

MINUTES  
**SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 19, 2017

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Johnson, Vice Chairman Bayer, Vick, Patrick, and Nye

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senators Hill, Siddoway, Rice, and Burgoyne

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**CONVENED:** **Chairman Johnson** called the meeting of the Local Government and Taxation Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Vick** moved to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2017. **Senator Bayer** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 24812** **Steve Wallace**, Director of the Board of Tax Appeals (BTA), presented **RS 24812**, relating to the Board of Tax Appeals. **RS 24812** amends Idaho Code § 63-3804 to increase the daily compensation for BTA Board members from \$200 to \$300. **Mr. Wallace** explained that the current pay rate has been in place and unchanged since 1999 and that increased compensation is a key factor to future recruitment and retention of well-qualified Board members.

**Senator Patrick** asked what would happen to BTA funding if the Committee approved the request but the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee did not. **Mr. Wallace** responded that the BTA would not be able to operate without an appropriation from the Legislature.

**Chairman Johnson** asked if this funding request was included in the Governor's annual budget, to which **Mr. Wallace** affirmed.

**MOTION:** **Senator Patrick** moved to print **RS 24812**. **Senator Nye** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 24974** **Morgan Howard**, Senate Intern presenting on behalf of Chairman Johnson, introduced **RS 24974**, relating to Fire Protection District Elections. **Ms. Howard** explained that this legislation removes language regarding the election notification process of fire protection districts, bringing this process into compliance with Idaho Code § 34-602.

**Senator Vick** asked how the notice in Idaho Code § 34-602 differs from existing language. **Ms. Howard** replied that this code section requires notification 12 days prior to an election; the current notification requirement for fire protection district elections is 30 days.

**MOTION:** **Senator Bayer** moved to print **RS 24974**. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, the **Chairman** adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

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Senator Johnson  
Chair

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Jennifer Carr  
Secretary