

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, May 04, 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:** Representatives Crane, Hanks, Gannon
- GUESTS:** Carson Tester - Westerberg & Associates, Kristin Ford - Legislative Services, Jason Hancock - Secretary of State's Office
- Chairman Crane** called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 9, 20, 21, 26, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1053aa:** **Kristin Ford**, Division Manager for Research and Legislation, Legislative Services Office, presented **S 1053aa**. This bill makes various codifier corrections and technical corrections to the Idaho Code. In addition to the proposed corrections, the Senate added an amendment to Section 2 on page 4 of the printed bill, deleting lines 10 and 11 and inserting: "(f) Credit unions may become members of other Idaho credit unions" The following text was eliminated, "for the purposes provided in section 26-2120, Idaho Code."
- Ms. Ford** provided examples of corrections including cross references in different pieces of legislation, updated citations and renumbering chapters.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **S 1053aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1063:** **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State presented **S 1063**. This legislation eliminates the requirement for the Secretary of State to get permission from the Board of Examiners before moving records to off-site storage.
- In response to questions, **Mr. Hancock** said there is no evidence this unnecessary bureaucratic procedure has been followed in decades and the statute pre-dates the state's modern record-keeping system. The records stored off-site are accessible, if needed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1063** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1065:** **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State presented **S 1065**. This bill eliminates authorization for use of the Governor's facsimile signature in the appointment and commissioning of notaries public. These appointments and commissionings are now performed by the Secretary of State.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1065** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hanks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1064:** **Rep. Young** presented **S 1064**. This legislation clarifies when voters request a particular type of absentee ballot for a primary election, they may only request the issuance of a new ballot of the same type.

In response to questions, **Mr. Hancock** clarified the time-line on the bottom of page 2 was removed because this section of code expired. He stated counties should not automatically send out absentee ballots to all qualified voters. For the 2020 primary and general elections, people had to affirmatively request specific absentee ballots.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1064** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1067: **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State, presented **S 1067**. This bill makes numerous technical corrections to Idaho's election laws, including correcting an oversight by which school discontinuance elections, which are extremely rare, were left outside of elections consolidation. It also makes the county clerk the recipient of all but state recall petitions, eliminating the role of the city clerk.

Mr. Hancock said this is a technical clean-up bill. Issues addressed include school discontinuance elections, declaration of intent for write-in candidates, eliminating the city clerk in processes handled by the county clerk's office, alignment of terms, clarification relating to multiple county recall elections, and repealing sections of code were deleted.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1067** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Kelly Staskey
Secretary