

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

Tuesday , February 13, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair
Rep. Justin L. Fawson, 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
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Vice Chair Fawson called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. D. McCay

1 . S.B. 42 Sunset Amendments for State Services Agreements (*Mayne, K.*)

Sen. Karen Mayne explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass S.B. 42 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. J. Peterson

2 . H.B. 281 Voter Eligibility Amendments (*Briscoe, J.*)

Rep. Joel K. Briscoe presented the bill with the assistance of Daisy Thomas, Chair, Utah Democratic Party, Don Willie, citizen, Kyle Adams, student, Highland High School, and Miranda Rolland, student, Highland High School.

The handout "H.B. 281 - Voter Eligibility Amendments" was distributed to the committee.

Kory Holdaway, Voterise, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to replace H.B. 281 with 1st Substitute H.B. 281. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. J. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 281 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 1 .

Yeas-7

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

Nays-3

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent-1

Rep. J. Peterson

3 . H.B. 225 Initiatives, Referenda, and Other Political Activities (*Daw, B.*)

Rep. Brad M. Daw explained the bill.

Roger Tew, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, spoke to the bill.

Diane Christensen, citizen, Provo City, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tracy Taylor, Chair, Wasatch Taxpayers Association, spoke to the bill.

Brian Jones, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to hold H.B. 225.

Gary Oliverson, citizen, Wasatch County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rep. McCay's motion to hold H.B. 225 passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Vice Chair Fawson adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.