

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 January 26, 2000, in Room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Praeger

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: Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties
Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities
Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Vera Gannaway, General Counsel, KGEC
John Houlihan, Director of Purchasing, Dept of Adm.

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Hardenburger opened the meeting by asking for introduction of bills. Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties, requested a bill be introduced that would afford counties constitutional home rule. She informed the Committee that the counties now have statutory home rule, while cities enjoy constitutional home rule. (Attachment #1)

Senator Gooch moved that the bill be introduced, seconded by Senator Steineger. Motion carried.

Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities, requested a bill be introduced concerning unpaid property taxes; relating to the judicial foreclosure and sale of real estate.

Senator Vidricksen moved that the bill be introduced, seconded by Senator Steineger. Motion carried.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State requested introduction of three bills, the first bill would be a technical cleanup bill; the second bill would amend statute so that persons appointed to fill vacancies in township offices would face a midterm election if appointed during the first half of the term, and, the third bill is requested at the recommendation of the Legislative Coordinating Council which would reduce the number of Permanent House and Senate Journals stored by the Secretary of State after the initial distribution of the volumes. (Attachment #2)

Senator Becker moved that the three (3) bills be introduced, seconded by Senator Steineger. Motion carried.

Vera Gannaway, General Counsel, Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, requested the Committee discuss competitive bid contracts versus negotiated bid contracts as they applied to governmental ethics law of conflict of interest. (Attachment #3)

The Committee discussed State negotiated versus competitive State contracts regarding conflict of interest as it would apply to the bidding process. John Houlihan, Director of Purchasing, Department of Administration answered questions presented by the Committee regarding the State Contracting System..

Chairman Hardenburger requested staff to draft a bill with changes to the ethics laws as suggested by the conferees.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2000.

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