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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, June 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02
Members present: Senators Robertson, Brandenburg and Young
Members excused: Senator Hansen

Senator Robertson called the meeting to order.

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

HB 4347 Rep. Zorn	Property tax; other; use of county general funds raised from property taxes; allow transfer to county road fund for road improvements.
HB 4436 Rep. Johnson	Property tax; payment and collection; requirement that township offices remain open on certain days for tax payments; apply to payment of a summer tax levy.

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt the minutes from April 13, 2011 by unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Robertson placed before the committee House Bill 4347 (Rep. Zorn)

Rep. Zorn testified in explanation and support of his bill along with his guest, J. Henry Lievens, representing the Monroe County Commission. (Rep. Zorn also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk). Both then answered questions from the committee members.

Those submitting cards, but not wishing to testify, on House Bill 4347 were as follows:

- Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan—Support

Senator Robertson announced that the committee would hold off voting on the bill due to Senator Hansen's absence, and would vote on the bill at the following committee.

Senator Robertson placed before the committee House Bill 4436 (Rep. Johnson).

Ben Frederich, representing Rep. Johnson, testified in explanation of the bill and answered questions from the committee members.

Those submitting cards, but not wishing to testify, on House Bill 4436 were as follows:

- Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Neutral
- Paul G. Connors, representing the Administration/Department of Treasury—Neutral

Senator Young moved that House Bill 4436 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Brandenburg, Young (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hansen (1)

Senator Brandenburg moved that the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

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

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:23 pm.

6/8/11

Date Approved by Committee

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