

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott, Smith, Jordan

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Skip Smyser, Idaho Press Club; Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk; Jeff Anderson, Idaho Lottery; Becky Schroeder, Idaho Lottery; Michael Law, self.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Armstrong** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25121C1: **Chad Houck**, Director of Special Projects, Secretary of State, presented **RS 25121C1**, proposed legislation that relates to sunshine filings. Under the duties of the Secretary of State, this bill would require the filing of all reports to county clerks, city clerks, and clerks of special districts to be in an electronic format, reports to the Secretary of State to be filed online, and give the receiving official the discretion to grant hardship waivers from the requirement.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Houck** stated the county clerk of each district would have the authorization from the Secretary of State's office to review hardship requests. He also stated the software to allow for electronic filings has not been purchased yet so an exact start date is hard to predict but it will come out of the FY2018 budget.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 25121C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25290: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 25290**, proposed legislation to prevent public funds, resources and or property from being used to influence the outcome at the ballot box. He stated new language has been added to the legislation that does not prohibit individuals from using public grounds or facilities that are available to the general public for political purposes.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 25290**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 95: **Rep. Luker** presented **H 95**, legislation that prohibits the State Lottery from disclosing certain identifying information of prize winners, to provide criteria for written authorization by a prize winner to disclose identifying information, to provide an exception to certain state agencies and vendors; and to provide that certain identifying information and records of prize winners shall be exempt from disclosure. He stated the legislation only applies to winners of \$600 or more because those winners are paid by the Lottery not the vendor.

Skip Smyser, Idaho Press Club, spoke **in opposition** to **H 95** and stated transparency is important for the Lottery and the bill does not allow for that. He stated the number of people who win the lottery in Idaho is minimal and the \$600 amount is too low.

Jeff Anderson, Idaho Lottery, spoke **in opposition** to **H 95** and stated there is already a claim form that has an opt out option. He stated the State Lottery is a public game and transparency is important.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 95** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Smith and Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Luker** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 126: **Rep. Giddings** presented **H 126**, legislation that amends existing law to provide that certain appointments shall be made by the Board of County Commissioners instead of the Governor. She stated there are 379 boards in Idaho and 1,137 positions. She stated last year there were 77 vacancies.

MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a motion to send **H 126** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Giddings** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 149: **Rep. Cheatham** presented **H 149**, legislation that amends existing law to provide an additional form of personal identification, a concealed weapons permit that may be presented at the polls.

Phil McGrane, Chief Deputy Clerk, Ada County Clerk, spoke **in support** of **H 149** and stated the bill allows for additional access to vote.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. McGrane** stated the bill only deals with showing photo identification at the polls to prevent fraud. He stated proof of residency is required for registering to vote, which requires different forms of identification for residency requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 149** 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 10:28 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary