

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS

March 6, 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, Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Absent and excused was Rep. Pscholka.

Rep. Tyler moved to excuse the member that was absent. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Tyler moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 7, 2012. The motion prevailed.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 5058 - Knollenberg - Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; expenditures by candidate committee to defend certain officials in criminal or civil actions; limit.

The following person filled out a testimony card stating a neutral position on HB 5058 and did not want to testify.

Bill Kandler representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association

Rep. Nathan moved to amend HB 5058 as follows:

1. Amend page 4, line 22, after "**BENEFIT**" by inserting "**OR ARE IN ANY WAY RELATED TO**".

The motion did not prevail, the vote being 3-5-1.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Nays: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman,

Pass: None.

Rep. Knollenberg moved to report out HB 5058 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 5059 - Tyler - Campaign finance; statements and reports; ballot question and political party committee filing requirements; modify.

Chair Lund recognized the following person who testified in support of HB 5059.

Rich Robinson representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network

Rep. Tyler moved to adopt the substitute H-1 to HB 5059. The motion prevailed, the vote being 5-1-3.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman,

Nays: Rep. Nathan,

Pass: Reps. Byrum, Stanley.

Rep. Byrum moved to amend HB 5059, substitute H-1 as follows:

1. Amend page 9, following line 18, by inserting:

"(C) IN AN ODD NUMBERED YEAR:

(i) NOT LATER THAN APRIL 25 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF APRIL 20 OF THAT YEAR.

(ii) NOT LATER THAN JULY 25 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF JULY 20 OF THAT YEAR.

(iii) NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 25 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF OCTOBER 20 OF THAT YEAR.

(D) IN THE EVEN NUMBERED YEAR, NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF APRIL 20 OF THAT YEAR."

The motion did not prevail, the vote being 3-5-1.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Nays: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman,

Pass: None.

Rep. Tyler moved to report out HB 5059, substitute H-1 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 5-0-4.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman,

Nays: None,

Pass: Reps. Byrum, Nathan, Stanley.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 5063 - Tyler - Elections; canvassing; approval by board of canvassers prior to circulating a petition; mandate.

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 5063 but did not want to testify.

Tom Frazier representing the Michigan Township Association

Rep. Tyler moved to adopt the substitute H-2 to HB 5063. The motion prevailed, the vote being 5-1-3.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman,

Nays: Rep. Nathan,

Pass: Reps. Byrum, Stanley.

Rep. Byrum moved to amend HB 5063, substitute H-2 as follows:

Amend page 7, line 6, after "**FORM**" by inserting "**BECAUSE OF A DEADLOCK OR ANY OTHER REASON**".

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The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Rep. Nathan moved to amend HB 5063, substitute H-2 as follows:

1. Amend page 5, line 2, after "(1)" by striking out "A" and inserting "**BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, A**".

The motion did not prevail, the vote being 3-5-1.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Nays: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman,

Pass: None.

Rep. Tyler moved to report out HB 5063, substitute H-3 with the recommendation that it pass.
The motion prevailed, the vote being 5-3-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Lund, McBroom, Knollenberg, Tyler, Outman,

Nays: Reps. Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Pass: None.

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.

The following person filled out testimony cards in support of H 5297 but did not want to testify.

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

Rep. Outman moved to adopt the substitute H-1 to HB 5297. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Rep. Outman moved to report out HB 5297, substitute H-1 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Lund adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:50 a.m.

Representative Pete Lund, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk