

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 08, 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:** Rep. Clow
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 February 2, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Perry reviewed **Joint Rule 18** with the Committee and also reviewed decorum on the floor and in Committee.
RS 25135: **Rep. Malek** presented **RS 25135**, proposed legislation which updates the reporting requirements for the city treasurer to the city council, taking into account the use of computers and allowing the quarterly treasurer's report to be posted on a city's website to satisfy publication requirements.
MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25135**.
In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Malek** stated he did not believe a treasurer would be required to post their reports online and could still create a paper copy, particularly if their city does not have a website.
VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Perry** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 25135**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 25205: **Rep. Erpelding** presented **RS 25205**, a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the constitutional requirements for bonds from local jurisdictions from two-thirds to 60% of voters. He noted jurisdictions, particularly in eastern Idaho, have had a great deal of trouble passing bonds, especially for schools. Idaho is one of only two states in the nation that has a two-thirds requirement for bonds. He noted the proposed legislation lowers the threshold to 60%, which is still a sizeable majority, but not a supermajority. Rep. Erpelding argued the higher the requirement for a vote action, the more power is placed in the hands of a minority of voters who are able to sway the outcome and the best way to support more local control is to lower the required threshold.
MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 25205**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Luker, Barbieri and Kingsley** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Representative Perry
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary