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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 February 17, 1994 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Herman Dillon

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:

Representative Gayle Mollenkamp  
Robert Loftin  
Garold Deines  
Elgia Stevenson, Johnson County Election Officer  
Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office  
Jenny Wentz, Secretary State's Office

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on:

HB 2867 - elections; residence of voters; challenges.

Representative Gayle Mollenkamp testified in favor of HB 2867 remarking there was no fiscal impact from passage of this bill (Attachment 1).

Robert Loftin, a former school board member, provided written testimony in support of a fair statute concerning residency requirements for voting in elections (Attachment 2). He related specific instances wherein determining residence on the intent to return did not seem to be justified.

Garold Deines gave testimony in support of HB 2867, stating the need for a better description of "residence" (Attachment 3). He pointed out that the Parks and Wildlife Department require a person to live in the state for six months to become eligible to buy a resident hunting or fishing license. The Department of Revenue defines resident as an individual who is domiciled in this state and a domicile is a place where an individual has his true, fixed, and principle establishment or to which he has the intention of returning if he is absent. It is his hope is that similar wording can be adopted for voting purposes.

Elgia Stevenson, Johnson County Election Officer, testified in regard to HB 2867, suggesting a person be required to show certificate of registration or driver's license with current address when voting (Attachment 4).

Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office, stated HB 2867 adds nothing that is not already in Kansas election law except to specifically mention residence as a requirement for voting and a basis for challenging voters, which is already provided for in statute. He stated challenges do occur routinely throughout the state in any election. His office believes the changes should be considered in statutes governing residency and absentee voting (Attachment 5).

HB 2998 - elections; petitions for official recognition of political parties.

Jenny Wentz, Secretary of State's Office, provided testimony concerning HB 2998, explaining this bill requires a political party seeking official recognition from the state to file its recognition petitions by June 10, rather than April 10 under current law (Attachment 6). The April 10 deadline may present constitutional

## CONTINUATION SHEET

### MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS, Room 521-S Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 1994.

problems in light of a 1988 ruling by the Circuit Court of Appeals in which Oklahoma's May 31 deadline for filing was found "troublesomely early".

Elgia Stevenson, Johnson County Election Officer, testified in opposition to HB 2998 because it would compress the time frame for ballot preparation because of additional time required to verify petition signatures. She feels individuals involved with petition development should simply start sooner on the project (Attachment 7). She did feel that June 1 would be better than June 10.

HB 2999 - elections; advance voting prior to election day.

Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office, provided written testimony to encourage passage of HB 2999 which would make voting easier for those whom getting to the polls on election day is difficult and would also prevent long lines at the polling places on election day (Attachment 8).

Elgia Stevenson, Johnson County Election Officer, appeared in support of HB 2999 because many in the health care industry, emergency personnel and caregivers have 12-14 hour shifts and therefore have few alternatives for voting during specified times (Attachment 9).

Action on:

HB 2827 - election campaign finance; limitations on contributions from nonresidents of state.

Representative Wells made a motion to move HB 2827 out of committee. Representative Scott seconded.

Representative Hendrix made a motion to amend HB 2827 by increasing from 40% to 60%. Representative Wells seconded. The motion failed.

Discussion continued as to the confusion in the wording of HB 2827 and a need to clarify the intent of the bill as to who is included in the 40%.

Representative Macy made a motion to table HB 2827. Representative Majure seconded. The motion carried after a call for division. Representatives Bradley, Hendrix, Scott, and Wells are recorded as voting no on this motion.

Representative O'Connor made a motion to approve minutes of the February 16, 1994 meeting as submitted. Representative Farmer seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 1994.

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COMMITTEE: House Governmental Organization & Elections DATE: 2-17-94

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HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

GAYLE MOLLENKAMP  
REPRESENTATIVE, 118TH DISTRICT  
LOGAN, GOVE, TREGO, WALLACE  
AND PARTS OF GRAHAM, ROOKS AND  
WICHITA COUNTIES  
HC2, BOX 5  
RUSSELL SPRINGS, KANSAS 67755-0005

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
MEMBER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
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February 17, 1994

TESTIMONY HOUSE BILL 2867

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

HB 2867 was drafted to address two problems that came to light in the Spring elections last year.

Voters that live outside the District and State, who own land within the District claim that they plan to return someday so they maintain residential voting. The other problem is that college students register to vote in School Bond elections in the Spring then re-register and vote in their home counties fall primary and general elections.

This is not a new problem but when it involves building bond issues and strongly contested school board elections, it creates major problems to the patrons of the District. The Revisor's spent a lot of time trying to come up with proper language to address this issue. The language in current law 25-407; "Residence means the place adopted by a person as such persons place of habitation, and to which, whenever such person is absent, such person has the intention of return."

The language in HB 2867 places more responsibility on the election judge to challenge any person offering to vote whom the judge shall know or suspect not to be qualified as an elector on a case by case basis.

I wish to thank the committee for allowing me to appear before you today. I will stand for questions.

Gayle Mollenkamp

*Gayle Mollenkamp*  
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Attachment 1

February 17, 1994

Mr. Chairman, Committee Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Robert Loftin. I am a self-employed electrician from Weskan, Wallace County, Kansas. I have been a continuous resident since August 1969. I served 8 years as a member of the U S D #242, Weskan School Board, 5 of these years as president. My board service was terminated after the last school district elections, held April 6, 1993 which brings me to the point of my testimony before you today.

I realize this hearing is a result of many hours of work and the resultant House Bill #2867. While I do wish to support the language of this bill, I believe a very serious problem lies in line 18 of the bill i.e., determining the residence of the person offering to vote.

In Kansas statute #25-407 rule for determining residence of voter. "Residence", means the place adopted by a person as such person's place of habitation, and to which, whenever such person is absent, such person has the intention of returning.

The interpretation of the last few words of the statute is where the trouble starts in my estimation.

"The intention of returning". To illustrate my point I would like to give you some facts arising from my investigation into the school board election in District #242 on April 6, 1993.

I would call your attention to the copies headed, Wallace County, Full Alphabetic Voter Listing. On the page numbered 48 you will find underlined the names, Lick, Jerald C. and Lick, Lavonna L. In July of 1989 Mr. Lick was hired as English teacher at Weskan High School. You would also notice on the page that voter histories are listed dating back to 1984. The Licks did not cast votes in Wallace County until August 4, 1992, three years after moving to Weskan. Not Even the school district elections of April 2, 1991. In April of 1992 the Licks moved from Weskan to the Junction City area, 9 months before

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casting absentee ballots in our election. I question their intention to return to Weskan.

The next page of the Voters list is numbered 60. The last 2 names are Nicholson, Donnie L. and Nicholson, Jill L. In May 1991 Jill Nicholson graduated from Weskan High School. In August Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson moved to Salina where Mrs. Nicholson attended school and Mr. Nicholson worked. They continued to reside there until late summer 1992 when they moved to a new residence in South Dakota: at least 6 months before they cast absentee ballots in the Weskan School Board election.

On page 61 of the voter listings you will find underlined the names Nusser, Lee Gale and Nusser, Pauline F. The Nussers lived near Weskan until about 1974 at which time they moved to a farm in Cheyenne County Colorado. Both have established a voting history in the state of Colorado, where Mrs. Nusser continues to reside. I'm not sure of the residence of Mr. Nusser as the couple separated sometime in 1992. Mrs. Nusser voted at the polling place in Weskan, Mr. Nusser voted absentee. Although immediate members of the Nusser family live in U S D #242, the Nussers hold no real estate in district boundaries.

The last names I want to point out are listed on pages 93 and 94. Near the bottom of page 93 is Weed, Garry D. and Weed, Kenneth and on the top of page 94 is Weed, Sherry L. Kenneth Weed being the son of Garry and Sherry. In August of 1992 after a dispute with a coach and officials at Weskan High School Kenneth Weed enrolled as a senior at Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs, Kansas. The family made the move of 12 miles to facilitate Kenneth's athletic eligibility. The Weed's continued to keep their home in rural Weskan, after staying overnite there several times a week. It is important to note on the registration sheet that although it indicates that they are registered in U S D #242 at this time. Garry and Sherry Weed voted on January 26, 1993 in a capital outlay election for the Sharon Springs Schools when they were registered in U S D #241. Eight days after they cast those ballots the Weeds changed their registration back to U S D #242 and cast ballots in our School Board election at Weskan. Also note, Kenneth Weed, a senior at Wallace County High School cast his first ever ballot, for members of the school board in Weskan.

Mr. Chairman, I will not pretend to have answers to all of the questions that I have raised this morning. These are questions I have asked many times over the last 11 months.

It is my understanding that the case of a person being forced to move to a nursing home or care facility and still wanting to cast a ballot at "HOME" is the main reason to keep the "Intent To Return" language. This might be too simple but couldn't we just be specific about nursing home residents, bona-fide college students and military personnel as far as it applies to residency?

I sincerely want to thank you for allowing me to take part in the process of State Government today, local Government has been a very big part of my life for the past nine years.

Are there questions that you have for me?

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000373	WELSH, DANNY R. RT 1 BOX 2A	WE	913-943-5455	M	10/04/58	10/05/76	-	-	4	00	R	242-	5 40 118 3 A
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001073	WELSH, J. DARRELL HC 2 BOX 21	IS	913-852-4696	M	3/27/60	9/12/86	-	-	1	02	R	241-	5 40 118 2 A
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February 16, 1994

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Garold Deines. I am a native born Kansan and have lived my entire life in Wallace County, Kansas. I have voted in every election I have been eligible to do so since I became an eligible voter at the age of eighteen. I take the privilege of voting very seriously and this allows me the opportunity to criticize when government goes wrong. As a member of the board of education for U S D #242, Weskan, Wallace County, I have received my share of criticism also. With this breif history of myself, I must say that I was appalled with the relative ease in which you can claim Kansas residency and vote in our state. It is for this very reason, that I am here to present testimony in favor of a more defined definition of residency.

In Kansas statute #25-407, rule for determining residence of voter, "Residence" means, the place adopted by a person as such person's place of habitation, and to which, whenever such person is absent, such person has intention of returning. The part of the statute that leads to fraudulent voting are the words "intention of returning". I will return to this thought a little later, but I would like someone to explain to me why Kansas has so many different meanings and or ways to establish residency. The Kansas Department of Transportation considers someone holding a valid Kansas drivers license a resident. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks requires you to live in the state for six months to become eligible to buy a resident hunting or fishing license. The Kansas Department of Revenue defines resident as an individual who is domiciled in this state. Domicile is that place where an individual has his true, fixed, and principle establishment, and to which, whenever he is absent, has the intention of returning. The place where an individual actually lives is presumed to be his domicile, and that domicile once established, continues until a change is in fact shown. To say you intend to reside in Kansas, or some local district therein at some point in the future, should not automatically give you the right to vote in our state!

To illustrate my case, I would like to document some examples of how easy it is to establish residency in a local voting district as they occurred in our last school board election.

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On Page 48 of the Wallace County, Full Alphabetic Voter Listing, you will find the names, Lick, Jerald C. and LaVonna L. In July of 1989, Mr. Lick was hired as the English teacher at Weskan High School. In April of 1992, Mr. Lick registered to vote in our district. The Licks find employment and move to the Junction City area. In the April 6th, 1993 school board election, the Licks vote absentee under the guise of returning to reside in Weskan.

On page 60 of the voter listing you will find the names Nicholson, Donnie L. and Jill L. In May, 1991, Jill Nicholson graduated from Weskan High School. After graduation, Donnie and Jill continued to live and work in Weskan. In August, 1991, Mr and Mrs. Nicholson moved to Salina, where Donnie was employed and Jill continued her education. In the summer of 1992, the Nicholsons moved to South Dakota, where they are both employed. They have South Dakota drivers licenses, their vehicle is registered with South Dakota license plates, and yet while they are living in South Dakota, are allowed to register in October of 1992 as residents of our local school district and vote for the very first time in our April 6, 1993 school board election. They say they intend to return and reside in Weskan at some point in the future.

On Page 61 of the voter listing you will find, Nusser, Lee Gale and Pauline F. The Nussers moved from the Weskan area to land they owned in Cheyenne County, Colorado, where they built a house on the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 7-12-41. In 1976 the Nussers registered as voters in Cheyenne County, Colorado with their address as 28511 County Rd. 61. While still residing at this same address they were dropped from the Colorado registry in 1991 for failing to vote in 1990. In February, 1993 they both registered as Kansans and voted in the April 6, 1993 school board election. Intending to move to Kansas? I don't think so.

My last example I would like to bring to your attention can be found on pages 93 and 94 of the voter listing. At the bottom of page 93, you will find Weed, Garry D. and Kenneth Weed, the son of Garry and Sherry. In August of 1992, Kenneth Weed enrolled as a student of U S D #241, Sharon Springs, Kansas. In Order to comply with KSHSAA rules for athletic eligibility, the family moved to Sharon Springs, Kansas. The Weeds registered to vote as residents of U S D #241 and did vote in their capital outlay election on January 26, 1993. On February

3, 1993 they re-registered as residents of U S D #242. At this time, Kenneth also registered as a resident of U S D #242. On April 6, 1993, they cast their votes absentee, with Kenneth voting for the first time for members of the board of education in a school district which he wasn't attending.

Mr. Chairman, members of this committee, the residency requirement for voter eligibility is too vague and open for fraudulent uses. I have spoken with people in the State Attorney Generals office, the Secretary of States office, the local County Clerk along with writing letters to many of you and your counterparts in the Senate about a need to change this law. I know in my simple mind it seems too easy to specify parameters to allow for military personell, bona-fide college students and nursing home residents who are forced to live elsewhere on a temporary basis to have a place they call home, but I sure would like someone to try. I feel that the local people should control their own destiny, not determined, revengeful or vindictive outside motives.

I want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and all of you committee members for allowing me to express my concerns and views. This is the second time I have been to a hearing to present testimony. Although it is a little intimidating I feel it is worthwhile and educational. Thank you again for your time.

I would try to answer any questions you may have for me.

Garold Deines







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Elgia C. Stevenson  
Election Commissioner

TO: Governmental Organization and Elections Committee  
Representative Marvin Smith, Chair

FROM: Elgia C. Stevenson *Elgia C. Stevenson*  
Johnson County Election Commissioner

SUBJECT: HB 2867

DATE: February 16, 1994

This memo is a request to present brief but constructive comments on HB 2867 during the February 17, 1994 committee hearing.

If time does not permit testimony, it is hoped the following written comments will receive positive consideration from the committee.

HB-2867 Apparently the intent of this bill is to reinsure that any election judge challenges a voter whose residence or eligibility is in doubt. Since most voters are not personally known to workers, identification is a problem.

Recommendation: Amend K.S.A. 25-2908 in the opening sentence which begins "Persons desiring to vote shall give their names.." Insert: 'and shall show their certificate of registration or a driver's license showing the current address' and if required...."

The 'shall show' requirement would be an excellent tool for alerting workers of a possible violation.

Thank you for considering the above suggestion.

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## STATE OF KANSAS

### House Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections

#### Testimony on H.B. 2867

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Elections and Legislative Matters

February 17, 1994

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The office of the Secretary of State wishes to express its views on HB 2867. While we do not oppose the bill, we do feel obligated to provide our interpretation of it.

In our view, HB 2867 adds nothing that is not already in Kansas election law except to specifically mention residence as a requirement for voting and a basis for challenging voters under K.S.A. 25-414.

As it is now written, K.S.A. 25-414 provides for challenging voters for any reason regarding their qualifications for voting. It occurs routinely throughout the state in any election; in fact, most challenges are the result of questions about voters' residence addresses.

Kansas election laws are designed to make voting easy. A voter is not required to show proof of residence or establish a certain length of residence before registering--he/she is merely required to sign the voter registration application form, under penalty of perjury, that he/she is a resident of that county and voting district. The Secretary of State's office receives calls every election about the residency requirements of voters; most such calls concern out-of-county or out-of-state absentee voters. We usually discover in such instances that the voters have voted legally.

If there is a problem with the residency requirements and the legislature wishes to address it, we believe changes should be considered in the statutes governing residency and absentee voting.

Thank you, and I will stand for questions.

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## STATE OF KANSAS

House Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee  
Testimony on HB2998  
February 17, 1994

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2998. This bill amends K.S.A. 25-302a to require a political party seeking official recognition from the state to file its recognition petitions by June 10. Current law requires such petitions to be filed by April 10.

Briefly, a newly recognized political party nominates its candidates for the general election by convention or caucus. Such party does not participate in the state primary election. (Only parties that receive at least 5% of the total votes cast for statewide offices in the general election participate in the primary election).

The April 10 deadline may present constitutional problems, in light of a 1988 ruling by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. This court found Oklahoma's May 31 deadline for filing new party recognition petitions "troublesomely early", though not unconstitutional. Oklahoma's May 31 deadline is about 6 weeks before the primary candidate filing deadline. Kansas' current April 10 deadline is about 8 and one-half weeks before the primary candidate filing deadline. If K.S.A. 25-302a was challenged, the April 10 deadline would more than likely be viewed as "troublesomely early".

The secretary of state's office has received inquiries from groups seeking to become recognized political parties. These groups have questioned the propriety of the April 10 filing deadline. In light of the 1988 10th Circuit decision, the secretary of state's office asks that you report this bill favorably for passage.

Thank you.

Jennifer Chaulk Wentz, Legal Counsel  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

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Attachment 6*



Johnson County  
Kansas

Elgia C. Stevenson  
Election Commissioner

TO: Governmental Organization and Elections Committee  
Representative Marvin Smith, Chair

FROM: Elgia C. Stevenson *Elgia C. Stevenson*  
Johnson County Election Commissioner

SUBJECT: HB 2998

DATE: February 16, 1994

This memo requests a brief opportunity to present an opponent's view on HB 2998 during the February 17, 1994 committee hearing.

If time does not permit testimony, it is hoped the following written comments will receive positive consideration from the committee.

HB 2998 Moving the petition submission date to filing date compresses the time frame for ballot preparation because of additional time required to verify petition signatures. Objectively, individuals involved with petition development should simply start sooner on the project.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

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## STATE OF KANSAS

### House Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections

#### Testimony on H.B. 2999

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Elections and Legislative Matters

February 17, 1994

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee to encourage passage of House Bill 2999, which we refer to as the advance voting bill. This bill will create new election statutes to expand the voting opportunity by making voting easier for a segment of the population for whom getting to the polls on election day is difficult. It is designed to allow some voters to vote before election day to prevent long lines at the polling places.

The bill will require each county election officer to provide one site for advance voting for national and state primary and general elections. Starting with the 1994 elections, any registered voter of a given county would be able to vote at the central location during business hours, Monday through Friday the week before the election. Advance voting ends on Friday before the following Tuesday's election to give the county election officer time to prepare registration rolls to be used at the precincts on election day.

The county election officer would be required to publish notice of advance voting along with the usual pre-election publications. Ballot format would be the same as absentee ballots. Advance voting ballots would be counted by the special absentee counting board already provided for by law, and submitted to the county board of canvassers along with the regular ballots. This bill requires the voting procedure and security measures to be the same as for regular voting on election day.

The office of the Secretary of State recommends this committee report HB 2999 favorably. I will now stand for questions.

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February 17, 1994  
Attachment 8*



Johnson County  
Kansas

Elgia C. Stevenson  
Election Commissioner

TO: Governmental Organization and Elections Committee  
Representative Marvin Smith, Chair

FROM: Elgia C. Stevenson *Elgia C. Stevenson*  
Johnson County Election Commissioner

SUBJECT: HB 2999

DATE: February 16, 1994

This memo is a request to briefly present a proponent view of HB 2999 during the February 17, 1994 committee hearing.

If time does not permit testimony, it is hoped the following written comments will receive positive consideration from the committee.

HB 2999 In today's busy world, the personal schedules of voters have become increasingly more restrictive toward polling place voting. More specifically, to access voting, those committed to 14 hour shifts as in the health care industry, emergency personnel and caregivers have few alternatives. These are representative examples of persons in a position of compromising to vote.

One alternative is to leave work and another, which is a bit distasteful, is to somewhat falsify an absentee ballot request.

As a service provider in the election field, the writer urges passage of this bill as a step toward modernizing the election process to deliver a variety of voting opportunities.

Thank you for considering the above suggestions.

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Attachment 9*