

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 02, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Perry, Vice Chairman Redman, Representatives Luker, Barbieri, Clow, Collins, Blanksma, Giddings, Kingsley, Manwaring, Zollinger, Chew, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Barbieri and Chew

GUESTS: None

Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Perry turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Redman**.

H 77: **Rep. Amador** presented **H 77**, a correction to Idaho Code regarding public records requests. All references to public records requests have been consolidated into Chapter 74 of Idaho Code.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 77** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25006: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 25006**, proposed legislation which would remove the restriction on city initiative and referendum elections to only be held in odd-numbered years. This change would require cities to hold these elections in even years as well, if requested by citizens, to make them more responsive to citizen concerns and allow citizens greater opportunities to exercise their voices.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Nate** indicated both the Secretary of State and legislative liaison with cities had been notified of this proposal. He also stated he had not considered the potential of this RS to change the non-partisan nature of municipal elections, which are specifically held in odd-numbered years.

MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a motion to introduce **RS 25006**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. McCrostie** and **Clow** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 24960C1: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 24960C1**, proposed legislation that would allow government entities the option of publishing legal notices online on their websites, in lieu of publishing notices in a newspaper. This proposal only gives online publication as an option, not a requirement.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Nate** asserted that access to the internet is likely more prolific now than access to a published newspaper and noted county officials he spoke to were very interested in the possibility of online publication as a cost saving measure. Rep. Nate agreed to work to address concerns about the record keeping of online notices and the lack of specific times or duration of postings, before a full hearing.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to return **RS 24960C1** to the sponsor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Giddings** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 24960C1**.

After discussion regarding the best way to amend the proposal to address concerns, **Rep. Nate** agreed it would be best to return his RS to allow him to make changes.

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN:**

Rep. Giddings withdrew her substitute motion to introduce **RS 24960C1**.

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Redman called for a vote on the original motion to return **RS 24960C1** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Representative Perry
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary