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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

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

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of the minutes from the October 2, 2013 meeting
- SB 21 Sen. Hopgood Economic development; downtown development authorities; requirement for historic commission approval regarding proposed changes to the exterior of historical sites; provide for.
- SB 22 Sen. Hopgood Housing; other; state historic preservation office; create in statute.
- SB 437 Sen. Nofs Local government; intergovernmental affairs; separate legal entities provided in interlocal agreements under the urban cooperation act of 1967; clarify.
- HB 4622 Rep. Pscholka Drains; districts; siting procedure for drainage district boundaries; modify.
- HB 4793 Rep. Pscholka Drains; other; provisions superseded by uniform condemnation procedures act; eliminate.

When the meeting was called to order, only Senators Robertson and Meekhof were present.

Senator Robertson announced the first item on the agenda was Senate Bills 21-22. Senator Hopgood gave members a brief overview of the legislation.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding SBs 21-22:

- Greg Saxton, Michigan Historic Preservation Network

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SBs 21-22 but did not wish to speak:

- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association—Neutral
- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League—Neutral
- Jennifer Bowman, Michigan State Housing Development Authority/State Historic Preservation Office—Support

The Chair informed members that they would be taking testimony on the rest of the bills, have the committee stand at ease at the call of the chair, and return for voting after session adjourned.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 437. Senator Nofs, accompanied by Sgt. Dwayne Gill, and Lt. Tim Gill of the Michigan State Police, gave members an overview of the bill.

The Chair informed members they would not be voting on the bill at this meeting.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bills 4622 and 4793. Representative Pscholka, accompanied by Stacy Hissong of the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, gave members an overview of the bills.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards regarding House Bills 4622 & 4793 but did not wish to speak:

- Derek Bajema & Mike Grogg, Department of Agriculture & Rural Development—Support
- Alan Helmkamp, Wayne County Department of Public Services—Support (HB 4622 only)
- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau—Support in concept
- Michigan Municipal League—Support (HB 4622 only)

The Chair informed members they would not be voting on the bills at this meeting.

Senator Robertson made a motion to stand at ease at the call of the chair at 9:04 a.m.; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson called the meeting back to order at 12:05 p.m.

When the clerk called the roll, the following members were present: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, and Brandenburg.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 21.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 21 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 21; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 22.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 22 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 22; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 12:08 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: November 14, 2013