

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, March 10, 2022
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- 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 Crane** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29789:** **Rep. Moon** introduced **RS 29789** which is an amendment of the Election Code. It removes the affidavit of invalid voters, and adds a change in requirement of voter identification that allows for voter registration. If an individual cannot afford an identification card, identification will be made available at no charge to the voter, covered by the Voter Integrity Fund. Each identification card will require a \$10 transfer from the Voter Integrity Fund. It also removes the emergency clause, and the effective date is July 1, 2022. On page 2, "acceptable address verification documents" is added, and this covers any concerns from the previous meeting.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29789** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon and Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Moon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 29812:** **Rep. Nash** introduced **RS 29812** which allows for hair braiding to be done without a cosmetology license. Many other states have exempted hair braiding from needing a cosmetologist license, yet Idaho has not. Currently, there is a federal lawsuit regarding the ability of an individual to practice and perform hair braiding without needing to go to cosmetology school and obtain the licensure that comes with it.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29812** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nash** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- In response to committee questions, **Rep. Nash** stated the Division of Occupational Licensing has had conversations with cosmetology schools and that they have been positive. He also stated he is unaware of any schooling for hair braiding, but braiding is not consistent with the skills cosmetologists are learning in school. **Rep. Scott** stated this legislation will give prisoners the opportunity to leave prisons with new skills and have the chance to make a living for themselves.
- H 682:** **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 682** which adds to the existing law, requiring a notification of boundary change for election zones, districts, and subdistricts.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State, testified **in support** of the bill. He stated this will create a uniform standard of notification that within 30 days after a taxing district that is subject to election consolidation has made subdivisional boundary changes or within 30 days of the filing for candidates, whichever comes sooner, county clerks need to be notified. He stated that it also includes school districts.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 682** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Crane made a clarification stating that **Lynn Laird** testified in the February 9, 2022 meeting, and it later came to her attention that she may have violated the AP Ethics guidelines in her testimony. She sent the committee a corrected testimony and asked that it be recorded.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary