

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Harris** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**RS 27820:** **Rep. Crane** said **RS 27820** expands the current statute regarding verbal and written threats against public officials to include threats transmitted electronically.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 27820**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 548:** **Rep. Addis** said **H 548** addresses the initiative process and improves clarity, transparency, and integrity in the process. **H 548** states initiatives must have one subject and signers must be aware of the right to remove their signature. **H 548** establishes an effective date for statewide initiatives and provides that city and county initiatives follow local statutes. **H 548** also requires the initiative presenter to abide by campaign finance laws and disclose money paid to signers above a certain amount. **H 548** changes the filing date for initiatives and referendums to streamline standards.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Addis** said he did consider requiring a cost estimate for initiatives but referred to another piece of pending legislation he was working on with another representative that addresses that issue. In regard to a question about disclosing payments, Rep. Addis did not believe employees would be required to disclose their entire salary if they gathered signatures while they were working.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 548** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Addis** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.

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Representative Harris  
Chair

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Devon Powers  
Secretary