

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

May 21, 2001  
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D  
Tapes 117 - 118

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair  
Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Dan Doyle, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Dan Gardner  
Rep. Bill Garrard  
Rep. Steve March  
Rep. Bruce Starr  
Rep. Joanne Verger  
Rep. Cheryl Walker

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator  
Jennifer Goodman, Committee Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2584 – WORK SESSION  
SJR 7 – WORK SESSION  
HB 2577 – WORK SESSION

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>TAPE 117, A</u>		
004	Chair Wilson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Opens a work session on HB 2584.
<u>HB 2584 – WORK SESSION</u>		
008	Staff	Submits (EXHIBITS A, B, & C).
009	Rep. Devlin	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2584-1 amendments dated 03/13/01.</b>
010		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Doyle, Gardner, Starr</b> <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
012	Chair Wilson Rep. Devlin	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2584 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
015		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b> <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Doyle, Gardner, Starr</b> <b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
022	Chair Wilson	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2584 to the CONSENT CALENDAR.</b>
023	Rep. Devlin	<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Doyle, Gardner, Starr</b> <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
023	Chair Wilson Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 2584 and opens a work session on SJR 7.
<u>SJR 7 – WORK SESSION</u>		
025	Chair Wilson	Explains SJR 7. States that he does not feel comfortable changing the Constitution even though it is a non-repealed piece that has been ruled derelict. Believes the public should vote on

046	Rep. Devlin	this issue. Refers to the –1 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ). <b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 7-1 amendments dated 05/18/01.</b>
047	Chair Wilson	<b>VOTE: 9-0</b> <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
049	Rep. Devlin	Asks if there is a referral measure.
053	Filsinger	Responds that it is not. Explains that the bill refers it to the general election.
057	Rep. Devlin	<b>MOTION: Moves SJR 7 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
059	Chair Wilson	<b>VOTE: 9-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.</b>
065	Chair Wilson	<b>REP. WILSON will lead discussion on the floor.</b> Closes the work session on SJR 7 and opens a work session on HB 2577.
<b><u>HB 2577 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
078	John Lindback	Director Elections Division. Submits ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ) and testifies from it. Explains that section one of the bill eliminates the waiver for a committee that does not want to file electronically. Adds that section two requires the Secretary of State to provide a searchable database to the public on its website. Explains that they are willing to forgo the waiver if necessary. Explains that technology is possible for electronic filing. Discusses how to set up the system. Explains that an example is Ohio, refers to a letter written to him by the finance manager for the Secretary of States in Ohio. Explains that the goal is to provide the customer a system that is easy and preferable to use. Refers to the screen print outs in ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ). Discusses the process of signing onto the system. Believes it is very intuitive. Refers to screen 2 that sets up a personal account. Refers to screen 3 that shows contributions. Continues onto screen 4 that asks for the contribution type, date, and amount. Page 5 is an example of expenditures. Explains that Page 6 is a copy of the report summary. Explains that the computer does all the summary work. Explains that Ohio has given permission to give their software away. States that a waiver would be obtainable. ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ) on the last page refers to a fee assessment that may be charged to campaign committees to finance the system.
268	Chair Wilson	Asks Mr. Lindback to explain the assessment costs using the year 2000.
274	Lindback	Explains that in the year 2000, there were 586 committees who filed limited reports. Adds that no fee would be extended to limited reports. Discusses the fee schedule.
283	Chair Wilson	Asks what the money would be applied to.
286	Lindback	Responds that it would go to contractual programming, getting the system up and running, and lastly a programmer who would maintain the system. Suggests that any fees would be used to defray the costs of continuing expense.
298	Rep. Devlin	Believes there is precedence because there are already costs involved. Adds that there should be a nominal fee.
323	Chair Wilson	Asks if these fees would be set by rule.
324	Lindback	Responds in the affirmative.

324	Rep. Garrard	Asks if the fee is paid for both the primary and general elections.
331	Lindback	Responds that the fee covers one calendar year.
332	Rep. Gardner	Asks if the chart includes candidate as well as miscellaneous and measure committees of totality.
336	Lindback	Responds in the affirmative.
337	Rep. Walker	Suggests there be a set up fee. Believes a fee should be charged to everyone.
354	Rep. Verger	Believes this legislation is unnecessary. Adds that there are higher priorities. States that only 22 filed electronically in the last election.
384	Chair Wilson	Interjects that he does not want to do away with the waiver. Believes that once a good system is in place most people will opt for filing online. Asks Mr. Lindback why only 22 people have used the system thus far.
397	Lindback	Explains that most have not used the system because it is currently too difficult. Explains that filing on paper is not expeditious to the public.
425	Rep. Walker	Explains that she could not file electronically because it was unworkable.
<b>TAPE 118, A</b>		
010	Lindback	Believes a new system needs to be implemented.
015	Rep. Devlin	States that the public already has better access to the reports. Believes it would be costly to hire people to input the data for the public. Adds that electronic filing is necessary for the public.
028	Lindback	Agrees.
029	Rep. Walker	Asks if we could use Ohio's system to save some money on the fiscal.
034	Chair Wilson	Asks when the assessment would be made regarding committees. Asks how he would assess the charges.
042	Lindback	Responds that they will assess the fee when they surpass the contribution threshold on the form.
046	Scott Smith	Chief Information Officer for Secretary of States Office. Explains that he is unsure how much they could use from the Ohio system. States that there are changes he would like to make. Wants a requirement analysis.
062	Lindback	States that Ohio's willingness to help gives him confidence.
066	Chair Wilson	States that he does not want to repeal the waiver. Asks them to write up an amendment.
080	Rep. Devlin	Asks if they have statutory authority to assess a fee.
081	Lindback	Responds in the affirmative. Adds that he will write into the bill.
084	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 2577 and adjourns the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – HB 2584, -1 amendments, Staff, 4pp.**

- B – HB 2584, written testimony, Staff, 1p.**
- C – HB 2584, written testimony, Staff, 1p.**
- D – SJR 7, -1 amendments, Staff, 1p.**
- E – HB 2577, written testimony, Staff, 10pp.**