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Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, and Young
Members excused: none

Senator Robertson called the meeting to order.

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

HB 4005 Rep. Heise Elections; school; dates of school elections; require to be in November of even numbered years.

SB 427 Sen. Colbeck Elections; school; technical amendments to revised school code concerning school board elections; provide for.

Senator Young moved to adopt the minutes from September 21, 2011 by unanimous consent. By unanimous consent, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Robertson placed before the committee House Bill 4005 (Rep. Heise) and Senate Bill 427 (Sen. Colbeck). Representative Heise and Senator Colbeck testified in explanation of their bills.

Those submitting cards, but not wishing to testify, on House Bill 4005 and Senate Bill 627 were as follows:

- Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers Michigan—Oppose
- Judy Allen, representing the Oakland County Superintendents—Oppose
- Jerry Johnson, representing the Genesee County ISD—Oppose
- Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb ISD—Oppose

- Mike Batterbee, representing the Secretary of State—Support
- Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators—Oppose
- David Rondell, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators—Oppose
- Rusty Merchant, representing the Grand Rapids Public Schools—Oppose
- Bob Emerson, representing the Kent Intermediate School District—Oppose
- Joel Hondorp, Byron Township Clerk and representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks—Support

The following testified on House Bill 4005 and Senate Bill 627 and answered questions from committee members:

- Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk and representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Council of Election Officials—Support in part
- Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards—Oppose
- Carmella Sobaugh, Macomb County Clerk—Support
- Bill Bullard, Oakland County Clerk—Support
- Joe Rozell, Oakland County Elections Director—Support

The following submitted written testimony, but were not present at the meeting, on House Bill 4005 and Senate Bill 427:

- Laurel Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk (Letter on file with clerk)

Senator Hansen offered an amendment to House Bill 4005 and answered questions from committee members.

Senator Hansen moved to adopt the Hansen Amendment to House Bill 4005. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Young (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senator Brandenburg (1)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Robertson moved that House Bill 4005 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: Senator Young (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Robertson moved that the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Robertson offered an amendment to Senate Bill 427 and answered questions from committee members.

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Robertson Amendment to Senate Bill 427. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senator Young (1)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Robertson moved that Senate Bill 427 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: Senator Young (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Robertson moved that the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:28 p.m.

11/2/11
Date Approved by Committee

**An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.