

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS - 55TH ASSEMBLY SESSION
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Present: Swallow, Frazzini, Homer, Reid, and Foote.

Absent: Hilbrecht and Schouweiler.

Chairman Swallow convened the meeting and recognized Assemblywoman Frazzini for the purpose of amending the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mrs. Frazzini stated that the second sentence of the 8th paragraph of the minutes of meeting January 23 should be deleted and the following statement inserted: This measure has been discussed by the legislative committee and the committee decided not to take any action.

Chairman Swallow announced that a hearing would be held tomorrow, January 30, on AB-4, Mr. Hilbrecht's bill creating a presidential primary election, with Mr. Hulse from the University of Nevada to appear.

The committee discussed briefly the proposed bills that will lower the voting age for the citizens of the state. There is a bill proposed that would lower the voting age to 18 years and another that would lower the age to 19 years. AJR 7 would reduce the minimum voting age to nineteen years and is sponsored by Assemblymen Reid and Bryan. Mr. Reid suggested that these measures be delayed for further consideration and if advisable that hearings be set for them. BDR C-1200 is the designation for the proposed "18-year old" measure.

Frazzini moved that BDR C-1200 be introduced to the Assembly by the Committee.

Homer seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Swallow asked the committee's consideration of AB 49 which would require timely submission of questions to appear on the ballot. It was agreed that the reference to qualified electors in the bill be omitted.

Reid moved AB 49, Section 1, par. 1, line 3 be amended to delete "qualified electors or" and that, as amended, the committee Do Pass AB 49.

Frazzini seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Swallow referred to AB 68 stating that it came from the legislative counsel and clarifies provision for election of county commissioners.

Reid moved Do Pass AB 68.

Homer seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

AB 69 correcting the law providing for county commissioner districts

was discussed and it was agreed this correction is needed due to the abolition of long and short terms of county commissioners.

Foote moved Do Pass AB 69.
Frazzini seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Swallow asked that Mrs. Frazinni explain her sponsorship of AB 78 which permits a voter to assist more than one disabled voter. She explained to the committee that in her work with the Association for the Blind she had been asked by two blind voters to assist them in an election. She found that the law prevented her from doing so. The committee discussed the possible danger that might arise from the granting of this permission without proper supervision. It was agreed that the bill provides this supervision within the election boards of each precinct. At Dr. Homer's suggestion the committee agreed to amend AB 78 by retaining the final sentence of Section 1, par. 2 but changing it to read: "The same registered voter may assist more than one other registered voter".

Homer moved Do Pass AB 78 as amended by the Committee.
Reid seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 82, a bill prohibiting candidates from using, on the ballot, titles indicating their professions or occupations, was moved for discussion. Assemblyman Reid stated that he would have liked to co-sponsor the bill and that he would speak on its behalf. He referred to a personal experience he had had in running for membership on the hospital board against a physician whose ballot designation as "Dr." in itself intensified campaigning for him to overcome.

Reid moved Do Pass AB 82.
Homer seconded.
Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Swallow asked the committee's consideration of AB 87 which repeals the provision prohibiting interim change of party affiliation of a candidate. It was suggested that the sponsor of the bill Assemblyman Lowman be called into the committee for his presentation. Mr. Lowman appeared and explained that he had sponsored the measure as the result of an experience he had had when registered "Non-Partisan" in attempting to file as a candidate for the Nevada Congressional seat. The present law forbid his establishing a party affiliation in time to file the candidacy he sought. He stated that he felt that if the present law were tested in the courts it would be found to be unconstitutional. Chairman Swallow thanked him for his presentation and he was excused.

Reid moved Do Pass AB 87.
Homer seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

The committee next gave consideration to AB 88 which Dr. Homer stated had been asked for by the Fiscal Officers Association.

This bill would allow absentee registration and voting to persons temporarily residing outside the state. The committee approved a motion of Do Pass on this measure but upon further consideration the following action was taken.

Reid moved the Do Pass motion rescinded and/or reconsidered pending further study.

Frazzini seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Homer, as sponsor of AB 89 which changes form of statement by registered electors who are property owners in certain bond elections, asked that the committee defer its consideration pending presentation of another bill being sponsored by Assemblyman Frank Young on the same problem. The committee agreed.

Chairman Swallow concluded the meeting with further reminder that AB-4 would be the subject of a hearing tomorrow by the committee. Dr. Jim Hulse of the University of Nevada and Esther Nicholson from the League of Women Voters are to appear at that time. Meeting was adjourned.