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**Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Brandenburg, and Young  
Members excused: Senator Hansen

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Senator Robertson called the meeting to order.

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

SB 212 Sen. Kahn Fire; other; firefighter training programs in schools and organized fire departments; provide for.

Presentation by the Michigan Association of Counties

Clerk's Presentation by Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk, and Joel Hondorp, Byron Township Clerk

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt the minutes from February 16, 2011 by unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Robertson placed before the committee Senate Bill 212 (Kahn). Senator Robertson announced that there would only be testimony on the bill at the meeting.

Jon Cool, Chief of Staff for Senator Kahn, testified in explanation of the bill. Mr. Cool then brought up Fire Chief Tom Quaderer from Maple Grove to give further explanation. Chief Quaderer then answered questions from the committee members.

Ronald Farr, State Fire Marshall and representing the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Farr then answered questions from the committee members.

Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk, and Joel Hondorp, Byron Township Clerk, gave a presentation to the committee on the duties of the County and Municipal/Township Clerk and their legislative priorities. Ms. Hollinrake and Mr. Hondorp then answered questions from the committee.

Deena Bosworth and Ben Bodkin from the Michigan Association of Counties gave a presentation to the committee on their organization and legislative priorities. Ms. Bosworth and Mr. Bodkin then answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Robertson moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 4:10 pm.

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Date Approved by Committee

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