## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENCE BAR ASSOCIATION

This special meeting of the Independence Bar Association was called to order at 4:07P.M. on the 3rd day of September, 1965 by Mr. John S. Newhouse, President. Guy G. Rice acted as secretary for the meeting. The meeting was held at the Court House Annex, Division 13, Independence, Missouri and forty (40) members of the Association were present and voting throughout.

The president announced a vacancy on the Board of Govenors of the Missouri Bar Association, said vacancy due to the failure of Delton Houtchens to refile for his position upon the Board.

Byron Stewart Jr., Vice President of the Association announced that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Independence Bar Association was had on the afternoon of September I, 1965 at which time the Executive Committee determined that it was in the best interest of the Association that a meeting of the Association as a whole be called. He announced that it had also been determined by the Executive Committee that as Mr. Cedric Siegfried had solicited endorsement of the Independence Bar Association, the Executive Committee would recommend to the Association as a whole that the Association endorse Mr. Cedric Siegfried to fill the vacancy upon the Board of Govenors of the Missouri Bar Association as aforementioned. It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be accepted.

Mr. Rufus Burrus offered up a substitute motion which motion provided that due to the fact other candidates had also exhibited interest in the vacancy, that the Independence Bar Association would endorse no one candidate. Said motion was seconded and those members present proceeded to vote. The substitute motion failed.

After second duly made, and following discussion upon the original motion presented by Mr. Byron Stewart, the original motion failed.

Mr. James Shaffer then offered up a motion which motion provided that the Independence Bar Association should endorse all three (3) candidates to fill the vacancy in question. The motion was seconded and after discussion the members proceeded to vote upon the motion. The motion failed.

Mr. William Piedimonte then offered up a motion, which motion was seconded and provided that nominations be opened to fill

the vacancy as aforementioned, and that the Bar determine by regular vote which candidate it would endorse.

Mr. Burrus rose with a substitute motion, which motion was seconded and provided that the Independence Bar Association would endorse no candidate. The substitute motion was defeated.

Mr. William Paxton then offered an amendment to the original motion which had been offered by Mr. Piedimonte, which amendment provided that the candidates nominated would be voted upon and unless one of the candidates received a majority vote of those members present, a second vote would be had between the two (2) candidates receiving the largest number of votes to determine which of those two (2) candidates would receive the endorsement of the Independence Bar Association.

The following named members of the Independence Bar Association were nominated as endorsees to the vacancy on the Board of Govenors for the Missouri Bar Association.

- 1. Cedric Siegfried
- 2. James Gilham
- 3. Thomas Cochran

The membership proceeded to vote. As a result of that vote, Mr. Cedric Siegfried and Mr. Thomas Cochran received the two largest shares of votes, and the membership proceeded to vote on the two remaining nominees. Mr. Thomas Cochran received a majority of the second vote, and the president announced that the Independence Bar Association would endorse Mr. Thomas Cochran to fill the vacancy upon the Board of Govenors of the Missouri Bar Association as aforementioned.

There being no further business before the meeting, after motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary