

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 March 1, 2000, in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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: Thaine Hoffman, Division of Architectural Service
Tim Ryan, Director of Building Codes for Overland Park
Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architect
Gale Haag, State Fire Marshall
Larry Kleeman, League of Kansas Municipalities
Mike Taylor, City of Wichita
Chris Chronis, CFO, Sedgwick County (Written Testimony)

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger opened the hearing on **HB 2598 concerning the Kansas fire prevention code; relating to compliance with certain building codes, and repealing the existing section**

Thaine Hoffman, Director, Division of Architectural Services, a proponent of **HB 2598**, told the Committee that the present statutes allow governmental units to adopt either the Uniform Building Code, the Basic Building Code or the Southern Standard Building Code, that are used throughout the country. In an effort to promote consistency and avoid the problems inherent in having to work under different building codes, the three organizations that administer these codes have agreed to work together to develop a single code, the International Building Code. (Attachment #1)

Senator Becker asked if there is a plumbing and electrical code and would they be included. Mr. Hoffman informed the Committee that plumbing and electrical codes already exist, and they would not be included in the Uniform Building Code.

Tim Ryan, Codes Administrator for the City of Overland Park, a proponent of the bill, testified that this bill would clarify activities currently initiated by several municipalities who have already adopted particular codes, which are among the family of International Codes, i.e., the International Plumbing and the International Mechanical Codes. (Attachment #2)

The Committee discussed if these codes would include fire codes, and Mr. Ryan said the building codes would be considered the main documents and its reference would be International Codes.

Trudy Aron, Executive Director of American Institute of Architects, supporter of **HB 2598** said the bill would have a positive impact on the design and construction industry, it recognizes the International Building Code, along with the three current codes, as complying with the Kansas Fire Prevention Code. She said the bill does not mandate the adoption of the IBC; it simply allows its adoption. (Attachment #3)

Senator Petty asked if there was a committee being formed. Ms. Aron said there was a committee being formed representing all three model codes that will do interpretations.

State Fire Marshal Gale Haag, testified in support of **HB 2598**. He said the bill represents a collaborative effort between the Office of Kansas Fire Marshal and other state agencies, also representatives from a cross-section of cities and private organizations. (Attachment #4)

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Legislative staff asked when these codes would be updated and when the building codes would be adopted using rules and regulations under sub-section (b) of the bill. Mr. Haag advised this would be adopted and updated every three years.

Seeing no opposition to **HB 2598**, Chairman Hardenburger closed the hearings on the bill.

Senator Steineger moved that **HB 2598** be passed and asked to be placed on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Senator Becker. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardenburger opened the hearing on **HB 2661 concerning cities; relating to the destruction of certain records, documents and other papers, and repealing the existing section.**

Mike Taylor, Government Relations Director for the City of Wichita, presented testimony in favor of **HB 2661**. He said the City of Wichita requests changing the statutes to allow canceled bond coupons and certificates to be kept only six months from the date of maturity before being destroyed. That would make the handling of certificates such as industrial Revenue Bonds consistent with the handling of General Obligation bonds and other municipal bonds. (Attachment #5)

Larry Kleeman, Assistant Legal Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities, said the bill would ease the workload of local governments, while still allowing them to retain such records longer if they deem necessary. (Attachment #6)

Seeing no opposition to **HB 2661**, Chairman Hardenburger closed the hearings on the bill.

Senator Gooch moved that **HB 2661** be passed out favorably and be placed on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Senator Lawrence. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2662 concerning the general bond law; relating to the sale of bonds and repealing the existing section.**

Mike Taylor, Governmental Relations Director for the City of Wichita, a proponent of the bill, advised the Committee that the City of Wichita is requesting update in technological improvements in the way municipal bond sale and auctions are conducted. (Attachment #7)

Written testimony in favor of **HB 2662** was presented to the Committee for Chris Chronis, CFO of Sedgwick County, Division of Finance, who stated that the bill would enable Sedgwick County to take advantage of new developments in the public finance industry. (Attachment #8)

Larry Kleeman, Assistant Legal Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities, proponent of the bill said it would help move the state's municipal bond law into the electronic age. (Attachment #9)

Seeing no opposition to **HB 2662**, Chairman Hardenburger closed the hearing on the bill.

Senator Lawrence moved that the **HB 2662** be passed and asked to be placed on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Senator Gooch. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2000.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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