

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 18, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

H 645: **Rep. Chaney** presented **H 645**, which clarifies the State Board of Education's role in filing for vacancies. It also provides elections of community college trustees be by a vote of electors within each respective zone rather than at large. It gives the constituents residing within those zones the power to elect their own representatives. It also provides assistance and guidance in redrawing zone lines. The effective date would be July 1st, 2024.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Chaney** clarified there is a difference between a district and a zone, and a district is split into five equally populated zones, where there is one board seat from each zone. **Rep. Barbieri** addressed his concern about the verbiage on page 2, line 18 of the bill. Rep. Chaney addressed the clarification of the verbiage used.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **H 645** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri**, and **Rep. Hanks** requested they be recorded as **NAY**. **Rep. Chaney** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1273: **Rep. Gannon** presented **S 1273**, which amends the existing law which revises the candidate filing fee payment methods. This will allow the candidates to use credit and debit cards as a payment method for their filing fees.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State, expressed his support of the bill and the efficiency of implementing these payment methods.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1273** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

RS 29418: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29418** which provides oversight for new, federal unemployment insurance programs. This requires that the list provided will require legislative approval regarding a voluntary unemployment insurance program.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29418**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary