

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS

January 24, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room 321 House Office Building

Chair Lund called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman, Pscholka, Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Absent and excused: None.

Rep. Knollenberg moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 17, 2012. The motion prevailed.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 5119 - Outman - Elections; election officials; jurisdiction in which a precinct election inspector may serve; expand.

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 5119 and HB 5127.

Shelli Weisberg representing the ACLU of Michigan

Rep. Knollenberg moved to report out HB 5119 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Pscholka, Outman, Byrum, Stanley,

Nays: Rep. Nathan,

Pass: None.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 5127 - McBroom - Elections; ballots; order of nonpartisan offices on an election ballot; modify.

Rep. McBroom moved to report out HB 5127 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman, Pscholka, Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee the following package of bills and announced that the Committee on Redistricting and Elections would only be taking testimony on the following bills at the meeting today.

HB 5058 - Knollenberg - Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; expenditures by candidate committees to defend certain officials in criminal or civil actions; limit.

HB 5059 - Tyler - Campaign finance; statements and reports; ballot question and political party committee filing requirements; modify.

HB 5061 - Jacobsen - Elections; absent voters; photograph identification; require when obtaining an absentee ballot; require ballot tracker program to be used by local governments; and require secretary of state to develop information displays indicating that ballot coaching in residential care facilities is prohibited.

HB 5062 - Forlini - Elections; other; postelection audits and continuing election education programs; add to the Michigan election law and make other miscellaneous changes to the Michigan election law.

HB 5063 - Tyler - Elections; canvassing; approval by board of canvassers prior to circulating a petition; mandate.

Chair Lund recognized Rep. Knollenberg and Rep. Tyler to explain the package of bills.

Chair Lund recognized Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State, Chris Thomas, Director of the Bureau of Elections and Chris Hackbarth, Director of Government Affairs to testify in support of the package of bills and to answer questions.

The following person testified to a neutral position on HB 5061.

Robert Stein representing the Michigan Assisted Living Association

Chair Lund recognized the following people who testified in support but still reviewing and wanting more time to work out details with the Secretary of State on HB 5058, HB 5059, HB 5061, HB 5062, HB 5063.

Lauri Braid representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks
Kristen Millard representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks

Chair Lund recognized the following person who testified in support of HB 5058 and HB 5062.

Susan Smith representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan

Chair Lund recognized the following person who testified in opposition to HB 5061.

Susan Smith representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan

Chair Lund recognized the following person who testified in support of HB 5058, HB 5059, HB 5062, HB 5063.

Shelli Weisberg representing the ACLU of Michigan

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to HB 5061 but did not want to testify.

Felicia Wasson representing AARP of Michigan

Chair Lund recognized Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State, Chris Thomas, Director of the Bureau of Elections and Chris Hackbarth, Director of Government Affairs to answer questions by members of the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Lund adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:05 a.m.

Representative Pete Lund, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk