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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwab at 9:00 a.m., on February 1, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present .

Committee staff present:

Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Annie Kuether, State Representative
Rich Eckert, Shawnee County Counselor
Joe Gisolano, Crawford County Clerk
Kris Kobach, Secretary of State
Bruce Newby, Election Commissioner, Wyandotte County
Brian Newby, Election Commissioner, Johnson County

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions:

Don Pyle, Crawford County Clerk, requested a bill introduction relating to extension and drainage districts. Bill was entered with no objections.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2438–County Treasurers; starting date, term of office**
Katherine McBride, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

The Chair called on the following who spoke in support of **HB 2438**: Representative Kuether (Attachment 1) and Rich Eckert (Attachment 2).

The Chair called on Joe Grisolano who spoke in opposition to the bill (Attachment 3).

Written testimony was submitted by Representative LeDoux in support of the bill (Attachment 4).
Written testimony was submitted by Representative Marc Rhoades in opposition to the bill (Attachment 5).

Discussion followed and hearing closed on **HB 2438**.

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.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE ELECTIONS Committee on February 1, 2012, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2437–Relating to voting; proof of United States citizenship**
Katherine McBride, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

The Chair called on the following who spoke in support of the bill: Secretary of State Kris Kobach (Attachment 6), Bruce Newby (Attachment 7) and Brian Newby (Attachment 8).
Written testimony was provided by Tabitha Lehman in support of **HB 2437** (Attachment 9).

The conferees responded to questions from the committee.

Hearing on **HB 2437** was suspended.

Chairman Schwab announced that the committee would continue the hearing on **HB 2437** at the next scheduled meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.