

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 08, 2022
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 29397: **Rep. Gestrin** introduced **RS 29397** which would allow local county commissioners to decide whether the boards established by the Abatement District Act for mosquito abatement to have either three or five members. This would make it easier for these boards to achieve a quorum.
In response to questions about just two members making a quorum preventing them from talking to each other without it being a public meeting, **Rep. Gestrin** that most counties have just three commissioners and that hasn't caused any issues.
Rep. Weber further explained they can speak but not deliberate or make decisions without causing any legal issues.
MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 29397**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 29394: **Rep. Skaug** explained **RS 29394** would replace a piece of legislation heard earlier by the committee regarding jail and courthouse funding. This legislation removed the 'and other buildings' language and changed the effective date to January 2023.
In response to questions about a possible incentive for counties to rapidly seek to fund new jails and courthouses prior to this deadline, **Rep. Skaug** said most of these counties have not funded these projects in the last hundred years and they likely will not in the next year.
MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 29394**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary