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2007 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1386

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill No. HB 1386

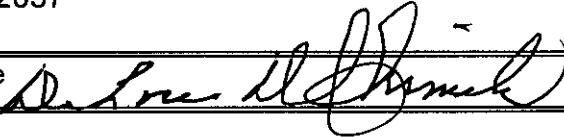
House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: January 26, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2037

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Rep. Dwight Wrangham opened the hearing on HB 1386.

Rep. Herbel presented this bill on behalf of the association of townships. The bill is a very simple bill. It changes the compensation dollars in a calendar year from \$600 to \$1000 dollars.

All other items in the statute remain the same.

Rep. Kim Koppelman Do you how many local officials compensation are set by state law?

Rep. Herbel: I believe that is left to city governments to establish their own salaries for those type of things.

Rep. William Kretschmar Do you know the last time this was changed?

Rep. Herbel I believe it was 2001.

Rep. Donald Dietrich How did you arrive at the \$1000?

Rep. Herbel: I will let them answer that question.

Rep. Onstad: I do know that other towns that went to the \$600. That is only using it as a guide. Township sizes have changed and the people within those township usually take those positions for life. Discussed problems with getting and keeping township representation and what it takes to have people be part of this and I support this bill.

Ken Yantes: NDTOA: (see attached testimony #1)

Larry Syverson: At our December convention it was brought to our attention that Apple Creek and Hauge Creek have populations of about 5500. They are managing a tax base larger than 9 of the counties have. This is a big responsibility and it is hard to carry this out in 30 days.

Barb Knutson: I work on the state and local board. I was elected to the local board as a clerk in 1987. The next year they merged the clerk and treasurer so I got two jobs instead of one. Explained over time the increase in workload has gone from normal to do a lot more work and the salary has not changed. I would vote definitely in favor of this.

Opposition: None

Hearing closed.

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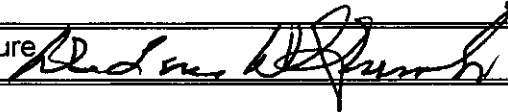
House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: February 1, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2603

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Herbel reopened the hearing on HB 1386. Just changed the annual reimbursement for the township officers from \$600-\$1000.

Do Pass

Motion Made by Rep. Pat Hatlestad Seconded by Rep. Kim Koppelman

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 4 Absent Carrier: Rep. Louis Pinkerton

Hearing closed.

Date: 2-1-07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1386

House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep Hatlestad Seconded By Rep Koppelman

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Gil Herbel-Chairman	✓		Rep. Kari Conrad	✓	
Rep. Dwight Wrangham-V. Chair	✓		Rep. Chris Griffin	✓	
Rep. Donald Dietrich	✓		Rep. Lee Kaldor	✓	
Rep. Patrick Hatlestad	✓		Rep. Louis Pinkerton	✓	
Rep. Nancy Johnson	✓		Rep. Steve Zaiser	✓	
Rep. Lawrence Klemin	✓				
Rep. Kim Koppelman	✓				
Rep. William Kretschmar	✓				
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 10 No 0

Absent 4

Floor Assignment Rep. Pinkerton

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 1, 2007 4:06 p.m.

Module No: HR-22-1848
Carrier: Pinkerton
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1386: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Herbel, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1386 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1386

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1386

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: March 3, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 4286 and 4740 (Action March 8, 2007))

Committee Clerk Signature

Shirley Borg

Minutes:

Chairman Cook called the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee to order. All members (5) present.

Chairman Cook opened the hearing on HB 1386 relating to the compensation of township officers.

Representative Herbel, District 16, Grafton, ND, introduced and testified in support of HB 1386. This is a very simple bill. It changes the compensation for township clerk from six hundred dollars annually to one thousand dollars within a calendar year. Currently these township officers get paid twenty dollars a day and can make up to six hundred dollars a year and with this bill they will be able to make one thousand dollars in a calendar year.

Larry Syverson, North Dakota Township Officers Association, testified in support of HB 1386. (Attachment # 1)

Chairman Cook: How many townships do you have over five thousand people?

Larry: Two

Chairman Cook: Larry, could you get the committee a listing of all townships and populations of the townships?

Olafson: How many townships are at the six hundred dollar limit?

Larry: I really don't know. I know we are. There are some that are at the limit.

No further testimony in support or opposed to HB 1386.

Chairman Cook closed the hearing on HB 1386.

March 8, 2007 Recorder # 4740 (Action)

Chairman Cook asked the committee their wishes on HB 1386.

Senator Olafson moved a Do Pas

Senator Hacker seconded the motion.

Discussion

Roll call vote: Yes 4 No 1 Absent 0

Carrier: **Senator OLafson**

Date: 3-8-07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1386

Senate	Political Subdivisions	Committee
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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Senator Olafson Seconded By Senator Hacker

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Total **Yes** 4 **No** 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator OLAFSON

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 9, 2007 2:47 p.m.

Module No: SR-45-4897
Carrier: Olafson
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1386: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1386 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1386

Testimony on HB1386 House Political subdivisions Committee
by Ken Yantes NDTOA

Good Morning, Chairman Herbel and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee, my name is Ken Yantes, I am the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Township Officers Association. We are an organization of 6000 locally elected grassroots governmental officials from 1141 organized townships. I have come here to ask you to vote for the passage of HB1386. We asked representative Herbel to introduce this bill for the ND Township Officers in response to the unanimous passage of a resolution passed at the December 2006 Annual Meeting of our membership. During the discussion of this resolution the following facts were brought out;

1. Township officers near and around the larger cities are spending a lot more time as members of planning and zoning commission members.
2. Further testimony indicated that through out the state wet conditions had created a lot more effort to be expended on road maintenance. FEMA training meetings on how to qualify for road

damage dollars was an important but time consuming effort.

Meeting with FEMA representatives, measuring site damage and taking pictures, documenting everything, estimating costs, contacting contractors to perform the work, seeing that they do it right and take all findings to a County FEMA Representative.

When the FEMA representative is in your area you must go to all sites with him and get his approval of the completed jobs.

3. Installing warning signs where the new wider modern farm equipment has damaged or broke down signs.

4. Excessive rainfall and snowmelts create the need for increased vigilance of all township roads during runoff periods.

For these reasons we ask that the annual \$600 limit on the salary for township officers be raised to \$1000 as some of us are working more than 30 days a year for our townships. We ask that the \$20 per day stay the same but allow us to get paid for the extra days that we have to work to keep safe the traveling public.

To support HB 1386

Good Morning, Chairman Cook and members of the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee.

I am Larry Syverson a farmer from Mayville; I am the Chairman of Roseville Township of Traill County. I am also a District Director of the North Dakota Township Officers Association. NDTOA represents the six thousand township officers that serve our eleven hundred forty one dues paying member townships.

I have come here to ask you to vote for the passage of HB1386. We asked Representative Herbel to introduce this bill for the ND Township Officers in response to a resolution passed at the December 2006 Annual Meeting of our membership. During the discussion of this resolution the following facts were brought out:

1. Township officers near and around the larger cities are spending a lot more time as members of planning and zoning commission members.
2. Some of the townships near the large cities have very large populations, some over 5000 people; these townships also manage a tax base larger than nine North Dakota counties have. These are very demanding to administer.
3. Some townships have lakes with lake home development again these areas require an increasing amount of administration.
4. Modern farming practices and the common availability of laser guided earth moving equipment has caused an increased amount of earthwork near and in township right-of-way. Ditching must be monitored to insure compliance with standards and required permitting.
5. Further testimony indicated that through out the state wet conditions had created a lot more effort to be expended on road maintenance. FEMA training meetings on how to

qualify for road damage dollars was an important but time consuming effort. Meeting with FEMA representatives, measuring site damage and taking pictures, documenting everything, estimating costs, contacting contractors to perform the work, seeing that they do it right and take all findings to a County FEMA Representative. Then, when the FEMA representative is in your area you must go to all sites with him and get approval of the completed jobs.

6. Installing warning signs where the new wider modern farm equipment has damaged or broke down signs.
7. Excessive rainfall and snowmelts create the need for increased vigilance of all township roads during runoff periods.
8. Payment of the officers will still remain the option of the township; some townships will still not pay the officers anything others very little. Officers pay like all budget items are set at the annual meeting by the citizens; and this will reflect the work they know must be done and how much the township can afford.

For these reasons we ask that the annual \$600 limit on the salary for township officers be raised to \$1000 as some of us are working more than 30 days a year for our townships. We ask that the \$20 per day stay the same but allow us to get paid for the extra days that we have to work to keep safe the traveling public.