

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 15, 2015

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representatives Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Bateman, Cheatham, Nielsen, Smith, Jordan, McCrostie, Wintrow

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** None.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Batt** assigned the subcommittee to review the following Rules:

Rules from the Idaho State Liquor Division, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, and the Department of Administration, Capitol Mall Parking Rules.

**Chair Holtzclaw, Rep. Sims, Rep. Bateman, Rep. Cheatham, and Rep. Wintrow.**

**RS 23293:** **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 23293**, proposed legislation to amend the statute containing the qualification required to serve in the Idaho Legislature to match the requirements in Article III, Section 6, of the Idaho Constitution by general election. He stated in court case (Caleb Hansen v. Ysursa), the district judge recommended that the inconsistency be addressed to help eliminate confusion created by someone looking only at the statute for requirements.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Hurst** stated the statute only pertains to city officials. He also stated the verbiage can be changed to use gender neutral language but Title 34 of the Idaho Code addresses any gender specific verbiage to include both him and her. He said the Secretary of State's office currently checks the voting status of all legislators who enter into candidacy. He said the intent of the legislation is to be sure the statutes match the Idaho Constitution.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 23293**.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Luker** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 23293** and send it directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kasey Winder  
Secretary