

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 09, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Chaney, Vice Chairman Hartgen, Representatives Kerby, Amador, Ehardt, Scott, Marshall, Young, Cannon, Erickson, Gannon, McCrostie, Ruchti, Nash, Skaug

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Troy, Nate

GUESTS: None.

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve minutes from February 15th, February 19th and March 1st, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Carrie Maulin, Chief Clerk of the House, presented the Joint Print Committee Report. It recommends continued endorsement of the limited printing of Idaho Session Laws to one hundred copies. She discussed where the statute for the Joint Print Committee lies, who is on the Committee, and where it meets. Currently print copies of session laws go to agencies which request them but generally they are accessed online. This has enabled the reduction of printing costs. The House of Representatives is responsible for forty percent of the cost while the Senate pays sixty percent, as is the customary split for all shared expenses between the two bodies.

In response to committee questions, **Chief Clerk Maulin** confirmed the Executive Branch does not share in the cost because the item is purely legislative.

MOTION: **Rep. Hartgen** made a motion to approve the report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1076: **Chief Clerk Maulin** presented **S 1076** legislation which would make adjustments to the code in response to the recommendations made by the Joint Printing Committee in their report. She stated there is no longer a need to use the strike out feature when making corrections to the code because the process has been completely standardized. The Joint Printing Committee has been required to meet twice in past sessions but it can be difficult to get all members together and currently there are few decisions to be made. The change would reduce the number of required meetings from two to one per session, with the option to meet a second time as needed.

In response to committee questions, **Chief Clerk Maulin** reported who the members of the Joint Printed Committee are and who receives printed copies each year. Standing requests for the law journals are with Idaho's National Representatives, the Executive Branch, the Legislative Library and the Chief Clerk's office. The list has been pared down over the years to only those who request a physical copy. She clarified that these journals are easy to access online.

MOTION: **Rep. Amador** made a motion to send **S 1076** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- S 1137:** **Chairman Chaney** presented **S 1137**, legislation determining Judicial Salaries. A two percent increase for District Court Judges and six percent increase for Magistrate Judges has been requested. Salaries are set in statute and the courts have come to the legislature requesting this modest adjustment.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to send **S 1137** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Chaney** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1119:** **Rep. Hartgen** presented **S 1119**, legislation on unclaimed property. County Sheriffs and City Police Departments are required to keep lost or stolen items by law for 90 days. This legislation would shorten the time required to hold certain items to 60 days. It was stated, some of the less expensive things can languish in storage, at expense to the department. This bill changes the amount of time they must keep bicycles from six months to ninety days and all other items from ninety days to sixty days.
- Murphy Olmstead** a Lobbyist with Idaho Sheriff's Association, confirmed the statute limits, put in place in 1957, and that there is a separate statute for abandoned vehicles. He reports this is a cost savings measure for the departments he represents. He confirmed that the most valuable items effected by this legislation would be jewelry. Firearms are not included in this change. Mr. Olmstead was not able to answer questions about what kinds of situations would give rise to Sheriff and Police possession of such things.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **S 1119** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Hartgen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Representative Chaney
Chair

Beth Norton
Secretary