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2005 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1431

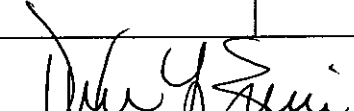
2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1431

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/27/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0-16.6
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: Relating to precincts, polling places, and election officers.

13 members present, 1 absent.

**Rep. Gil Herbel-District 16-for-**It is a very simple bill, I will turn it over to Secretary Jaeger.

**Al Jaeger-Secretary of State-Testimony Attached**

**Rep. Sitte:** Are we going to be decreasing the number of actual polling sites. If we are going to combine a number of precincts, I guess I am thinking of the elderly.

**AL:** I guess you have to keep in mind that these are going to be judgments made at the county level and for instance in a rural area where they might have precinct for out lying areas, there ability to use a school house, where everybody comes to town and allowed them to come to one location.

**Chairman Haas:** How many optical scanners do you have now?

**AL:** We will have a little over 600 optical scanners. We have some back ups.

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**Jim Silirum-Deputy Secretary of State**-I can't stress enough what Secretary Jaeger has already mentioned in that it is still a county decision on how this would happen. Counties can establish where the precinct will vote.

**Chairman Haas:** Thank you very much. Any more questions on HB1431.

**The hearing will be closed on HB 1431.**

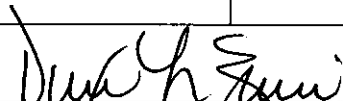
2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1431

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/28/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
4	x		50.4-52.0
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: HB 1431 Relating to precincts, polling places, and election officers.

13 members present, 1 absent.

**Chairman Haas:** This is relating to precincts and polling places, the one that authorizes counties to utilize a polling place in more then one precinct. They could do it with one election board, if they had three precincts, they only need one election board. Changes the language from precinct to polling place, it seems it is like an efficiency major to bring our statutes up with current times, what our your comments and what our your wishes?

**Rep. Froseth:** I move DO PASS.

**Chairman Haas:** We have a DO PASS motion by Rep. Froseth, is there a second, Rep. Potter seconds the motion, is there any discussion. I will ask the clerk to take the roll on a DO PASS motion on HB 1431.

**VOTE: YES 13 NO 0 ABSENT 1 DO PASS ON HB 1431**

**REP. SANDVIG WILL CARRY THE BILL.**

Date: 1/29/05  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1431**

House House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Froseth Seconded By Rep. Potter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman C.B. Haas	✓		Rep. Bill Amerman	AB	
Bette B. Grande - Vice Chairman	✓		Rep. Kari Conrad	✓	
Rep. Randy Boehning	✓		Rep. Louise Potter	✓	
Rep. Glen Froseth	✓		Rep. Sally M. Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Pat Galvin	✓				
Rep. Stacey Horter	✓				
Rep. Jim Kasper	✓				
Rep. Lawrence R. Klemin	✓				
Rep. Lisa Meier	✓				
Rep. Margaret Sitte	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Sandvig

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 28, 2005 12:26 p.m.

**Module No: HR-19-1325**  
**Carrier: Sandvig**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1431: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HB 1431 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1431



2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB 1431**

**Senate Government and Veterans Affairs**

Business and Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 10, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		4726-6190
1		x	0-44
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Diane Davis</i>			

**Chairman Krebsbach** opens hearing on **HB 1431**

**Relating to precincts, polling places, and election officers.**

(meter #4726)

**Al Jaeger** - Secretary of State - See written testimony.

(meter #5483)

**Senator Lee** - Asked about getting polling workers from the precinct or district.

**Jaeger** - Said there is options in that area.

**Senator Brown** - Mentioned that there is a confusion factor because there was a school district election at the primary election.

**Jaeger** - Said the county needs to be given some latitude and they have tried to provide options for all.

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Senate Government and Veterans Affairs

Bill/Resolution Number **HB** 1431

Hearing Date March 10, 2005

**(meter #6190)**

Mike Montpleisure - Cass County Auditor - In attendance

**(end of tape 1, side A)**

**(Side B)**

Hold action on this bill

**(meter #44, end)**

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB 1431**

**Senate Government and Veterans Affairs**

Business and Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 18, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		3772-4240
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Diane Davis</i>			

**Chairman Krebsbach** opens the hearing on HB 1431.

**Relating to precincts, polling places, and election officers.**

(meter #3772)

**Secretary of State Al Jaeger** - Would like a do pass. He said they use the discretion of the county election officials. He said that because of the accessibility requirements of HAVA and you don't have very many accessible places then it becomes necessary to do some combining.

**Senator Nelson** -Pointed out that they are some poll workers that take great ownership in the fact they are the clerks for certain districts.

**Sec. Jaeger** - Said that the inspector is the only one appointed by the auditor and political parties appoint the others.

(meter #4100)

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Senate Government and Veterans Affairs  
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Hearing Date March 18, 2005

**Senator Brown** - moved do pass

**Senator Nelson** - seconded

Passed

**Senator Nelson** will carry

(Meter #4240)

Date: 3/18/05  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1431**

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken No Pass

Motion Made By Senator Brown Seconded By Senator Nelson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Karen K. Krebsbach, Chairman	X		Carolyn Nelson	X	
Richard L. Brown, Vice Chairman	X				
Judy Lee	X				
John O. Syverson	X				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Nelson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 21, 2005 9:29 a.m.

**Module No: SR-51-5535**  
**Carrier: Nelson**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1431: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1431  
was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2005 TESTIMONY**

HB 1431

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## SECRETARY OF STATE

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January 27, 2005

TO: Representative Haas, Chairman,  
and Members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

FR: Al Jaeger, Secretary of State

RE: HB 1431- Precincts, Polling Places, and Election Officers

**Section 1:** On page 1, lines 8 and 9, this change establishes the date of December 31 in the year before an election cycle as the date by which the counties and cities must designate the voting precincts for all elections other than for a special election.

In 2004, under present law, the 70th day precinct setting deadline before the June 8 election was March 30. Had this law been in effect, the state and counties would have had 90 extra days to design ballots for each precinct and begin initial programming on the voting equipment. This change provides valuable extra time to efficiently and accurately prepare for elections.

**Section 2:** On page 1, lines 19 through 22, the change allows a county to use one election board in a polling place where several precincts meet to vote. Under present law, a separate election board must be used for each precinct even though the voters from several precincts are voting in the same location.

On page 2, lines 13 through 31, references to "precincts" are changed to "polling places" to be consistent with the change that provides for one election board to supervise a multi-precinct polling site.

**Section 3:** On page 3, lines 12 and 13, this change provides that a poll worker must be a qualified elector within the polling place boundaries rather than from within a single precinct and allows for the staffing of the election board as changed in Section 2.

The changes in Sections 2 and 3 allow for better utilization of financial and location resources, provides for easier staffing of an election board, and increases voter convenience.



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FR: Al Jaeger, Secretary of State

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Under current law, precincts must be established 70 days prior to an election. In 2004, the 70th day before the June 8 election was March 30. Had the proposed December 31 deadline date had been in effect, the state and counties would have had 90 extra days to design ballots for each precinct and begin initial programming on the voting equipment. Especially with the implementation of new voting equipment, this change provides valuable extra time to efficiently and accurately prepare for elections.

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