

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024
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, Galaviz
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Representatives Erickson, Cornilles, Berch, Galaviz
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 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
H 491: **Rep. McCann** presented **H 491**, which expands notification options for vacation of plats. She explained the current process for notice requires certified mail with return receipt requested, which is more onerous than zoning change requirements. The fee of \$8.69 per piece is expensive and many recipients refuse to pick up certified letters, so they are returned. She reiterated the number of consecutive weeks a notice is published in the newspaper and public notices must be posted at respective city and county halls, giving adequate time for interested parties to submit testimony.
In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. McCann** stated plat vacancies still proceed regardless of whether certified return receipts are signed, but the records are kept on file. She explained how proof of first class mailing can be retained on file, and the 10 days notice prior to a public hearing is the current law. She suggested extending that timeframe could be taken up in future legislation.
MOTION: **Rep. Kingsley** made a motion to send **H 491** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
Kelly Packer, Executive Director, Association of Idaho Cities spoke **in support** of the legislation.
VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a vote on the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary