

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 • 4:10 p.m. • 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair  
Rep. Norman K Thurston, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson

Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Dean Sanpei

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

**1. 1st Sub. S.B. 150 Local Government Bond Amendments (*Henderson, D.*)**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 150 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**2. S.B. 195 Government Transparency Revisions (*Henderson, D.*)**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass S.B. 195 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Chair Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**3. H.B. 431 Government Employees Reimbursement Amendments (*Quinn, T.*)**

Rep. Tim Quinn presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to replace H.B. 431 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 431. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 431 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**4. 1st Sub. S.B. 116 Polling Location Amendments (*Thatcher, D.*)**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher presented the bill.

Mr. Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, and Chair, Clerks' Legislative Policy Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 116 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**5. 1st Sub. S.B. 97 Public Meeting Minutes Amendments (*Van Tassell, K.*)**

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell presented the bill.

Mr. Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Lisa Nentl-Bloom, Executive Director, Utah Education Association, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 97 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. D. Sanpei

Chair Peterson announced at 4:45 p.m. that the committee would recess for 10 minutes.

Chair Peterson called the meeting back to order at 4:55 p.m.

**6. S.B. 65 Postal Facilities and Government Services (*Mayne, K.*)**

Sen. Karen Mayne presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Robert Edgel, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to replace S.B. 65 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 65. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to amend 2nd Substitute S.B. 65 with Amendment #1:

1. *Page 3, Lines 72 through 73:*

- 72 (d) except as provided in Subsection (2)(e), provisions authorizing  
compensation to USPS for at least 100% of attributable  
73 costs of all property and services that USPS provides under the agreement; and

The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 65 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. D. Sanpei

**7. 2nd Sub. S.B. 128 Election Day Notification Amendments (*Iwamoto, J.*)**

Sen. Jani Iwamoto presented the bill.

Mr. Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, and Chair, Clerks' Legislative Policy Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 128 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-1-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson

Nays:

Rep. N. Thurston

Abs:

Rep. D. Sanpei

**8. H.B. 348 Voter Records Amendments (*Edwards, R.*)**

Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards presented the bill.

Mr. Kory Holdaway, resident, spoke to the bill.

Lauren Littlefield, Executive Director, Utah Democratic Party, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Ron Mortenson, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to replace H.B. 348 with 1st Substitute H.B. 348. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 348 with Amendment #1:

1. *Page 10, Lines 274 through 281:*

274 (75) (a) "Secure voter registration record" means the information in, and obtained  
275 from, a voter registration form other than the voter's:  
276 (i) driver license or identification card number;  
277 (ii) Social Security number, or last four digits of the social security number; or  
278 (iii) email address { ~~—; or~~  
279 ~~—(iv) date of birth—~~ } ~~—.~~  
280 (b) "Secure voter registration record" includes an individual's voting history { ~~—and~~  
~~age—~~ } ~~—.~~  
281 (c) "Secure voter registration record" does not include information described in

2. *Page 16, Lines 468 through 471:*

468 "The portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's driver license or  
469 identification card number, Social Security number, { ~~}+ {and} +~~ email  
address { ~~—, and date of birth—~~ is a  
470 private record. The [~~portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's date of birth~~]  
471 ~~remainder of a person's voter registration record~~ { ~~—, including a person's age,~~ is a  
private record,

3. *Page 27, Lines 815 through 818:*

815 "The portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's driver license or  
816 identification card number, Social Security number, { ~~}+ {and} +~~ email  
address { ~~—, and date of birth—~~ is a  
817 private record. The [~~portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's date of birth~~]  
818 ~~remainder of a person's voter registration record~~ { ~~—, including a person's age,~~ is a  
private record,

4. *Page 29, Lines 875 through 878:*

875 "The portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's driver license or  
876 identification card number, social security number, { ~~}+ {and} +~~ email address  
{ ~~—, and date of birth—~~ is a  
877 private record. The [~~portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's date of birth~~]

878 remainder of a person's voter registration record { ~~-, including a person's age,~~ is a  
private record,

5. *Page 32, Lines 959 through 962:*

959 "The portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's driver license or  
960 identification card number, social security number, { ~~}}~~ ~~{and}~~ ~~+~~ email  
address { ~~-, and date of birth-~~ is a  
961 private record. The [~~portion of a voter registration form that lists a person's date of birth~~]  
962 remainder of a person's voter registration record { ~~-, including a person's age,~~ is a  
private record,

6. *Page 44,:* Lines 1349 through 1352

1349 [(ii)] (B) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number; ~~=~~  
~~or~~  
1350 [(iii)] (C) email address; { ~~-or-~~  
1351 ~~[(iv)] (D) date of birth or age~~ } ;  
1352 [~~k~~] ~~a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant~~

The motion passed with a vote of 7-2-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. J. Peterson

Abs:

Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Chair Peterson moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 348 with Amendment #2,  
and further moved that the amendment include additional language as  
represented in Amendment #3:

1. *Page 22, Lines 651 through 658:*

651 (1) As used in this section, "qualified person" means:  
652 (a) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's



653 or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government employee;  
654 (b) (i) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of the  
political  
655 party; { ~~or~~ }  
656 (ii) a candidate, or an agent of a candidate, who has filed a declaration of candidacy  
or  
657 a certificate of nomination for elective office; =  
**(iii) a political action committee that has filed a statement of organization**  
**with the lieutenant governor under Section 20A-11-601; or**  
**(iv) a political issues committee that has filed a statement of organization with**  
**the lieutenant governor under Section 20A-11-801;**  
658 (c) an organization that, under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), Internal Revenue  
Code:

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 348 with the language represented in Amendment #3, and further moved that the amendment include additional language as represented in Amendment #4:

1. *Page 22, Lines 651 through 658:*

651 (1) As used in this section, "qualified person" means:  
652 (a) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's  
653 or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government employee;  
654 (b) (i) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of the  
political  
655 party; { ~~or~~ }  
656 (ii) a candidate, or an agent of a candidate, who has filed a declaration of candidacy  
or  
657 a certificate of nomination for elective office; =  
**(iii) a political action committee that has filed a statement of organization**  
**with the lieutenant governor under Section 20A-11-601;**  
**(iv) a political issues committee that has filed a statement of organization with**  
**the lieutenant governor under Section 20A-11-801; or**  
**(v) other group described in Subsection 20A-11-101(37)(b)(vi) that is allowed**  
**to engage in political activity;**

658 (c) an organization that, under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), Internal Revenue Code:

The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 348 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-2-1.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays:

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. V. Peterson

Abs:

Rep. D. Sanpei

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. D. Sanpei

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair