

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS

June 21, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chair Lund called the meeting to order.

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

Absent and excused: None.

Rep. McBroom moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 17, 2011. The motion prevailed.

Chair Lund laid before the Committee HB 4780 - Legislature; apportionment; redistricting of congressional districts; provide for.

Rep. McBroom moved to adopt the substitute H-1 to HB 4780. The motion prevailed, the vote being 5-3-1.

### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Pass: None.

Chair Lund recognized Terry Marquardt from the Senate Republican Caucus and Dan McMaster from the House Republican Caucus to explain the map that was drawn for the congressional districts. (map attached to the minutes)

Questions followed

Chair Lund recognized the following people who testified to a neutral position to HB 4780.

Susan Smith representing the League of Women Voters

Stephanie Chang representing the Asian Pacific Islander American Vote - Michigan

Chair Lund recognized the following people who testified in opposition to HB 4780.

Alan Canady representing Congressman John Conyers  
Richard Olson representing himself  
Marjorie Mitchell representing the Michigan Universal Health Care Access Network  
Cyndi Roper representing Clean Water Action  
Jocelyn Benson representing Michigan Center for Election Law  
Christina Kuo representing Common Cause  
Dr. Jerome Reide representing the NAACP  
Kevin Rex Heine representing Independent Caucus of Kent County  
Thomas Norton representing Independent Caucus of Kent County  
Frank Houston representing the Oakland County Democratic Party

The follow person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4780 but did not want to testify.

Scott Hagersfrom representing Americans for Prosperity - Michigan

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to HB 4780 but did not want to testify.

Mark Brewer representing the Michigan Democratic Party

Rep. Stanley moved to amend HB 4780 as follows:

1. Amend page 190, line 18, after "**STATES**" by striking out the period and inserting a coma and "**AS SET FORTH IN SHAW V RENO, 509 US 630 (1993), AND SUBSEQUENT CASES CONCERNING RACIAL GERRYMANDERING, IN LIGHT OF THESE DUAL OBLIGATIONS, THE PLAN AVOIDS ANY PRACTTICE OR DISTRICT LINES THAT RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF ANY RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE OF ITS CHOICE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, DOES NOT SUBORDINATE TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING PRINCIPLES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCOMPLISING A RACIAL GERRYMANDER OR CREATE A MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICT. AS A CONSQUENCE, THE PLAN DOES NOT RESULT IN RETROGRESSION OR DILUTION OF MINORITY VOTING STRENGTH, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS CAUSE BY RELATIVE POPULATION LOSSES AND THE NEUTRAL CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SECTION 3 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING ACT, 1999 PA 221, MCL 3.63.**".

The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Rep. Byrum moved to amend HB 4780 as follows:

1. Amend page 189, line 14, after "Sec. 3." by striking out "(1)".
2. Amend page 189, line 23, by striking out all of subsection (2).

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: Rep. Scott.

Rep. McBroom moved to report out HB 4780, substitute H-2 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 6-0-3.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Reps. Byrum, Nathan, Stanley,

Pass: None.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Lund adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:45 a.m.

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Representative Pete Lund, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk