

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Janice Hardenburger at 1:30 p.m. on February 16, 2000, in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Huelskamp

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Graceanna Wood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Robert Tyson
Bruce Dimmitt, Independent

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger opened the hearing on **SCR 1637 Proposition to amend section 2 of article 2 of the Constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to Senators and Representatives.**

Senator Robert Tyson, sponsor of **SCR 1637**, presented testimony to the Committee stating that the purpose of the resolution is to allow the voters to vote on a Constitutional Amendment which would limit the term of every state Senator and Representative elected after year 2001. (Attachment #1)

The Committee discussed the amount of turnover by elected representative through the elective process. Members stated that the voters decide who will represent them and term limits are not needed. They also discussed the value of experience gained by longevity in office.

Bruce Dimmitt, Independent, provided comments to the Committee.

Chairman Hardenburger closed the hearing on **SCR 1637**.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2000.

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