

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS

February 7, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chair Lund called the meeting to order.

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

Absent and excuse: None.

Rep. Pscholka moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 31, 2012. The motion prevailed.

Chair Lund stated that the bills on the agenda, HB 4357 and HB 5297, are for testimony only today.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 4357 - Kowall - Elections; special elections; requirement for a special election when a vacancy occurs in the office of county commissioner during an odd numbered year; eliminate.

Chair Lund recognized Rep. Kowall and Chris Ward representing the office of Bill Bullard, Oakland County Clerk to explain HB 4357 and to answered questions by members of the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4357 but did not want to testify.

Bill Zaagman representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 5297 - Outman - Elections; absent voters; federal write-in absentee ballot; expand to include state and local candidates and ballot questions.

Chair Lund recognized Rep. Outman to explain HB 5297.

Chair Lund recognized Mike Batterbee and Chris Thomas representing the Secretary of State who testified in support of HB 5297 and answered question by members of the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

Chair Lund recognized Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk who testified in support of HB 5297.

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Chris Ward representing Bill Bullard, Oakland County Clerk.

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Lund adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:05 a.m.

Representative Pete Lund, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk