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SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS
DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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 October 1, 2014 meeting

SB 1167 Sen. Robertson Elections; petitions; requirement for petition circulators to be registered electors; eliminate.

HB 5684 Rep. Pscholka Drains; districts; acquisitions of interests in real or personal property by a drainage district; authorize.

HB 5685 Rep. Pscholka Drains; districts; intercounty drainage districts; modify application process.

HB 5686 Rep. Pscholka Drains; districts; drainage issues caused by highway construction or maintenance; authorize establishment of a drainage district.

HB 4833 Rep. Heise Elections; recounts; recount deposit; increase.

HB 5045 Rep. Cotter Vehicles; other; use of golf carts on local streets; allow under certain circumstances.

HB 5812 Rep. Yonker	Property; conveyances; electronic recording commission; modify meeting requirements.
SB 1159 Sen. Richardville	Elections; primary; presidential primary election date; revise.
SB 1160 Sen. Richardville	Elections; primary; presidential primary election date; revise.
SB 1155 Sen. Robertson	Elections; scheduling; election of county executive in a county with a population of more than 1,000,000; modify election schedule to the gubernatorial election years.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bills 5684 - 5686. Kirstie Sieloff, legislative aide for Representative Pscholka, gave members an overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified before members regarding HBs 5684-86:

- Stacy Hissong, Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HBs 5684-86 but did not wish to speak:

- John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Andrew Vermeesch, Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Brad Deacon, Department of Agriculture & Rural Development—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report House Bill 5684 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Robertson.

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 5684; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 5685 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 5685; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report House Bill 5686 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 5686; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 4833.

The following individuals testified before members regarding HB 4833:

- Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks—Support
- Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HB 4833 but did not wish to speak:

- Bill Zaagman, Michigan Association of County Clerks/Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks—Support
- Mike Batterbee, Secretary of State—Neutral

Being no further testimony, Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 4833 with recommendation that it pass.

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 4833; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 5812. Brian Sapita, legislative aide for Representative Yonker, gave memers an overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before members regarding HB 5812:

- Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk/Electronic Recording Commission—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HB 5812 but did not wish to speak:

- Scott Starr, Department of Management Budget and Technology—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 5812 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Robertson.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bradenburg made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5812; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 5045. Neal Bishop, legislative aide for Representative Cotter, gave memers an overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HB 5045 but did not wish to speak:

- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michgian Townships Association—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 5045 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 5045; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 1167.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SB 1167:

- Mike Batterbee and Chris Thomas, Secretary of State—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 1167.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 1167 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1167; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bills 1159-60.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SB 1159-60:

- Eric Doster, Michigan Republican Party—Support

Senator Robertson advised members he was offering an amendment for each bill.

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the amendment to Senate Bill 1159.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report Senate Bill 1159, as amended, with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1159; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

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

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the amendment to Senate Bill 1160.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report Senate Bill 1160, as amended, with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1160; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

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

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 1155.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SB 1155:

- Dave VanderVeen—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 1155.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof

Nays: None

Pass: Senators Brandenburg, Young

The motion failed.

Senator Robertson had the committee stand at ease at 3:46 p.m.

Senator Robertson called the meeting back to order at 3:48 p.m.

Senator Robertson made a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 1155 failed.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 1155.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 1155 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1155; 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:

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