

## **House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 Regular Session  
April 5, 2018

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Lance Harris  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.  
Representative Gregory A. Miller  
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Jimmy Harris  
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst  
Mark Mahaffey, attorney  
Shawn O'Brien, secretary

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivien Hurst, sergeant at arms  
Adele Borne, clerk

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 649 by Representative Gaines**

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 649, which provides for automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 649. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 649 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 552 by Representative Edmonds**

Representative Edmonds presented House Bill No. 552, which provides relative to the duties of the registrar of voters relative to requests for copies of records of the registrar.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 552 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 552 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 2 for information only.

#### **House Bill No. 565 by Representative Edmonds**

Representative Edmonds presented House Bill No. 565, which provides relative to school board elections.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2800 spoke for information only.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 565. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 565 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 317 by Representative Robby Carter**

Representative Robby Carter presented House Bill No. 317, which provides for changes to the election dates for certain Lawrason Act municipalities.

Reggie Martin and Councilman Jim Payne from the Independence City Council (no witness cards on file) appeared with the author in support of the bill.

Representative Pugh offered amendments to include the city of Ponchatoula in the bill.

Representative Jenkins offered amendments to change the date for municipal elections rather than authorizing the municipality to change the date and to remove provisions of proposed law relative to the adoption and filing of a plan by the municipal governing authority. Representative Jenkins offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Kyle Ardoin, First Assistant Secretary of State, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2800 spoke for information only.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments relative to the city of Ponchatoula, to which Representative Gregory Miller objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 1 yea and 5 nays. Representative Pugh voted yea. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay voted nay.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 317 with amendments, to which Representative Gregory Miller objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea. Representatives Gregory Miller, Shadoin, and Danahay voted nay.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 317. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 317 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Later in the meeting, Representative Danahay offered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the committee had involuntarily deferred action on House Bill No. 317. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 317 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 317 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 263 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 263, which provides relative to the placement of voting machines during early voting and on election day.

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendments to clarify that the requirement to keep voting machines in full view of the public applies during each day of early voting to voting machines used during early voting and on election day to machines used on election day.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 263 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 263 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 409 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 409, which provides relative to limitations on certain changes to precinct boundaries during certain times.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 409 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 409 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 628 by Representative Hunter**

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 628, provides for automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities and removes the age limit for a child to accompany a parent or guardian into the voting machine.

Representative Hunter requested an amendment to apply only to taking a teenage child in the voting booth.

There was no action taken on the amendment.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 628. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 628 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 211 by Representative Jackson**

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 211, which provides relative to certain records of the registrar of voters.

Representative Jenkins offered amendments to make technical changes and to have the language of House Bill No. 211 comport with corresponding provisions in the Omnibus Elections Bill.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment had been adopted. Without objection and by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the amendment was reconsidered. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to withdraw the amendment. Without objection, the amendment was withdrawn by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 211 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 211 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay  
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

The committee has acknowledged on \_\_\_\_\_, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.