

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 20, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 1, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
 Rep. Brad Galvez, Vice Chair
 Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
 Rep. Craig Frank
 Rep. Richard Greenwood
 Rep. Curt Oda
 Rep. Lee Perry
 Rep. Doug Sagers
 Rep. Evan Vickers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Janice Fisher

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Arthur Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
 Ms. Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Galvez called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda, Rep. Sagers, and Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

S.B. 19 Voter Information Pamphlets (*Sen. P. Knudson*)

Sen. Knudson introduced S.B. 19, assisted by Mark Thomas, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Spoke to the bill: Richard Scott, attorney
 Kelli Lundgren, Represent Me Utah

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ronald Mortensen, citizen
 Arie Van De Graff, Utah Association of Counties

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 3, Line 78: delete "send" and insert "mail"
Page 6, Line 176 delete "distribute" and insert "mail"

After further committee discussion, Rep. Powell withdrew the motion to amend the bill.

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

S.B. 20 Petitions by Candidates or Political Parties (Sen. P. Knudson)

Sen. Knudson introduced the bill, assisted by Mark Thomas, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 22 through 24:*

- 22 ▶ requires a person who is a resident of at least 18 years of age to verify the
 signing of
23 a certificate of nomination petition by an unaffiliated candidate , except for a
 presidential candidate, and a political party
24 registration petition; and

2. *Page 6, Line 167:*

167 Street, in the city of _____, county of _____, state of { ~~Utah~~ _____, zip code _____,
 phone _____, and that I

3. *Page 8, Line 220:*

220 contains , except as provided by Subsection (2), _____ the following printed statement:

4. *Page 8, Line 236:*

236 (ii) _____ except as provided by Subsection (2)(b), _____ meets the residency requirements
 of Section 20A-2-105; and

5. *Page 8, Lines 238 through 239:*

238 signature sheets that are bound together.

(b) A person who is not a resident may sign the verification on a petition for
an unaffiliated candidate for the office of President of the United States.

239 { ~~(b)~~ _____ (c) _____ A person may not sign the verification if the person signed a
 signature sheet bound

6. *Page 9, Line 248:*

248 (A) _____ except as provided by Subsection (2)(b), _____ does not meet the residency
 requirements of Section 20A-2-105;

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Dean Morstad, citizen and candidate for president

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to pass the bill as amended out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 296 Social Services - Employment First Priority (Rep. V. L. Snow)

Rep. Snow introduced the bill, assisted by Doug Thomas, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Human Services.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to hold the bill in committee until an amendment is prepared.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Kris Fawson, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
Rep. Ronda Menlove, District 1

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to amend the bill as follows:

On Lines 46, 48, 55, 69, 79, 81, 88, and 102, after "department", insert "and the division"

After further discussion, Rep. Powell withdrew the motion to amend the bill.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Matthew Piccolo, Sutherland Institute

The motion by Rep. Perry to hold the bill passed unanimously.

H.B. 245 Amendment to Definition of Smoking in Utah Indoor Clean Air Act (Rep. B. Last)

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Galvez adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair