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**COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND**  
**ELECTIONS**  
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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m.

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

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Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of the minutes from the March 5, 2014 meeting
  - SB 680 Sen. Kowall Natural resources; inland lakes; county authority to designate use of public road end for purpose of installing a seasonal dock; prohibit county road commission from exercising.
  - SB 733 Sen. Kowall Torts; governmental immunity; liability for injuries to a pedestrian on road right-of-way; modify.
  - HB 4478 Rep. Schor Elections; voters; signature stamp; allow, and define physical disability.
  - HB 5152 Rep. Lyons Elections; petitions; signature, date of signing, and street address on a nominating petition; require elector to include, and prohibit the release of any part of a registered elector's social security number.
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Senator Young made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced Senate Bill 733 was being removed from the agenda.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 680 and advised members there was an S-1 before them. Senator Kowall gave members an overview of the bill and the changes in the S-1.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SB 680, their position is indicated below:

- Patrick Springstead, Higgins Lake Property Owners Assn—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SB 680 but did not wish to speak:

- Scott Brown, Michigan Lakes & Streams Assn—Support
- Bob Frye, Michigan Waterfront Alliance—Support
- Elizabeth Lieberman, Walloon Lake Assn—Support
- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Assn—Support

Senator Robertson advised members that all votes would be taken at the end of the meeting.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 4478 and advised members there was an amendment before them. Karissa Chabot-Purchase, legislative aide for Representative Schor, gave members an overview of the bill and advised members of the Representative's support for the amendment being proposed.

Senator Robertson gave members a brief overview of the amendment.

The following individuals testified before members regarding HB 4478, their position is indicated below:

- Marie McKenna-Wicks, City Clerk, City of East Lansing—Support
- Ruth Linnemann, National Multiple Sclerosis Society-MI Chapter—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HB 4478 but did not wish to speak:

- Robert Swartz, volunteer with the Multiple Sclerosis Society-MI Chapter—Support
- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Paul Palmer, Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council—Support
- Mike Batterbee, Secretary of State—Support
- Charlie Pryde, Ford Motor Company—Support as amended
- Bill Zaagman, Michigan Association of County Clerks—Support

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 5152 and advised members there was a substitute before them.

The following individuals testified before members regarding HB 5152, their position is indicated below:

- Mike Batterbee, Secretary of State—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Neutral with changes

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HB 5152 but did not wish to speak:

- Bill Zaagman, Michigan Association of County Clerks—Support

At 3:42 p.m. Senator Robertson made a motion to recess the committee at the call of the chair; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

At 3:48 p.m. Senator Robertson made a motion to call the meeting back to order; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 680.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 680 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 680; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the Robertson amendment to House Bill 4478.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report House Bill 4478 as amended 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 House Bill 4478; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of House Bill 5152

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the (S-2) version of House Bill 5152 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5152; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:50 p.m.

**Date Approved by Committee: April 30, 2014**

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