

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 21, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Legislative Research  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes  
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Allen welcomed the Committee to 2003 Session of the Senate Elections and Local Government Committee. She introduced Senator Mark Buhler, a new member to the Committee, replacing Sandy Praeger in the Senate. Chairperson Allen re-introduced the staff to the Committee.

**Introductions of bills**

Chad Luce, Public Information Officer of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, requested introduction of a bill that would raise service fees from 50 cents to \$1.00. It would also allow the department to enter into an agreement with telephone base or internet based licensed vendors. The bill would also increase the fees on migratory waterfowl habitat stamps. Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce the legislation and Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mike Heim, Legislative Research, presented to the Committee a review of impact of the Governor's budget cuts on cities and counties(Attachment 1).

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Allen informed the Committee it would be meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2003. Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State and Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State will be giving a presentation on the federal election reform laws.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.