

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 17, 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:** Representative(s) Smith

GUESTS: Matt Compton, Idaho Education Association; Paul Stark, Idaho Education Association.

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 13, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25266C1: **Phil McGrane**, Chief Deputy, Ada County Clerk, presented **RS 25266C1**, proposed legislation that ensures student safety and provides for adequate polling locations for the purpose of voting on Election Day. He stated there have been increasing concerns about school safety due to having both students and voters, who would not typically be at a school, using the facility at the same time. Presently, schools are the most common polling location used in Idaho. Schools are needed in order to provide adequate and accessible polling locations within residential communities throughout the state. The legislation addresses both the need for schools to be used as polling locations and addresses the student safety concerns by removing students during voting, but still allowing the facility to be used by the school districts for other purposes. He stated there is a delayed effective date in order to ensure adequate time to adjust school calendars and contracts to facilitate the change.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 25266C1**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Giddings** made a substitute motion to return **RS 25266C1** to the sponsor.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** A Roll Call vote was requested on the substitute motion to return **RS 25266C1** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE, 7 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong and Giddings. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Reps. Monks, Luker, Scott, Manwaring, Zito and Jordan. Absent/Excused: Reps. Crane and Smith.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:** **Chairman Loertscher** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 25266C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Loertscher turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Monks**.

RS 25302: **Chairman Loertscher** presented **RS 25302**, proposed legislation that updates the special election provision in Idaho Code that was first put into law in 1899, with regard to vacancies to be filled in the United States House of Representatives.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25302. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary