

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2158**, submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill, as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 3, by striking all in line 17 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"New Sec. 2. (a) The board of county commissioners of Sherman county may provide for the election of county commissioners in accordance with this section. The procedure for the election of county commissioners shall be adopted by resolution in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 19-204 and amendments thereto. The resolution shall be in substantial compliance with the provisions of subsection (b). Any county commissioner whose term has not expired by the time the resolution has been adopted by the voters of Sherman county, Kansas, shall continue to serve until a successor county commissioner is elected.

(b) (1) Each county commissioner shall run at large. Each candidate for county commissioner may reside anywhere within Sherman county, Kansas.

(2) All electors who are otherwise qualified according to law and who reside in Sherman county, Kansas, may vote in both the primary and general election for each county commissioner being elected. Each candidate shall file for the office of county commissioner in the manner provided by law. Elections for the office of county commissioner shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of article 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, except as provided in this section and amendments thereto.

(3) (A) Primary elections under this section shall be conducted on a partisan basis. In the primary election, each qualified voter shall be allowed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of county commissioners being elected. For each county commissioner being elected, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall appear on the ballot in the general election.

(B) No person shall be permitted to cast more than one vote for any specific candidate.

(4) In the general election, each qualified voter shall be allowed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of county commissioners being elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office of county commissioner being elected shall be deemed to

have been elected to such office.

(c) (1) The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2010, unless the qualified voters of Sherman county, Kansas, elect to adopt the provisions of this section prior to such date.

(2) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the resolution submitted to the voters pursuant to this section who reside within the corporate limits of the city of Goodland, Kansas, and a majority of the qualified electors voting on such resolution who reside outside of the corporate limits of the city of Goodland, Kansas, vote in favor thereof, the resolution shall be implemented in the manner provided by the resolution. If a majority of the electors who reside within the corporate limits of the city of Goodland, Kansas or a majority of the qualified electors who reside outside of the corporate limits of the city of Goodland, Kansas, vote against such resolution, the proposed resolution shall not be implemented.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 19-201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-201. Except as provided in section 2, and amendments thereto, each county in the state of Kansas shall have three (~~3~~), five (~~5~~) or seven (~~7~~) commissioner districts, which shall be designated numerically and serially beginning with number 1.

The provisions of this section may be modified by the adoption of a charter for county government in any county which has established a charter commission pursuant to law.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 19-202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-202. (a) The board of county commissioners of each county shall consist of three, five or seven qualified electors.

(b) Except as provided in section 2, and amendments thereto, one county commissioner shall reside in and represent each commissioner district within the county. During the time that any person is a candidate for nomination or election to office as a member of the board of county commissioners and during the term of office of the county commissioner, such candidate or county commissioner shall be and remain a qualified elector who resides in such person's district.

(c) Except as provided by K.S.A. 19-203, and amendments thereto, terms of office for the board of county commissioners shall be staggered in such a way that no more than a simple majority of commissioners is elected at any general election.

(d) Except as provided by K.S.A. 19-203, and amendments thereto, all county commissioners shall hold office for a term of four years from the second Monday of January next

after their election and until their successors are qualified.

(e) The provisions of subsections (a), (c) and (d) of this section may be modified by the adoption of a charter for county government in any county which has established a charter commission pursuant to law.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 19-203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-203. (a) Subject to the provisions of section 2, and amendments thereto, when a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of the board of county commissioners, it shall be filled by appointment of a resident in the district to fill the office for the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified. When a vacancy occurs before May 1 of the first even-numbered year following the commencement of a term of office, it shall be filled by the appointment of a resident of such district who shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified at the next general election. Such successor shall assume office on the second Monday of January next following such election.

(b) Except as provided by subsection (c), appointments under this section shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 25-3902, and amendments thereto, for filling vacancies in district offices.

(c) Subject to the provisions of section 2, and amendments thereto, vacancies created by an increase in the number of county commissioner districts in a county pursuant to K.S.A. 19-204, and amendments thereto, shall be filled by appointment of the governor. The governor shall make such appointments within 30 days of the date of the adoption of the resolution dividing the county into commissioner districts or within 30 days of the date of the order of the district court dividing the county into commissioner districts as required by K.S.A. 19-204a, and amendments thereto. Such appointees shall serve until successors are elected and qualified at the next general election. Such successors shall assume office on the second Monday of January next following their election. If at the next general election following such appointments, more than a simple majority of commissioners are elected, persons elected to the positions created by an increase in the number of districts shall be elected for two year terms and until their successors are qualified. Thereafter such members shall be elected to four year terms and until their successors are qualified. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to positions created by an increase in the number of districts at the election held in November 1990 and all such elections thereafter.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 19-204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-204. (a) Subject to the provisions of section 2, and amendments thereto, and subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-204a, and amendments thereto, the board of county commissioners, on the day of the organization of the board or as soon thereafter as may be possible, shall meet and divide the county into three commissioner districts or such number of districts as is prescribed by resolution of the board, as compact and equal in population as possible, and number them. Such districts shall be subject to alteration at least once every three years.

(b) In Shawnee county, each district shall include residents of both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. The number of residents in each district from the unincorporated area of the county shall be as equal in number, as possible. Such districts shall be subject to alteration at least once every three years.

If the districts do not meet the requirements of this subsection, the districts shall be altered to comply with such requirements no later than 30 days following the effective date of this act.

(c) The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution, may divide the county into three, five or seven commissioner districts, as compact and equal in population as possible, but no such resolution which would effect a change in the number of commissioner districts shall take effect until it has been approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county voting thereon at the next general election following not less than 60 days the adoption of such resolution, in which all the qualified electors of the county are entitled to vote. Upon the presentation of a petition to the board of county commissioners, signed by electors equal in number to 5% of the qualified electors of the county and verified by the county election officer, requesting that the number of commissioner districts be changed, the board of county commissioners shall cause such proposition to be submitted to the voters of the county at the next general election, following not less than 60 days the presentation of such petition, in which all of the qualified electors of the county are entitled to vote. In the event that more than one such petition is presented to the board of county commissioners prior to a general election, and any of such petitions conflicts with any other such petition with respect to the number of commissioner districts requested, the board of county commissioners shall decide, by majority vote thereon, which of the propositions shall be submitted to the voters at the next such general election. If a majority of the electors voting at such election shall be in favor of changing

the number of commissioner districts, the board of county commissioners shall provide for the division of the county into commissioner districts as provided in K.S.A. 19-204a, and amendments thereto.

(d) No change in the number of commissioner districts shall become effective in any county within four years of the effective date of any previous change in the number of commissioner districts in such county.

(e) The provisions of this section may be modified by the adoption of a charter for county government in any county which has established a charter commission pursuant to law.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 19-204a is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-204a. Subject to the provisions of section 2, and amendments thereto, when the voters of a county approve a change in the number of county commissioner districts at an election held under K.S.A. 19-204, and amendments thereto, the board of county commissioners, on or before January 1 immediately following such election, shall adopt a resolution dividing the county into the number of districts approved by the voters. If the board of county commissioners fails to adopt such resolution within the time prescribed, the chief judge of the district court of the county, on or before the following January 31, shall order the county divided into the appropriate number of districts.

Sec. 8. On July 1, 2009, K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 25-4156 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4156. (a) (1) Whenever any person sells space in any newspaper, magazine or other periodical to a candidate or to a candidate committee, party committee or political committee, the charge made for the use of such space shall not exceed the charges made for comparable use of such space for other purposes.

(2) Intentionally charging an excessive amount for political advertising is a class A misdemeanor.

(b) (1) Corrupt political advertising of a state or local office is:

(A) Publishing or causing to be published in a newspaper or other periodical any paid matter which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by the word "advertisement" or the abbreviation "adv." in a separate line together with the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor;

(B) broadcasting or causing to be broadcast by any radio or television station any paid matter which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor; ~~or~~

(C) telephoning or causing to be contacted by any telephonic means including, but not limited to, any device using a voice over internet protocol or wireless telephone, any paid matter which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is preceded by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor;

~~(D)~~ publishing or causing to be published any brochure, flier or other political fact sheet which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor.

The provisions of this ~~subsection (C)~~ subparagraph (D) requiring the disclosure of the name of an individual shall not apply to individuals making expenditures in an aggregate amount of less than \$2,500 within a calendar year; or

(E) making or causing to be made any website, e-mail or other type of internet communication which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor.

The provisions of this subparagraph (E) requiring the disclosure of the name of an individual shall apply only to any website, e-mail or other type of internet communication which is made by the candidate, the candidate's candidate committee, a political committee or a party committee and

such website, e-mail or other internet communication viewed by or disseminated to at least 25 individuals. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the terms "candidate," "candidate committee," "party committee" and "political committee" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto.

(2) Corrupt political advertising of a state or local office is a class C misdemeanor.

(c) If any provision of this section or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this section which can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and to this end the provisions of this section are declared to be severable.

Sec. 9. On July 1, 2009, K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 25-4148 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4148. (a) Every treasurer shall file a report prescribed by this section. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than officers elected on a state-wide basis, shall be filed in both the office of the secretary of state and in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the candidate is a resident. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state-wide office shall be filed electronically and only with the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local office shall be filed in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot. Except as otherwise provided by subsection (h), all such reports shall be filed in time to be received in the offices required on or before each of the following days:

(1) The eighth day preceding the primary election, which report shall be for the period beginning on January 1 of the election year for the office the candidate is seeking and ending 12 days before the primary election, inclusive;

(2) the eighth day preceding a general election, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the primary election and ending 12 days before the general election, inclusive;

(3) January 10 of the year after an election year, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the general election and ending on December 31, inclusive;

(4) for any calendar year when no election is held, a report shall be filed on the next January 10 for the preceding calendar year;

(5) a treasurer shall file only the annual report required by subsection (4) for those years when the candidate is not participating in a primary or general election.

(b) Each report required by this section shall state:

(1) Cash on hand on the first day of the reporting period;

(2) the name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 during the election period together with the amount and date of such contributions, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser when a contribution is in the form of an advance or loan;

(3) the aggregate amount of all proceeds from bona fide sales of political materials such as, but not limited to, political campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners and literature;

(4) the aggregate amount of contributions for which the name and address of the contributor is not known;

(5) each contribution, rebate, refund or other receipt not otherwise listed;

(6) the total of all receipts;

(7) the name and address of each person to whom expenditures have been made in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50, with the amount, date, and purpose of each; the names and addresses of all persons to whom any loan or advance has been made; when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payments to each;

(8) the name and address of each person from whom an in-kind contribution was received or who has paid for personal services provided without charge to or for any candidate, candidate committee, party committee or political committee, if the contribution is in excess of \$100 and is not otherwise reported under subsection (b)(7), and the amount, date and purpose of the contribution;

(9) the aggregate of all expenditures not otherwise reported under this section; and

(10) the total of expenditures.

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), every treasurer for any political committee and party committee shall report the following:

(1) (A) The name and address of each candidate for state or local office for whom an expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution has been made in an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of \$300, with the amount, date and purpose of each. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided; and

(B) the name and address of each candidate for state or local office who is the subject of an expenditure which:

- (i) Is made without the cooperation or consent of a candidate or candidate committee;
- (ii) expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of such candidate; and
- (iii) is an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of \$300.

(2) The report shall state the amount, date and purpose of the expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided. The reporting requirements imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to all other requirements required by this section.

(d) Treasurers of candidates and of candidate committees shall itemize the purchase of tickets or admissions to testimonial events by a person who purchases such tickets or admissions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 per event, or who purchases such a ticket or admission at a cost exceeding \$25 per ticket or admission. All other purchases of tickets or admissions to testimonial events shall be reported in an aggregate amount and shall not be subject to the limitations specified in K.S.A. 25-4154, and amendments thereto.

(e) If a contribution or other receipt from a political committee is required to be reported under subsection (b), the report shall include the full name of the organization with which the political committee is connected or affiliated or, a description of the connection to or affiliation with such organization. If, the committee is not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the report shall state the trade, profession or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such organization.

(f) The commission may require any treasurer to file an amended report for any period for which the original report filed by such treasurer contains material errors or omissions. The notice of the errors or omissions shall be part of the public record. The amended report shall be filed within 30 days after notice by the commission.

(g) The commission may require any treasurer to file a report for any period for which the required report is not on file. The notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record. Such report shall be filed within five days after notice by the commission.

(h) For the purpose of any report required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) by the treasurer of any candidate seeking nomination by convention or caucus or by the treasurer of the candidate's committee or by the treasurer of any party committee or political committee, the date of the convention or caucus shall be considered the date of the primary election.

(i) If a report is sent by certified or registered mail on or before the day it is due, the mailing shall constitute receipt by that office.

(j) Any report required by this section may be signed by the candidate in lieu of the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the candidate's committee.

Sec. 10. On July 1, 2009, K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 46-247 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-247. The following individuals shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided in K.S.A. 46-248 to 46-252, inclusive, and amendments thereto:

(a) Legislators and candidates for nomination or election to the legislature.

(b) Individuals holding an elected office in the executive branch of this state, and candidates for nomination or election to any such office.

(c) State officers, employees and members of boards, councils and commissions under the jurisdiction of the head of any state agency who are listed as designees by the head of a state agency pursuant to K.S.A. 46-285, and amendments thereto.

(d) Individuals whose appointment to office is subject to confirmation by the senate whether or not such individual is a state officer or employee.

(e) General counsels for state agencies irrespective of how compensated.

(f) The administrator or executive director of the education commission of the states, the interstate compact on agricultural grain marketing, the Mo-Kan metropolitan development district and agency compact, the Kansas City area transportation district and authority compact, the midwest nuclear compact, the central interstate low-level radioactive waste compact, the multistate tax compact, the Kansas-Oklahoma Arkansas river basin compact, the Kansas-Nebraska Big Blue river compact, and the multistate lottery.

(g) Private consultants under contract with any agency of the state of Kansas to evaluate bids for public contracts or to award public contracts.

(h) From and after January 1, 2003, any faculty member or other employee of a postsecondary educational institution as defined by K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, who provides consulting services and who, on behalf of or for the benefit of the person for which consulting services are provided:

(1) Promotes or opposes action or nonaction by any federal agency, any state agency as defined by K.S.A. 46-224, and amendments thereto, or any political subdivision of the state or any agency of such political subdivision or a representative of such state agency, political subdivision or agency; or

(2) promotes or opposes action or nonaction relating to the expenditure of public funds of the federal government, the state or political subdivision of the state or agency of the federal government, state or political subdivision of the state.

(i) ~~From and after January 1, 2006, Except as provided by section 11, and amendments thereto,~~ any faculty member who receives an annual salary of \$50,000 or more, other than an adjunct faculty member, who is employed by a state education institution as defined by K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 11. (a) The executive officer of any state educational institution as defined by K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, may require any faculty member who receives an annual salary of \$50,000 or more, other than an adjunct faculty member, to file a written statement of substantial interests with the employing state educational institution in lieu of filing the statements of substantial interests as required by K.S.A. 46-247, and amendments thereto. The executive officer shall notify the governmental ethics commission in writing of such decision to require filing of faculty statements of substantial interests only with the state educational institution.

(b) The written statement of substantial interests filed with a state educational institution pursuant to this section shall, at a minimum, include the information required by K.S.A. 46-229, and amendments thereto, and shall be an open public record. Any conflict of interests information required by the state board of regents or state educational institution that is in addition to that which is required by K.S.A. 46-229, and amendments thereto, may be placed in the faculty member's

personnel records file and discretionarily closed in accordance with K.S.A. 45-221, and amendments thereto.

(c) The written statement of substantial interests required by this section shall be in such form as required by the state board of regents and shall be filed annually as part of the state educational institution's appointment or salary notification process, and supplemented as required by the state board of regents.

(d) The provisions of this section shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

(e) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2010.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 19-201, 19-202, 19-203, 19-204 and 19-204a and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 74-2113 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 13. On July 1, 2009, K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 25-4148, 25-4156, 25-4156a and 46-247 are hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering the remaining section accordingly;

In the title, by striking all in lines 12 through 15 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "AN ACT concerning elections and election related issues; amending K.S.A. 19-201, 19-202, 19-203, 19-204 and 19-204a and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 25-4148, 25-4156, 46-247 and 74-2113 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 25-4156a.";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

Conferees on part of Senate

Conferees on part of House