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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young
Members absent: None
Members excused: None

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of the minutes from the November 14, 2013 meeting
- SB 437 Sen. Nofs Local government; intergovernmental affairs; separate legal entities provided in interlocal agreements under the urban cooperation act of 1967; clarify.
- SB 574 Sen. Jones Local government; other; opt-in provision for eligibility as a foreclosing governmental unit; allow.
- SB 472 Sen. Walker Property; boundaries; state survey and remonumentation act; modify.
- HB 4208 Rep. Zorn Local government; other; resort district board members; revise residency requirement.

At the time roll was called the following members were present: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, and Brandenburg.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the first item on the agenda was Senate Bill 437. He reminded members testimony had been taken at the October 31, 2013 meeting. Senator Nofs was available for questions.

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to report Senate Bill 437 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 437; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 574. Sandra McCormick, chief of staff for Senator Jones, gave members an overview of the bill and the changes in the S-2 version before them.

Senator Young arrived at 8:38 a.m.

The following individuals testified before the members regarding SB 574:

- Bob Robinson, Eaton County Treasurer—Support
- Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SB 574 but did not wish to speak:

- Andrew Doerr, MI Association of County Treasurers—Support
- Deena Bosworth, MI Association of Counties—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 574.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 574 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 574; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 4208. Representative Zorn gave members a brief overview of the legislation.

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report House Bill 4208 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4208; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 472. Senator Walker gave members a brief overview of the legislation.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding SB 472:

- John Matonich, MI Society of Professional Surveyors—Support
- Frank Waters, Irv Poke, Keith Lambert, Chris Beland, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs—Opposed
- Brian Reynolds, Barry County Surveyor—Support
- Martin Dunn, Macomb County Remonumentation Program—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on SB 472 but did not wish to speak:

- Arthur Brintnall, MI Society of Professional Surveyors—Support
- Nancy McClain, MI Society of Professional Engineers—Support
- Andrew Hartwick, St. Joseph County Remonumentation Program—Support

Senator Robertson advised members they would not be voting on the bill at this meeting.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:52 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: December 11, 2013

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