

SENATE ETHICS, ELECTIONS, AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 8, 1993 Hearing Room B 3:00 p.m. Tapes 76 and 77

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Grattan Kerans, Chair Senator Neil
Bryant Senator Joan Dukes Senator Rod Johnson Senator Dick Springer

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Talbott, Committee Counsel Tamara
Brickman, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Public Hearing and Work Session HB 2271

Public Hearing HB 2272

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004 CHAIR KERANS: Calls meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2271

WITNESSES: COLLEEN SEALOCK, Director, Elections Division

008 COLLEEN SEALOCK, Director, Elections Division: Explains HB 2271 and testifies in support of the measure. Explains the background of HB 2271.

035 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses the issue relating to cost with Ms. Sealock. (EXHIBIT B)

040 TALBOTT: Asks if the language "fill a vacancy in the election or office of" is a reference to "someone whose actually been elected then for some reason doesn't get to serve?"

043 SEALOCK: Responds to Ms. Talbott and explains why that language was drafted.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2271

051 MOTION: SEN. BRYANT: MOVES HB 2271 to the FLOOR with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: CHAIR KERANS: Hearing no objection THE MOTION CARRIES. EXCUSED: Sen. Johnson, Sen. Springer.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2272

WITNESSES: SECRETARY OF STATE PHIL KEISLING VICKI ERVIN, Director, Multnomah County Elections BOB CANTINE, Association of Oregon Counties CHARLES STERN, Yamhill County Clerk DAVID BUCHANAN, Executive Director, Oregon Common Cause

067 SECRETARY KEISLING: Testifies in support of HB 2272. (EXHIBIT G)

151 CHAIR KERANS: Asks how the random selection process will be accomplished.

163 SEALOCK: Explains how the random selection process will work.

175 SECRETARY KEISLING: Discusses the random selection process.

178 CHAIR KERANS: Continues the discussion on the random selection process. Discusses the savings for local government. Discusses the issue of returning to ballot slogans with regard to voter education.

229 SECRETARY KEISLING: Comments on the voters' pamphlet as a tool for voter education. Discusses the issue of ballot slogans.

252 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses the reason for the elimination of ballot slogans.

274 SECRETARY KEISLING: Discusses the issue of county ballots and the responsibility of the county in the process.

305 SEN. BRYANT: Discusses the issue of ballot slogans with Chair Kerans.

312 SECRETARY KEISLING: Discusses SB 1072 with regard to the counties bearing the responsibility for arguments on ballot measures.

320 SEN. BRYANT: Comments that he doesn't know if he's "ready to make that quantum leap, yet to go back to ballot slogans."

322 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses the election process.

394 VICKI ERVIN: Testifies in support of HB 2272. Presents information on ballot rotation. (EXHIBITS H, I, J)

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034 ERVIN: Continues the discussion on the issue of ballot rotation. Discusses a specific incident which occurred in an election and changed the outcome of the race. (EXHIBIT H, I, J)

077 BOB CANTINE, Association of Oregon Counties: Testifies in support of HB 2272.

091 CHARLES STERN, Yamhill County Clerk: Testifies in support of HB 227 2.

095 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses, with Ms. Ervin, the data regarding the race for the Mayor of the City of Portland from the information submitted by Ms. Ervin. (EXHIBIT I)

119 SEN. DUKES: Discusses the data presented by Ms. Ervin. (EXHIBIT I)

139 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses the issue of fixed ballots and ballot slogans.

151 DAVID BUCHANAN, Executive Director, Oregon Common Cause: Testifies in opposition to HB 2272. Discusses the issue of elimination of ballot rotation.

257 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses the cost of ballot rotation.

279 SEN. BRYANT: Comments that the cost may be a percentage of the budgets.

281 CHAIR KERANS: Comments on Sen. Dukes' remarks.

287 BUCHANAN: Discusses election issues.

301 SEN. JOHNSON: Discusses the data on the chart submitted by Ms. Ervin. Asks a question about Michael Fahey doing well when placed in the middle. (EXHIBIT I)

305 BUCHANAN: Comments that Mr. Fahey may be strong in particular geographical areas.

313 SEN. JOHNSON: Continues to discuss the data with Mr. Buchanan. (EXHIBIT I)

335 SEN. JOHNSON: Asks if there are other studies that indicate different results than the data before the committee.

338 BUCHANAN: Explains alternative results.

346 SEN. BRYANT: Asks if it is fair to say they are talking about less than 1%.

347 BUCHANAN: Comments that it is and that it is very minimal.

348 SEN. BRYANT: Makes comments in favor of HB 2272.

356 CHAIR KERANS: Asks why the budget is so much bigger in comparison to the next largest counties. Asks how Multnomah County presents the ballot.

369 ERVIN: Explains that the ballots are printed ballots and that the cost reflects that Multnomah represents one fifth of the population of the state.

381 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses ballot issues for Multnomah County with Ms. Ervin.

426 CHAIR KERANS: Asks if there is any other voting process other than printing the ballot as they are currently doing.

437 ERVIN: Explains that they have not found a ballot system that would be satisfactory results and savings over the current system. Refers to a handout on the study of contested Legislative races in Multnomah county for the 1992 primary. Discusses the Bauman and Brown race. (EXHIBIT J)

468 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses whether or not they rotate names when there is two candidates.

471 ERVIN: Explains that they rotate a race that has more than one candidate.

478 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses a possible compromise which would require rotation if there are ten or more candidates.

484 ERVIN: Comments that would probably not save a lot due to the printing costs.

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034 ERVIN: Continues.

041 CHAIR KERANS: Discusses the committee's work plan.

053 CHAIR KERANS: Adjourns the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

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EXHIBIT LOG

A - Preliminary Staff Measure Summary on HB 2271 - Committee Staff - 1 page
B - Fiscal Analysis of HB 2271 - Committee Staff - 1 page
C - Preliminary Staff Measure Summary on HB 2272 - Committee Staff - 1 page
D - Fiscal Analysis of HB 2272 - Committee Staff - 1 page
E - Election Administration Reports - Committee Staff - 1 page
F - Report to Governor Roberts from the Task Force on Local Government Services - Committee Staff - 3 pages
G - Testimony on HB 2272 - Secretary of State Phil Keisling - 2 pages
H - Testimony on HB 2272 - Vicki Ervin - 3 pages
I - Percent Statistics on Ballot Rotation Tri-County Region - Vicki Ervin - 5 pages
J - HB 2272 Statistical Analysis of Rotation - Vicki Ervin - 3 pages