



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Rep. Norman K. Thurston, Vice Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Staff Present:

Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Maloy called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m..

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. S. Waldrip

1. 2nd Sub. S.B. 170 Election Schedule Amendments (Harper, W.)

Sen. Harper presented the bill assisted by Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office.

Wayne Woodfield, Vice Chair, United Utah Party, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to amend 2nd Substitute S.B. 170 with Amendment #1. The motion failed with a vote of 3 - 7 - 1.

Amendment 1
2nd Sub. S.B. 170

1. Page 21, Lines 633 through 644:

633 20A-9-201.5. Declaration of candidacy filing period for a qualified political party.
634 (1) In 2022, for a qualified political party, the filing period to file a declaration of
635 candidacy for an elective office that is to be filled at the next regular general election begins at
636 8 a.m. on February 28, 2022, and ends at 5 p.m. on March 4, 2022.
637 {(2) Beginning on January 1, 2024, for a qualified political party, the filing period to file
638 a declaration of candidacy for an elective office that is to be filled at the next regular general
639 election:
640 — (a) begins the later of:
641 — (i) January 2 of the year in which the next regular general election is held; or
642 — (ii) if January 2 is on a weekend, the first business day after January 2; and
643 — (b) ends at 5 p.m. on the fourth business day after the day on which the filing period
644 begins.}

Yeas - 3

Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher

Absent - 1

Rep. P. Lyman

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 170 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 1

Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 1

Rep. P. Lyman

2. H.B. 188 Voter Signature Verification Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Eliason presented the bill assisted by Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor and Chair, Clerk's Legislative Committee.

Heather Fannon spoke in support of the bill.

Ryan Cowley spoke in support of the bill.

Nate Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in support of the bill.

Nikola Venugopal, Director of Campaigns, ACLU, spoke in support of the bill.

Dalane England, United Women's Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 188 with 1st Substitute H.B. 188. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to amend 1st Sub H.B. 188 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 2
1st Sub. H.B. 188

1. Page 7, Lines 193 through 196:

193 (d) {Beginning January 1, 2024, a} A signature corresponds under Subsection (4)(a)(i) if, in
194 accordance with rules made under Subsection (11), the poll workers determine that the
195 signature on a ballot's affidavit return envelope is reasonably consistent with the individual's
196 signature in the voter registration records.

2. Page 13, Lines 393 through 394:

393 (4) {The} Beginning January 1, 2024, the election officer shall ensure that the voting history record
includes the
394 information described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(9)(b).

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 188 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

3. H.B. 284 Primary Elections Modifications (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Rep. Lisonbee presented the bill.

Wendy Hart spoke to the bill.

Dalane England spoke to the bill.

Kris Kimball spoke to the bill.

Aaron Bullen spoke to the bill.

Chase Thomas, Alliance for a Better Utah, spoke to the bill.

Taylor Morgan, Count My Vote, spoke to the bill.

Ricky Hatch spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 284 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 284. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2

Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 284 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Pitcher

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

4. S.B. 58 Day of Remembrance Observing the Incarceration of Japanese Americans During World War II (Iwamoto, J.)

Sen. Iwamoto presented the bill assisted by Floyd Mori.

Dalene England spoke in support of the bill.

Christy Vokley spoke in support of the bill.

Eldon Stahl spoke in support of the bill.

Jeanetta Williams spoke in support of the bill.

Kris Kimball spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to pass S.B. 58 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

5. 2nd Sub. S.B. 28 Office of American Indian-alaska Native Health and Family Services (Iwamoto, J.)

Sen. Iwamoto presented the bill assisted by Rupert Steele, Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, and Paul Tsosie, attorney for the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation.

Moroni Benally, Navajo Nation, spoke in support of the bill.



MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 28 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

- Rep. W. Brooks
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. M. Petersen
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. S. Pitcher
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. S. Waldrip
- Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. P. Lyman
- Rep. V. Peterson

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

Yeas - 9

- Rep. W. Brooks
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. M. Petersen
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. S. Pitcher
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. S. Waldrip
- Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. P. Lyman
- Rep. V. Peterson

Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m..