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MINUTES

Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg
Members absent: None
Members excused: Senator Young

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

Adoption of May 17, 2012 minutes

HB 5058 Rep. Knollenberg Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; expenditures by candidate committees to defend certain officials in criminal or civil actions; limit.

HB 5142 Rep. Ouimet Economic development; corridor improvement; certain joint authorities; provide for.

HB 5573 Rep. Forlini Townships; charter; establishment and maintenance of a free public library; revise population threshold.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from May 17, 2012, by unanimous consent; being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5058. There was an S-1 version before the members. Senator Robertson gave a brief overview of the changes in the S-1.

Testimony had been taken on the bill at a previous meeting.

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of House Bill 5058. Support was offered by Senator Robertson.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the S-1 version of House Bill 5058 with recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Robertson.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5058; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5142. There was an S-1 version before the members. Senator Robertson gave a brief overview of the changes in the S-1.

Testimony had been taken on the bill at a previous meeting.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Jill Larder, on behalf of Representative Oiumet
- Kirk Profit, City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, City of Ann Arbor, and Washtenaw County
- James McBryde, MI Economic Development Corp.

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of House Bill 5142. Support was offered by Senator Robertson.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the S-1 version of House Bill 5142 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5142; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5573.

Sonny Koch, legislative aide for Representative Forlini, gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted cards in support but did not wish to speak:

- Lisa Hansknecht, MI Department of Education/Library of MI
- Tom Frazier, MI Townships Association

As this was the first week the bill was before the committee, the Chair advised members they would take testimony only for the day and consider voting on it at the following meeting.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:09 p.m..

Date Approved by Committee: June 6, 2012

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