

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 30, House Building
February 17, 2015**

Members Present: Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair
Rep. Brad Daw, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Fred Cox
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Merrill Nelson
Rep. Lee Perry
Rep. Val Peterson

Members Absent: Rep. Dean Sanpei

Staff Present: Mr. Brian Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Kathy Gessel, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

H.B. 281 Revisions to Elections Law (*Rep. F. Cox*)

Rep. Cox explained the bill. The handouts, "Fair Elections For 2016" and "The Caucus Convention System" were distributed to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Mark Thomas, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Layne Beck, citizen

Spoke for the bill: James Evans, Chairman, Utah Republican Party
Clair Ellis, Utah Republican Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Spoke against the bill: Kirk Jowers, Co-founder, Count My Vote Initiative
David Irvine, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Cox, Rep. Grover and Rep. Daw voting in favor.

S.B. 46 Juvenile Court Judge Amendments (*Sen. C. Bramble*)

Rep. Peterson explained the bill.

Spoke to the bill: Rick Schwermer, Assistant State Court Administrator

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Spoke for the bill: Rick Schwermer, Assistant State Court Administrator

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Draxler adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair