# MINUTES OF THE FLOOR MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

# Eighty-Second Session June 2, 2023

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair Michelle Gorelow at 1:33 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2023, behind the bar of the Assembly.

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, Chair Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Vice Chair Assemblyman Rich DeLong Assemblywoman Jill Dickman Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva Assemblywoman Cecelia González Assemblyman Brian Hibbetts Assemblyman Richard McArthur Assemblyman Cameron (C.H.) Miller Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno Assemblywoman Sabra Newby

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Assemblyman Steve Yeager (excused)

# **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst Shuruk Ismael, Committee Manager Kristi Howard, Committee Secretary

#### **Chair Gorelow:**

We have a quorum and three bills to work session. As a reminder, we heard all three just last night. Our first work session item is <u>Senate Bill 216 (2nd Reprint)</u>. Our Committee Policy Analyst will be introducing all three work session items.



**Senate Bill 216 (2nd Reprint):** Establishes provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-364)

# Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Read from Exhibit C.] Senate Bill 216 (2nd Reprint) was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections on behalf of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. It was heard in this Committee June 1, 2023. Senate Bill 216 (2nd Reprint) requires county and city clerks to schedule certain meetings with each Indian tribe located within the county or city to discuss certain details relating to the next regularly scheduled election cycle. It also authorizes the tribal liaison designated by the Secretary of State to facilitate any such meetings. Lastly, the bill requires the Secretary of State to allow a member of an Indian tribe who resides on an Indian reservation or colony to use Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections to register to vote and to request and cast a ballot. There are no amendments for this measure.

# **Chair Gorelow:**

Committee, is there any comment or discussion? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 216 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEWBY MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 216 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Committee, do you have any further discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GONZÁLEZ AND YEAGER WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Newby. With that we will close the work session for S.B. 216 (R2) and open the work session for Senate Bill 327 (2nd Reprint).

**Senate Bill 327 (2nd Reprint):** Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-892)

#### **Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Read from Exhibit D.] Senate Bill 327 (2nd Reprint) was sponsored by Senator Ohrenschall and heard in this Committee on June 1, 2023. Senate Bill 237 (2nd Reprint) requires a county or city clerk to establish a polling place and ballot drop box, or a temporary polling place for early voting, within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or colony unless an Indian tribe either elects not to have the polling place and ballot drop box or does not provide certain information relating to the establishment of the polling place and ballot drop box or temporary polling place.

The bill also authorizes a county clerk to establish additional polling places, ballot drop boxes, and temporary polling places within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony upon the request of an Indian tribe and sets forth the dates by which an Indian tribe must submit such a request. There are no amendments for this measure.

#### **Chair Gorelow:**

Committee, is there any discussion? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 327 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BRITTNEY MILLER MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 327 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Committee, do you have any further discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GONZÁLEZ AND YEAGER WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Hibbetts. With that, we will close the work session for <u>S.B. 327 (R2)</u> and open the work session for <u>Senate Bill 443 (2nd Reprint)</u>.

**Senate Bill 443 (2nd Reprint):** Revises provisions relating to voter registration. (BDR 24-842)

# Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Read from Exhibit E.] Senate Bill 443 (2nd Reprint) was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and heard in this Committee on June 1, 2023. Senate Bill 443 (2nd Reprint) requires a person to provide a driver's license or identification card issued by this State, another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, or a tribal identification card as proof of identity for purposes of registering to vote in person. The bill also requires a person who is registering to vote in person to provide proof of residency under certain circumstances and authorizes such a person to vote by provisional ballot if he or she does not have the required proof of identity.

Further, the bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in counties whose population is 100,000 or more, to: establish extended hours of operation for the two weeks immediately preceding the deadline to register to vote by mail, and for six days following the day of certain elections; and allow a person, during those same time periods, to obtain or renew a driver's license or identification card without an appointment.

Finally, the bill appropriates \$15,449 in fiscal year 2024-2025 from the State Highway Fund to the DMV for additional security costs relating to its extended hours of operation. There are no amendments for this measure.

# **Chair Gorelow:**

Committee, is there any discussion? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 443 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEWBY MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 443 (2ND REPRINT.)

ASSEMBLYMAN D'SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Committee members, is there any discussion on the motion?

# **Assemblyman McArthur:**

I still question whether tribal ID is a valid voting ID. It seems like they could use anything and still be able to vote.

# **Assemblywoman Brittney Miller:**

Tribal ID is the identification used by the tribes, which are sovereign nations. The Office of the Secretary of State has determined that using a tribal ID is valid for voting.

# **Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno:**

We have discussed this over the course of this session.

# **Assemblyman McArthur:**

Well, I am still not convinced.

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# **Chair Gorelow:**

Committee, is there any further discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN DELONG, DICKMAN, HIBBETTS, AND MCARTHUR VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman González and close the work session for <u>Senate Bill 443 (2nd Reprint)</u>. With that, we are adjourned [at 1:39 p.m.].

	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
	Kristi Howard
	Committee Secretary
APPROVED BY:	
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, Chair	
DATE:	

# **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit C is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 216 (2nd Reprint), submitted and presented by Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel.

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