

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Luker, Vice Chairman Sims, Representatives Barbieri, Perry, Clow, Horman, Malek, Collins, Cheatham, Loertscher, Redman, Kloc, McCrostie, Nye

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Kloc

GUESTS: Dan Blocksom, Idaho Association of Counties; Phil McGrane, Chief Deputy Ada County, Elections Division

Chairman Luker called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Horman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Horman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23531C2: **Rep. Harris**, presented **RS 23531C2** which makes changes to city annexation requirements. Category A annexation, where no consent is required for annexing enclaved parcels numbering less than 100, would be limited to areas within one city not including border areas of city impact. Category B and C annexations would be modified to require consent from more than 50% of private parcel owners in addition to the present requirements of consent by owners of more than 50% of the land area. There is no fiscal impact with this legislation.

In response to questions, **Rep Harris** stated the existing privilege of the large land owners is not being taken away, this is just allowing for small land owners to have input in regards to annexations. In the consideration of annexation, the large land owners agreement would not outweigh the agreements of small land owners unless there were more than 50% of land owners for annexation. If the majority of land owners decided the debated area will be annexed the land will be added to city limits. This change is needed because city annexation is expanding into country areas making property owners upset because they do not want to be annexed. Property owners want the right to have a say or if they are annexed.

MOTION: **Rep. Simms** made a motion to introduce **RS 23531C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23525: **Dan Blocksom**, Idaho Association of Counties, presented **RS 23525** which would require partisan candidates to withdraw 53 days before a primary election. Moving the withdrawal date to 53 days provides more time for county clerks to finalize and proof ballots, have them printed, prepare them for mailing, and mail them by the 45 day deadline. This legislation will help prevent ballots from being mailed which are no longer accurate. This legislation has no impact to the state General Fund. Counties would see considerable cost avoidance because there would be no need to reprint ballots or expend labor redacting ballots because a candidate withdrew after the ballots were printed.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 23525**.

In response to questions, **Mr. Blocksom** said there is not an exact turn around time for ballots to be printed, but when all counties ask for ballots to be printed at the same time, this can create a bottleneck. An increased withdrawal period could help avoid this issue.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Luker called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 23525. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 68:

Phil McGrane, Chief Deputy Ada County, Elections Division presented **H 68** which deals with the exemptions to the in-state printing requirements to include counties. Due to both technical requirements and cost, there are similar circumstances where it is in the best interests of the counties to use out-of-state printers. This change will update legislation on how counties are currently operating. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

MOTION:

Rep. Malek made a motion to send **H 68** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to questions, **Mr. McGrane** stated in the bidding process, there would be documentation of the reasons the counties are going out-of-state and evidence they have compared pricing with in-state printers. The bids are required to cover the entire cost, including shipping.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Luker called for a vote on the motion to send **H 68** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Cheatham** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Representative Luker
Chair

Erin Hutto
Secretary