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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 Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg and Young
Members excused: none

Senator Robertson called the meeting to order.

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

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| SB 485 | Sen. Pappageorge | Cities; home rule; minimum staffing requirements for city employees; prohibit. |
| SB 486 | Sen. Meekhof | Counties; boards and commissions; minimum staffing requirements for county employees; prohibit. |
| SB 487 | Sen. Brandenburg | Counties; charter; minimum staffing requirements for county employees; prohibit. |
| SB 488 | Sen. Robertson | Counties; other; minimum staffing requirements for employees of an optional unified form of county government; prohibit. |
| SB 489 | Sen. Hildenbrand | Townships; charter; minimum staffing requirements for charter township employees; prohibit. |
| SB 490 | Sen. Caswell | Townships; general law; minimum staffing requirements for township employees; prohibit. |
| SB 491 | Sen. Robertson | Villages; home rule; minimum staffing requirements for village employees; prohibit. |

SB 492 Sen. Booher Villages; general law; minimum staffing requirements for village employees; prohibit.

Senator Hansen moved to adopt the minutes from June 15, 2011 by unanimous consent. By a record roll call vote, the minutes were adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen and Young

Nays: None

Absent: Senator Brandenburg

Senator Robertson placed before the committee Senate Bills 485-492.

Senator Robertson called forth Jamie Clover Adams, Director of the Senate Majority Policy Office, to testify in explanation of the bills and amendments. Ms. Adams then answered questions from committee members.

Those submitting cards, but not wishing to testify, on Senate Bills 485-492 were as follows:

- Shelly Edgerton, representing the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs—Support
- Tim Sowton, representing the Business Leaders for Michigan—Support

The following testified on Senate Bills 485-492 and answered questions from committee members:

- Samantha Harkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Mark Docherty, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union—Neutral (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Oppose (Submitted card only for SB 489 and SB 490)

Senator Robertson announced that the committee would stand at ease until after session.

Senator Robertson recessed the committee at 9:36 a.m.

Senator Robertson reconvened the committee at 4:09 p.m.

Senator Hansen moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 485. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

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

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Brandenburg moved that Senate Bill 485 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)
Nays: Senator Young (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 486. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Senator Hansen moved that Senate Bill 486 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)
Nays: Senator Young (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 487. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Senator Hansen moved that Senate Bill 487 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)
Nays: Senator Young (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 488. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)
Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Senator Hansen moved that Senate Bill 488 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)
Nays: Senator Young (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Hansen moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 489. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Senator Hansen moved to adopt amendment #2 to Senate Bill 489. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Senator Brandenburg moved that Senate Bill 489 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)
Nays: Senator Young (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 490. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Hansen, Brandenburg, Young (4/4)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Senator Brandenburg moved that Senate Bill 490 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: Senator Young (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 491. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

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

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Hansen moved that Senate Bill 491 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: Senator Young (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Hansen moved to adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 492. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the amendment was adopted. Voting as follows:

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

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Brandenburg moved that Senate Bill 492 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Hansen, Brandenburg (3/4)

Nays: Senator Young (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 4:18 p.m.

7/13/11
Date Approved by Committee

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