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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 March 14, 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

Conferee appearing before the Committee:

Representative Jim Howell, 82nd District
Tabitha Lehman, Sedgwick County Election Office
Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics Commission
Vicki Whitaker, KSAE
Ron Hein, Hein Law Firm, Chartered
Representative Arlen Siegfried, House Majority Leader

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2780—Relating to ballot language statements**. Katherine McBride, staff revisor, gave a brief overview of the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

The Chair called on the following who spoke in support of the bill: Representative Howell (Attachment 1) and Tabitha Lehman (Attachment 2). Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Ryan Kriegshauser of the Secretary of States Office (Attachment 3).

There were no opponents to the bill and Hearing closed on **HB 2780**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 102—Governmental ethics commission; candidate, lobbyist fee increases**. Renaë Jefferies, staff revisor, provided a overview of the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Carol Williams spoke in support of the bill (Attachment 4). Vicki Whitaker (Attachment 5) offered neutral testimony and Ron Hein appeared before the committee with neutral testimony and requested possible amendments to the bill (Attachment 6).

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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There were no opponents to the bill.

Discussion followed and hearing was closed on **SB 102**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2782–Elections; qualifications to run for public office in Kansas**. Renae Jefferies provided an explanation of the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

House Majority Leader Siegfroid appeared before the committee in support of the bill (Attachment 7) and responded to questions from the committee.

Hearing closed on **HB 2782**.

The Chair called for Final Action on **SB 17–House Substitute for SB 17 By Committee on Elections -- Relating to voter identification requirements**.

Representative Rubin moved that we amend SB 17 by substituting all the contents of SB 17 with all the language of HB 2437, as amended by House committee, with additional technical amendment. Seconded by Representative Goico. Discussion followed. Representative Rubin closed on the bill and motion carried.

Representative Rubin moved to pass **Substitute SB 17** favorably for passage as amended, seconded by Representative Goico. Discussion followed and motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.