THE SENATE THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2017**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 3, 2017

TIME: 8:45 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>AGENDA</u>

SB 111

RELATING TO VOTING.

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Status & **Testimony**

Provides that the ballot of an absentee or military-overseas voter is valid even if the voter becomes ineligible to vote after casting the ballot. Repeals the requirement that an absentee voter's ballot be deemed invalid if the voter returns the return envelope but dies prior to the opening of polls.

SB 310

RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING.

JDL

Status & Testimony

Requires absentee ballots to be mailed not later than the closing of the polls on any election day and to be received by the clerk not later than three days following the closing of the polls on any

election day.

SB 327

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

JDL, WAM

Status & **Testimony**

Authorizes the electronic transmission of databases containing driver's license and civil identification card information to election officials and the statewide voter registration system. Requires the Office of Elections to join the Electronic Registration Information Center and share information with counties to encourage voter participation and ensure integrity of voter registration rolls. Appropriates funds.

SB 247

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

JDL, WAM

Status & **Testimony**

Requires recounts of election votes when the margin of victory is less than two hundred fifty votes or less than one per cent of the

votes cast, whichever is less.

SB 334

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

JDL, WAM

Status & **Testimony**

Enacts voting by mail uniformly across all counties for all elections commencing in 2020. Repeals and amends provisions relating to polling places, including absentee polling places. Establishes voter service centers to accommodate personal delivery of ballots. Appropriates funds.

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SB 428

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Beginning with the primary election in 2018, requires the office of elections to implement election by mail in a county with a population of fewer than 100,000 and beginning with the 2020 primary election, implement election by mail in each of the other counties for all elections. Establishes an election by mail system, including requirements for ballots, replacement ballots, deficient return of ballots, electronic transmission of replacement ballots under certain circumstances, ballot counting, voter service centers, places of deposit, and election expenses and responsibilities. Establishes procedures for postponed elections. Makes conforming amendments to provide for an election by mail system. Allows voters in an election by mail system to request that their ballots be temporarily forwarded to another address in or outside of the State for a single election or a primary or special primary election and the election immediately following it. Appropriates funds for the implementation and administration of the elections by mail program. Requires the office of elections to submit annual reports to the legislature from 2018 to 2024 regarding implementing the elections by mail program.

SB 1066

Status & Testimony

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SB 1153

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SIGNS.

Prohibits a person from posting, maintaining, displaying, or erecting any sign on public property that urges voters to vote for an election candidate. Designates the candidate that the sign urges voters to vote for as the party responsible for removing the sign. Allows the Campaign Spending Commission to impose fines for violations and place a lien against the campaign account of the candidate if the sign is not removed within 2 weeks of receipt of written notice. Allows the candidate to object to written notice of removal. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to adopt rules.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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