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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

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

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of the minutes from the February 27, 2013 meeting
 - SB 336 Sen. Schuitmaker Torts; governmental immunity; liability for sewer system backups; require amount of economic damages to be determined by a hearing officer.
 - SB 283 Sen. Meekhof Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; annual signature requirement for political action committees checkoff for payroll deductions; eliminate.
 - HB 4169 Rep. Pagel Elections; canvassing; reference in general law village act to board of village canvassers and board of township canvassers; revise to board of county canvassers.
 - HB 4170 Rep. Cotter Elections; canvassing; reference in community college act of 1966 to board of city or township canvassers; eliminate.
 - HB 4171 Rep. Jacobsen Elections; canvassing; elimination of local boards of canvassers and amendment of process to balance precinct results; provide for.
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At the time of the roll call the following members were present: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, and Young.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt minutes from the February 27, 2013 meeting; support was offered by Senator Young. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bills 4169-71.

Testimony was offered by the following staff from Representatives Pagel, Cotter, Jacobsen, respectively:

- Will Wagner
- Matthew Golden
- Mike Compagnoni

The following individuals gave testimony on HBs 4169-71:

- Justin Roebuck, Ottawa County Clerk—Support
- Sue de Steigure, Kent County—Support
- Mary Clark, Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, Legislative Committee—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HBs 4169-71 but did not wish to speak:

- Mike Batterbee, Michigan Secretary of State—Support
- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk—Support

Senator Robertson advised members he would hold all voting until the end of the meeting.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 283. Senator Meekhof gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SB 283 but did not wish to speak:

- Mike Batterbee, Michigan Secretary of State—Neutral
- Jim Kirsch, AT&T—Support
- Tiffany Watrous, Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- Tricia Kinley, Michigan Chamber—Support

Senator Robertson called a recess.

Senator Young left the room.

Senator Brandenburg arrived.

Senator Robertson reconvened the meeting.

Senator Robertson announced Senate Bill 336 was being added to the agenda and requested a motion to have the bill re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to have Senate Bill 336 re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson recessed the meeting.

Senator Young arrived.

Senator Robertson reconvened the meeting.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report House Bill 4169 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4169; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 4170 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4170; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report House Bill 4171 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4171; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

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Senator Meekhof made a motion to report Senate Bill 283 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 283; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:17 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 22, 2013

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