

MINUTES

SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS

Monday, October 31, 2022

1:00 PM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Gary Stubblefield, Chair; Jim Hendren, Mark Johnson, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Lanny Fite, Chair; Howard Beaty, Joshua Paul Bryant, Frances Cavanaugh, Andrew Collins, Carol Dalby, Tippi McCullough, Richard McGrew, Milton Nicks, Johnny Rye, Jamie Scott, David Tollett, Kendon Underwood, and Les Warren

Other members present: Senator Kim Hammer; Representatives Bruce Coleman, Jon Eubanks, Steve Hollowell, Jack Ladyman, Fredrick Love, Aaron Pilkington, and Vivian Flowers

Representative Lanny Fite called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for the September 7, 2022, Meeting [Exhibit C]

Representative Warren made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Dalby, without objection, the minutes were approved.

Review of Act 568 of 2021 – “An Act to create the small town economic development Act: To amend the exemptions to the licensing requirements for architects; and for other purposes.” [Exhibit D]

Representative Pilkington provided an overview of Act 568 of 2021. Shana Bryant, Executive Director, Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers (ASBALAID); Wesley Walls, AIA, President, ASBALAID; Daniel Parker, Chief Legal Counsel, Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing (ADLL); Mark Whitmore, Chief Counsel, Association of Arkansas Counties; and John Wilkerson, General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League; were recognized and discussed Act 568 of 2021.

Representative Dalby made a motion that the licensing requirements for architects and the exemptions for buildings where the total cumulative and fair market value exceeds a certain dollar amount should remain at \$250,000 and not revert to \$100,000. Representative Warren, seconded the motion without objection, the motion carried.

Considering for Adoption of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) 2021-133 by Senator Hammer – “Requesting the Legislative Council to refer to the Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs request to study the creation of a state-level division dedicated to coordinating and providing assistance for local volunteer fire departments.” [Exhibit E]

Representative Dalby made a motion to adopt ISP 2021-133, seconded by Representative Warren, and without objection, the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.