

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 08, 2021

TIME: 9:00 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:** None

GUESTS: Jeff Anderson, Director, Idaho State Liquor Division and Idaho Lottery

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

RS 28416: **Rep. Giddings** presented **RS 28416**, stating that expenditures exceeding \$50 in support or opposition to any one candidate, political committee or measure, must be reported to the secretary of state.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 28416. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28384: **Rep. Nichols** presented **RS 28384**, to assist in ensuring integrity in the elections process by fortifying the selection of presidential electors. Presidential electors will be chosen based on which candidate won the most votes among in-person voting on Election Day, and authorize absentee balloting based on military service or sworn physical inability to vote in person.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 28384.**

During discussion **Rep. Nichols** said early voting will not change. Early voting falls under a different section of Idaho code. This proposed legislation is specific to election day. There needs to be a mechanism and procedures in place to ensure votes are legally cast. The state legislature has the authority to determine the process used. Members of the committee would like a legal opinion on this proposed legislation. Rep. Nichols will reach out to the Attorney General's office for an opinion.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28374: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 28374** to eliminate the August election date. This would provide a window of time in the election calendar for the state to do planned maintenance. County clerks could also schedule voter registration list maintenance and conduct required training for election employees. School tax levy elections are the only items on the ballot during August.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 28374. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28258: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 28258** which would create a savings clause for documents acknowledged and recorded prior to July 1, 2017. It serves as conclusive evidence of the validity of that document's acknowledgement and would prevent an attack on its validity. This proposed legislation contains an emergency clause.

In response to questions, **Rep. Andrus** noted that even if a piece of information is missing from an acknowledgement, prior to July 1, 2017, the document is still legal, ensuring that it can be used in land exchanges.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 28258**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 70: **Rep. Palmer** presented **H 70**, to provide alcohol permittees/licensees with an entire year in the initial year of issuance before expiration.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to send **H 70** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Kelly Staskey
Secretary