

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Clow, Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Cornilles, Dixon(24), Hawkins, Healey, Price, Wroten, Berch, Green (Miller), Galaviz

**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 Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Ehardt introduced individuals in the audience that are expected to frequently attend Local Government Committee meetings this session. **Kelly Packer** with the IAC introduced other individuals with her who will be expected to frequently attend the Committee meetings. Chairman Ehardt stated a new committee rule that only individuals who are 18 years old or older are allowed to give testimony unless invited by the Chairman or committee members, and reviewed with the committee members the use of an RS and how to ask questions during introductory hearings of an RS.

RS 29966C3: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29966C3** and explained how this proposed legislation would be a tax payer defense bill. He stated this proposed legislation would limit the duration cities can lease or lease-purchase property of \$1,000.00 or more by requiring a vote by the people. He clarified this would help prevent cities from accumulating debt without the support of its citizens.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 29966C3**.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Skaug** explained how this bill was inspired by another bill he and other legislative members worked on last year that focused on counties. He clarified how this proposed legislation was not in response to a specific incident but is to act as a preventative measure, and he was not sure whether the bill would require a special election if a city wanted to lease or lease-purchase a property over \$1,000.00.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Chairman Ehardt** requested a roll call vote on **RS 29966C3**. **Motion carried by a vote of 15 Aye and 2 Nay. Voting in favor** of motion: **Reps. Ehardt, Kingsley, Clow, Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cornilles, Dixon (24), Hawkins, Healey, Price, Wroten, Miller, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Cheatum and Berch.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary