

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Barbieri, Holtzclaw

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 8:01 a.m.

S 1351: **Rep. Troy** presented **S 1351** which closes a loophole on activities already happening. It asks county clerks to close the loop on this. The Heritage Foundation asked that this be done. This legislation amends existing law to provide for a report to the Legislature on voter registration maintenance actions.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1351** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

There were committee questions asking if these things were already happening in Idaho, and if this bill were to be redundant. In response, **Rep. Troy** clarified this will codify the process. She also stated that Idaho places 38th in the country for election integrity. There are constituents that have reached out in regards to this issue and are worried about the integrity of Idaho elections, in which Rep. Troy stated this will help to bring that peace of mind to voters.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1352: **Rep. Troy** presented **S 1352** which amends existing law to provide for an investigation if an absentee ballot is returned to the county clerk as undeliverable. This legislation requires the clerk to investigate the validity of the voter registration, due to an increase in invalid voter registrations addressees.

In response to committee questions, **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State stated that there is similar legislation currently being processed in the Senate.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1352** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1341: **Rep. Mathias** presented **S 1341** which allows counties in the Mountain Time Zone to report its election results at any time after all polls have closed, if there are no election contests on any of the county's ballots that are also taking place in the Pacific Time Zone.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1341** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to **HOLD S 1377** in committee subject to call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary