents.

We ask the committee to consider this bill favorable for passage.

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