

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith (Nye), Gannon, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Josh Lunn, citizen; Mark Zaleski, IBEW 291; Travis Quast, APG East Idaho/Nai; Pam Morris, Jim Phillips, Idaho Mountain Express; Rick Visser, Ada County; Matt Davison, Idaho Press; Jason Hudson, AFL-CIO; Jeremy Pisca, Newspaper Association of Idaho; Seth Grigg, IAC; Kent Burgess, Idaho Press Club

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

RS 27008: **Rep. Crane** presented **RS 27008**, legislation relating to residential electrical code. The proposed legislation would establish an Idaho Residential Electrical Code and would increase the journeyman to apprentice ratio from to 1:4. Rep. Crane explained the legislation would only apply to residential applications not commercial.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Crane** answered after analyzing a job site and looking at how many workers can be managed, four seemed like an effective number. Rep. Crane explained the 2017 National Electrical Code would serve as the floor for the Idaho Residential Electrical Code.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 27008**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27014: **Rep. Harris** announced **RS 27014** will be postponed, at the request of the sponsor.

H 204: Due to the absence of the sponsor, **H 204** will be postponed.

H 42aaS: **Rep. Harris** presented **H 42aaS**, explaining the Senate amendment removed a redundant line of language already found in statute.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Harris** asked for a unanimous consent request that the committee concur with the amendments made by the Senate to **H 42aaS**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 210: **Rep. Armstrong** presented **H 210**, legislation relating to qualifications for legislators. The legislation would change the word "resided" to "been a registered elector", found on line 15. Rep. Armstrong explained a reason for the change is the definition of resident is arbitrary. Being a registered elector is a more precise means of determining qualifications. The change will also align with the Idaho Constitution which states a qualified legislator must be an elector.

Rep. Armstrong introduced **Lawrence Denney**, Secretary of State, to answer committee questions. Secretary Denney, answered redistricting will not affect someone's ability to register as an elector. He explained that any qualified legislator must be a qualified elector.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 210** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Green(18) explained she cannot support the motion because she believes the legislation will have unintended consequences and could potentially exclude people who would like to participate in the political process.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Armstrong will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 166:

Rep. Raybould presented **H 166**, legislation relating to legal public notices. Rep. Raybould explained that current Idaho Code mandates that all legal notices must be published in the newspaper and based on timelines established in statute. **H 166** would allow an entity to publish notices online and have that count towards the publication requirement. Entities would still need to follow the publication timelines required by statute. **H 166** would introduce a \$20 fee that a newspaper could charge for the online posting. There is also a requirement for the post to be online for at least four weeks.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Raybould** answered the bill stipulates an online posting must appear, however, any entity can publish in the newspaper however many times they prefer. Relating to the fee, Rep. Raybould clarified that although a \$20 was recommended in the legislation, various newspapers were not certain about what a fee for online postings would be.

Josh Lunn, citizen; **Travis Quast**, APG East Idaho/Nai; **Pam Morris, Jim Phillips**, Idaho Mountain Express; **Rick Visser**, Ada County; **Matt Davison**, Idaho Press; **Jeremy Pisca**, Newspaper Association of Idaho; **Seth Grigg**, IAC, testified in **opposition to H 166**. They were of the opinion the online posting mandate would negatively impact the ability for the community, especially small, rural communities to find important notices such as foreclosures and legal notices. There was also concern about the archival process for notices and the \$20 fee introduced in the legislation.

Rep. Harris recommended the committee wait until the following day to make a motion on **H 166**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Representative Harris
Chair

Julia Grief
Secretary