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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 30, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

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

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Senator Robertson called the meeting to order.

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

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 Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from November 9, 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). Senator Robertson announced that there were substitutes for Senate Bills 750, 751, 752, and 754. Mike Batterbee and Chris Thomas from the Secretary of State's Office testified in explanation of the substitutes.

The following testified on Senate Bills 750-754 and Senate Bill 803:

- Susan Smith, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan—Oppose SB 754
- Joel Hondorp, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks—Neutral SB 803

The following submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bills 750-754 and Senate Bill 803:

- Joel Hondorp, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks—Support SB 750, 752, 754
- Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Oppose entire package
- Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk and representing the Michigan County Clerks Association—Support as amended and SB 751, 752, 754
- Lauri Braid, representing the Council of Election Officials—Support as amended SB 751, 752, 754
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support SB 751 (S-1), 752, & 754 (S-1)
- Christina Kuo, representing the Michigan Not for Profit Association—Oppose SB 751 and 754
- Anita Dawson, representing the A. Philip Randolph Institute—Oppose entire package

The following submitted written testimony, but were not present, on Senate Bills 750-754 and Senate Bill 803:

- Anika Fassia, Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote – Michigan—Oppose SB 754
- Common Cause Michigan, Demos, Fair Elections Legal Network, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Michigan Center for Election Law and Administration, and Project Vote—Oppose SB 754, 751, 803

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute to Senate Bill 750. 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Young moved that Senate Bill 750 (S-1) be reported out of committee 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

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 Meekhof moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute to Senate Bill 751. 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: Senator Young (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 751 (S-1) be reported out of committee 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (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 Brandenburg moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute to Senate Bill 752. 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 752 (S-1) be reported out of committee 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

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 Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 753 be reported out of committee 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

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 the S-1 Substitute to Senate Bill 754.

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Robertson Amendment to the S-1 Substitute to Senate bill 754. 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute as amended to Senate bill 754. 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: Senator Young (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 754 (S-1) 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, Meekhof, 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 Young offered two amendments to Senate Bill 803.

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Young Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 803. 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)

Nays: none (0)  
Pass: none (0)  
Excused: none (0)

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Young Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 803. 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)  
Nays: none (0)  
Pass: none (0)  
Excused: none (0)

Senator Brandenburg moved that Senate Bill 803 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)  
Nays: none (0)  
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 3:25 p.m.

January 25, 2012  
Date Approved by Committee

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