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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.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 June 4, 2014 meeting

HB 5160 Rep. Price Property tax; payment and collection; liability for collection of taxes; modify.

HB 5457 Rep. Lane Counties; charter; number of charter commissioners required for counties with a population over 600,000; modify.

SB 495 Sen. Casperson State financing and management; other; implementation of section 29 of article IX of the state constitution; provide for, and repeal 1979 PA 101.

SB 496 Sen. Jansen Administrative procedure; rules; delegation of legislative authority that violates constitutional prohibition against unfunded mandates; nullify under certain circumstances.

SB 497 Sen. Meekhof Legislature; committees; local government mandate panel; create, and prescribe its duties.

SB 498	Sen. Robertson	Civil procedure; other; procedures for actions under sections 25 to 32 of article IX of the state constitution; revise.
SB 1082	Sen. Robertson	Drains; maintenance and improvement; landowner permission to provide maintenance work on a nondrain district; allow.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting; support was offered by Senator Brandenburg. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bills 495-498. There were substitutes before the members, and the Chairman reminded members testimony been taken at the April 30, 2014 meeting.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SBs 495-498:

- Deena Bosworth and Mike Hanley, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards—Support
- Dennis Pollard, an attorney representing Michigan's public school districts—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SBs 495-498 but did not wish to speak:

- Rebecca Rocho, Calhoun Intermediate School District—Support
- Tom Ford, Luce County—Support
- Samantha Harkins, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Mike Hansen, Michigan Community College Association—Support
- Scott Erbisich, County of Marquette—Support
- Representative Eileen Kowall—Support
- Speaker Pro Tem John Walsh—Support
- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Stephen Adamini, County of Marquette—Support
- Bob Kefgen, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 495 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Brandenburg.

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 495 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Young.

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 495; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 496 with recommendation that it pass.

Support was offered by Senator Brandenburg

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 496 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Young.

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 496; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 497 with recommendation that it pass.

Support was offered by Senator Brandenburg.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 497 with recommendation that it pass.

Support was offered by Senator Meekhof.

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 497; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 498 with recommendation that it pass.

Support was offered by Senator Meekhof.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 498 with recommendation that it pass.

Support was offered by Senator Young.

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 498; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 5160. Representative Price gave members and overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before members regarding HB 5160:

- Andy Meisner, Mary Balkema, and Brad Slagh, Michigan Association of County Treasurers—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HB 5160 but did not wish to speak:

- Paul Connors, Department of Treasury—Support
- Deena Bosworth, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Jerry Poisson, Chief Deputy, Oakland County Executive—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to report House Bill 5160 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Meekhof.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5160; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 5457. Representative Lane gave members a brief overview of the bill.

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report House Bill 5457 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Young.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Roberson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5457; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 1082. Senator Robertson gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SB 1082:

- Jeffrey Barat, a constituent from Senator Robertson's district—Support
- Stacy Hissong, Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SB 1082 but did not wish to speak:

- Deena Bosworth, Michigan Association of Counties and Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners—Support
- Derek Bajema, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to report Senate Bill 1082 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Meekhof.

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 1082; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:47 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: October 1, 2014

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