

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlos Mayans at 3:30 p.m. on February 17, 2000 in Room 519-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Cindy Hermes, excused
Representative Margaret Long, excused
Representative John Toplikar, excused

Committee staff present: Michael Heim, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Guest List, Attachment 1

The minutes of the Committee meetings held on February 8 and February 10, 2000 were approved.

The Chair opened the meeting for possible action on **HB 2815** (Change in classification of cities of third class; notice to county clerk) which was approved for introduction on February 1, 2000. Theresa Kiernan explained the bill which causes the Governor, or designee, to notify the county clerk of the county (or counties) in which a city is located that it has changed from a third class city to a second class city. Representative Dahl noted there may be an error on page 1, line 24, in that the words "Provided, That." should have been stricken. Ms. Kiernan stated she believed that was a printer's error, that they should have been stricken; and since it was a printer's error, it would not preclude action on the bill. Thereupon, Representative Huff moved, and Representative Gilbert seconded, that **HB 2815** be passed favorably and placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried.

The Chair asked if the committee was ready to take action on **HB 2646** (Amendments of zoning regulations; protest petitions). Representative Flower asked why the bill was before the committee. Theresa Kiernan stated that two years ago the statute was amended to change the provisions relating to protest petitions. In so doing, a mistake was made to include the property owner requesting the rezoning which askewed the calculation for a valid protest petition. **HB 2646** corrects that provision and exempts the person requesting the rezoning (or the property in which the owner does not oppose the rezoning) from the total property calculations to determine the 20% required for a valid petition. Representative Dahl asked if the bill is passed, would there be sufficient time for the House to act on it. He was assured there was sufficient time. On motion of Representative Shriver, seconded by Representative Horst, **HB 2646** was passed favorably. Representative Larry Campbell will carry the bill on the House floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The Chair advised that the next meeting is on call.