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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, November 9, 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young
Members excused: none

Senator Robertson called the meeting to order.

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

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| SB 750 | Sen. Robertson | Campaign finance; statements and reports; failure to file certain campaign finance statements; modify penalties. |
| SB 751 | Sen. Robertson | Elections; qualified voter file; active and inactive qualified voter files; create, require ballot tracker program to be used by local governments, and require the secretary of state to send notice to an elector when receiving a surrendered state driver license of that elector. |
| SB 752 | Sen. Hansen | Elections; other; absent voting counting board; revise procedure, and require minor political parties to provide notice of county caucus or state convention to nominate candidates. |
| SB 753 | Sen. Brandenburg | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain campaign finance crimes; create. |
| SB 754 | Sen. Jansen | Elections; registration; photograph identification for in-person voter registration applicants; require, and provide registration and training of third-party voter registration organizations. |
| SB 803 | Sen. Booher | Elections; voters; declaration of United States citizenship when voting or applying for an absent voter ballot; require. |

Senator Young moved to adopt the minutes from November 2, 2011 by unanimous consent. By unanimous consent, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Robertson placed before the committee Senate Bills 750-754 and Senate Bill 803 (Sens. Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, Jansen and Brandenburg) for testimony.

The following testified on Senate Bills 750-754 and Senate Bill 803, and answered questions from committee members:

- Chris Thomas and Mike Batterbee, representing the Secretary of State—Support (SB 803)
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support concepts (SB 751 & 754)
- Susan Smith, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan—Oppose (SB 751)
(Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

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

11/30/11
Date Approved by Committee

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