

Date: 2-12-21

House Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 47 DUI Revisions

Sponsor: Rep. Eliason

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Stevenson

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: makes changes to bail provisions for DUI offenses.

Discussion: Rep. Eliason said an amendment on the Senate Floor created some issues. He moved that the House refuse to concur.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: The House refused to concur with the Senate amendment in a voice vote.

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 75 Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Stenquist

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Bramble

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends provisions relating to the Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project.

Discussion: Rep. Stenquist said this bill cleans up an existing pilot project that allows municipalities to try ranked choice voting. He spoke with the county clerks, and asked if they are capable of running an election with ranked choice voting. They said yes. Their concerns are limited to public perception. Rep. Culler asked if most counties have the equipment and

technologies to carry this out. Rep. Winder said every county but one uses the same software to run their elections. That software has the capability to carry this out. The one county that uses different software has purchased upgrades. Rep. Nelson said county clerks should not be forced to run this program. If a city wants to try this program, they can run it themselves. Rep. Welton said if they offer a pilot program, they should enable the cities to use it. Rep. Bennion said she would be opposed to mandating long-term changes, but since this is just a pilot program she supports it. Rep. Maloy asked if the county clerks offer their technology and expertise to perform elections for cities and municipalities. Rep. Stenquist said yes. Rep. Maloy asked how many cities are conducting an election on their own. Rep. Stenquist said he is not aware of any. Rep. Robertson asked who is responsible for administering municipal elections. Rep. Stenquist said the statutory requirement is with the municipality. Cities have been contracting with counties for elections. Rep. Robertson asked why a city wouldn't contract with a private company rather than the county. Rep. Stenquist said it is important that the public have confidence in election integrity, and they trust the counties. Rep. Robertson asked if they could contract with a different county. Rep. Stenquist said for the purposes of this pilot program only, they can contract with a different county. This bill would remove that provision because it would eliminate the need for it. Rep. Sagers said he views this as an unfunded mandate.

Yeas: 46

Nays: 25

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st Sub. HB 75 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.

Bill: HB 114 Emergency Executive Powers Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Stoddard

Floor Sponsor: Sen. McKell

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: makes changes to the epidemic emergency procurement process.

Discussion: Rep. Stoddard introduced the bill. It drops the notice requirement from 2 million dollars to 1 million dollars. It changes the requirement from entering into an emergency

procurement and requires that a copy of the contract be provided to legislators. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: HB 114 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.

Bill: 3rd Sub. HB 197 Voter Affiliation Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Teuscher

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Bramble

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends the Election Code relating to a voter's change of political party affiliation.

Discussion: The 3rd substitute was adopted. Rep. Teuscher introduced the bill. It doesn't apply to new voters or unaffiliated voters. It only applies to people who are already registered to a party, and choose to switch to a different party between April and the primary election. Rep. Ward asked who in the 2020 primary was perceived as the "weaker" candidate. Rep. Teuscher said 20,000 Democrats registered Republican, and the winning candidate won by 6,000 votes. Rep. Ward said that election was not an example of party raiding. They changed their party affiliation to vote for the person they thought would be best for the job, which is a fundamentally valid reason to change party affiliation. Rep. Briscoe said most voters under 35 don't identify actively with any party. They are more concerned about issues. This doesn't solve the issue that occurs when people want access to elections but don't want to go through parties to get it. Rep. King said a significant element of the majority party wants to go through an ideological purification process. He argued that this bill will push moderate Republicans out of the party, and make it easier for Democrats to win.

Yeas: 41

Nays: 30

N/V: 4

Outcome: 3rd Sub. HB 197 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 270 Property Tax Valuation Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Hawkes

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Cullimore

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions of the Property Tax Act related to valuation and appeals.

Discussion: Rep. Hawkes said this bill deals with a property owner prevailing after appealing a tax valuation. It clarifies a few provisions at the request of the Tax Commission. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 68

Nays: 2

N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st Sub. HB 270 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 80 Data Security Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Brooks

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Harper

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: creates affirmative defenses to certain causes of action arising out of a breach of system security.

Discussion: Rep. Brooks introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 71

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st Sub. HB 80 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.