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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, CONGRESSIONAL & LEGISLATIVE
APPORTIONMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL STANDARDS

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Lawrence at 1:30 p.m. on January 27, 1994 in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
~~Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department~~
~~Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department~~
Arden Ensley, Revisor of Statutes
Pat Brunton, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Janice Hardenburger, District 21

Others attending: See attached list

Hearings were opened on **SB 613**--relating to elections; concerning voting by unregistered residents for candidates for national offices; providing for the registration of such voters; prescribing procedures for conduct of such voting and the implementation of the provisions of this act.

Senator Hardenburger testified in favor of **SB 613** stating her intent of the proposal is to retain and preserve the state's voting laws as they currently are implemented for all offices except national. This bill would pertain only to the election of four national offices - elector for president/vice president, two U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative. Any resident of the state who is 18 years old and older and who has not registered to vote in accordance with the laws of the state shall be entitled to vote for the national candidate on the day of the election. (Attachment 1).

After much discussion, hearings were closed on **SB 613**.

Senator Lawrence, Committee Chair, informed the committee she will hold subcommittee meeting on **SB 441**, **SB 489** and **SB 613**. Members assigned to the subcommittee are Senator Lawrence, Senator Hardenburger and Senator Wisdom. The subcommittee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, in room 529-S.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 1994, which will be the subcommittee mentioned above.

GUEST LIST

SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL 613

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A typical scenario would be:

An unregistered voter goes to their designated polling place, gives their name and address to the judge of the election board, presents a document proving age and residency which is entered into a registration book; whereupon the voter will sign an affidavit declaring their US citizenship and legal age and present identification proving the same.

The voter will be given a federal ballot. In a primary election, the voter will also sign a written declaration of party affiliation in addition to the declaration confirming residency.

Each voter will be given the opportunity to register to vote in subsequent state elections. If a voter declines to register, the information will be recorded in a declination register, maintained by the county election officer and forwarded to the secretary of state within ninety days.

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ATTACHMENT 1