

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 22, 2018

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, Wolf(Jordan).

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Russell Westerberg, Ardie Noyes, Idaho Racing Commission, Nick Veldhouse, IAHD.

Rep. Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

RS 25737: **Tim Hurst**, Deputy Secretary of State, said this proposed legislation clarifies election processes currently in Idaho Code, moves the various deadlines so they fall on a Friday instead of the weekend when offices are closed, and corrects the citations to federal law addressed in Title 34. Part of the legislation of the voter registration card in section 4 asks to remove references to gender on the registration card. Scanning the registration card satisfies the requirement of the card being physically unalterable.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 25737** with page 3, line 36, and sex, left in, dealing with them at a future point.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 25737. Substitute motion carried by voice vote. Rep.(s) Crane and Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 25784: **Tim Hurst**, Deputy Secretary of State, presented **RS 25784**. This proposed legislation clarifies how long certain election records are kept, and designates the statewide voter registration database, maintained by the Secretary of State and accessed by the counties as the official register of electors.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 25784. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 11-0406-1701: **Ardie Noyes**, Idaho Racing Commission, Business Operations Manager, presented **Docket No. 11-0406-1701**. This rule outlines the time frame for drug violations. Two sections of the rules outline the time frame for procedures related to hearings regarding equine drug violations. The time frames in these sections don't match well. **Rule 11.04.06.051.01** states a Steward's jurisdiction lasts for 30 days after a race meet is held. This means the Stewards must hold all hearings, and make all determinations which haven't already been settled, within 30 days after the last day of racing. The second, **Rule 11.04.11.160** which there is no change to, provides a time line of a horseman's right to due process through the split sample procedures. After a race has been run, it can take up to more than 44 days for the final determination of the Racing Commission. If a Steward's jurisdiction expires, the Racing Commission will be forced to hire attorneys to act in the place of the Stewards, to bring the case forward once the split sample result comes in. The process at that point is to hire a hearing officer to decide the case. Such an action causes several negative impacts to the horseman in question, but also negatively impacts other horsemen involved in the race.

MOTION: Rep. Smith made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0406-1701. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Jayne Feik Spinato
Secretary