



Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 11. West wind around 10 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 17. West wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 51. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 24.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 58.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 25.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 49.  
**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 24.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 61.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 28.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 63.  
Wednesday: High, 17; Low -9  
Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches  
Month: 0.19 inches  
Year: 0.41 inches  
Normal: 0.45 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Friday 7:41 a.m. 6:16 p.m.  
First quarter moon  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Critics say fraud law would hurt voters

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and many Republicans on the GOP-dominated committee are sympathetic. But critics of the bill argued he hasn’t made a strong enough case.

“While we should all undoubtedly be concerned if even a single fraudulent vote is cast, we should be even more concerned if even a single legal voter is disenfranchised,” said Kevin Myles, president of the NAACP’s state chapter.

The committee heard criticism of Kobach’s bill from a representative of the National Organization for Women, who said it would create hardships for working women who’ve changed their names, either by marriage or divorce, or for people who were adopted. A board member for the Kansas Equality Coalition said the bill would create new obstacles for people undergoing gender reassignment surgery.

Several witnesses said enacting Kobach’s proposals would end door-to-door and other community voter registration drives, because the bill says election officials are to reject any registration that is not accompanied by proof of citizenship. Myles said Kobach’s bill represented “a failure of due diligence.”

“While I do believe that, you know, we need to take all necessary steps to make sure that our elections are secure, I think that we first ought to look internally to see, are there administrative practices that could be changed to do that?” he said.

Last month, Kobach released a report saying his office has received 59 reports of alleged irregularities involving at least 221 ballots since 1997 – twice as many as documented by an internal report

three years ago drafted for one of his predecessors. And Kobach suggested those reports represent perhaps only 10 percent of what’s actually occurred.

Kobach won last year’s election with 59 percent of the vote after making fighting election fraud the biggest issue of his campaign, despite continued skepticism that it’s a widespread problem in Kansas.

Committee Chairman Scott Schwab, an Olathe Republican, said many GOP legislative candidates agreed with Kobach’s assessment of election fraud as a significant issue and supported photo ID and proof-of-citizenship requirements.

“A lot of people campaigned on this,” Schwab said after Wednesday’s hearing. “To say, well, we’re not going to do it, I think, is a little bit of a stretch.”

Kobach said some of the issues raised Wednesday by critics of the bill, such as potential obstacles in registering to vote faced by women who remarry or divorce, people who were adopted as children or people undergoing gender reassignment surgery, can be addressed with administrative rules.

He said he’d accept language in the bill to clarify that voter registration forms and copies of documents providing proof of citizenship don’t have to be submitted to election officials simultaneously for a registration to be valid, which he says is his intent.

And he said his office is working on administrative solutions to some problems, such as making sure that the names of people who’ve moved or died are removed more quickly from counties’ voter registration rolls.

“There’s no reason why we can’t move on both tracks at once,” he said.

Senate panel considers profiling law changes

By John Milburn  
The Associated Press

TOPEKA – Kansas law enforcement officials urged a Senate panel Wednesday to consider the due process of officers if the Legislature makes any changes to a 2004 law aimed at protecting residents from racial profiling.

Ed Klump, lobbyist for Kansas sheriffs, chiefs of police and peace officers, said the groups weren’t unhappy with the current statute but recognized there were gaps between the law’s provisions and perception among concerned groups.

“We have attempted to present a bill that is not particularly high on our wish list, but one we feel addresses the concerns in a comprehensive and thorough manner with balance between our desires and those of concerned citizens,” said Klump, who helped write one of the two bills before the committee.

Among the proposed changes to the 2004 law are the name itself. Rather than referring to racial profiling it would be labeled biased policing, a term used by courts and law enforcement. The new definition includes the unreasonable use of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender and religious dress in combination with other factors as part of a specific description as

grounds for taking law enforcement action.

Other changes would require community boards to work with law enforcement to prevent biased policing, including training and data collection. Law enforcement agencies also would be required to have a comprehensive plan for training officers and handling allegations of bias.

The bill would require biased policing complaints be investigated by the Kansas Human Rights Commission or the Kansas Commission for Police Standards and Training, the latter of which has the authority to revoke law enforcement licenses of officers.

Steve Bukaty, attorney for the Kansas Fraternal Order of Police, the new proposals must be a balance struck between protecting the rights of Kansas residents with the due process of law enforcement officers alleged to commit biased policing.

But Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau said the definition doesn’t need to change or its intent will be lost. She said the goal in 2004 was to prevent bias against blacks by law enforcement who many felt were targeted simply because of their skin color.

“I think it’s a step backward,” the Wichita Democrat said. “This is a real issue for the people who feel they are racially profiled.”

Faust-Goudeau has spoken previously on the issue from her experience as a black woman being stopped late at night while driving through her neighborhood. She contends race factored in the traffic stop.

She said if there are concerns about Hispanics or Muslims being targeted by police action based on religion or ethnicity then Kansas should have a separate law for those instances, but the racial profiling definition should remain.

But not every instance deserves a stand-alone law, said Sen. Tim Owens, an Overland Park Republican.

“I don’t think we need to have another one, but I understand her concern,” Owens said. “Every group would like to have their status singled out.”

Klump said there are other costs that can’t be ignored. He said 72 percent of Kansas law enforcement agencies have 10 or fewer officers and 50 percent have five or fewer. Smaller forces require schedule changes and paying of overtime to ensure that communities have 24-hour protection, he said.

The bill addresses that issue by allowing training over distance learning systems, such as closed circuit television or the Internet to keep officers in town.

Paramedics won’t get kicked out

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discussed again next year.”

Chairman Keith Christiansen agreed: “I’m more than willing to work something out, but if we do this today, in 30 days from now, we’ll have people in here again,” he said.

The motion died for lack of a second.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Steele that the courthouse boiler didn’t pass state inspection was because the installers had used valves and gauges from the old boilers, and the state wouldn’t accept them. P and M Construction promised to have someone at the courthouse Monday to take a look at the problem, he said.
- Read a report from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding a survey at the landfill. The department requires all landfills to be surveyed and logged with information including boundary lines, date the landfill was started, the amount of waste taken in daily, the depth, etc. The department said they want all the information in one file.
- The law was prompted by an error in a survey elsewhere in the state, where the landfill was depositing waste on neighboring land, said Landfill Supervisor Larry Jumper. He said the information is needed so future generations will know how much and where waste sites are.

“The surveyors will literally survey from corner to corner,” Jumper said, “and as the state’s chief of the Bureau of Waste Management, Sam Sunderraj said, ‘We need to know where the chicken bones are.’”


- Opened and read two bids for mowing 2,760 “swath miles” of county roads. The bids – \$156,400 from John and Jane McDougal and \$160,000 from L.J. O’Neal – were both rejected after road Supervisor Clair Shrock presented figures of the county’s actual cost.
- Shrock said in 2009, actual cost to the county was \$101,700, including weed-spraying costs.
- Signed the annual “Peopleware” agreement with Computer Information Concepts.
- Asked Shrock to set up a time for the commissioners to hold a meeting with township officials as required by state law.
- Deleted around \$14,000 worth of support that will no longer be needed from an agreement with Manatron Computers of Hays, which supplied the county’s old computer system.
- Approved having CB Heating and Air Conditioning install a new evaporator fan in the heating unit at the county health department in the office complex.
- Approved a technical service agreement with Physio Control for work on four ambulances in the amount of \$4,100.

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ESPN	College GameDay		College Basketball				SportsCenter		Final   NBA					
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