

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Green (Lesmeister)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023, and January 11, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30017: **Rep. Barbieri** explained that **RS 30017** is specifically designed to alleviate some of the abuses experienced last year. **RS 30017** will eliminate the ability to introduce a personal bill except by committees.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 30017** and recommended it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30017**. **Rep. Scott** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 4 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Rep. Crane (13), Rep. Young, Rep. Barbieri, Rep. Scott, Rep. Andrus, Rep. Skaug, Rep. Allgood and Rep. Green (Lesmeister). Voting in opposition to the motion: Rep. Palmer, Rep. Holtzclaw, Rep. Alfieri, and Rep. Crane (12). Rep. Gannon was absent/excused.**

H 1: **Rep. Young** presented **H 1** and explained this will codify what has been the practice so postelection audit procedures are clear moving forward. She clarified all postelection audits in the 2022 election were counted by hand and there is currently no time line for audits.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified **in support of H 1**. He expressed his appreciation to **Rep. Young** for working with their office. Secretary McGrane confirmed all of the audits were hand counts in every location, affirming the current practice of **H 1**. He informed the committee the timing of the audits is before the official canvas. Secretary McGrane went into detail regarding the movement of ballots during the recounts. The movement of ballots involves the county sheriff and depending on the county and the size of the jurisdiction, the sheriff may store them in an evidence locker or change out the locks in the clerk's office and the ballots will remain there. The sheriff is in sole custody and a deputy is present during the recount. If a discrepancy appears in the audit, there is discretion for the Secretary of State to perform additional audits. The time window to challenge an election does not begin until after the results have been reported to the canvas board.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 1** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary