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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, January 25, 2012, 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, Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young

Members excused: None

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Senator Robertson called the meeting to order.

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

SB 823 Sen. Robertson Elections; other; general amendments; provide for.

SB 824 Sen. Robertson Campaign finance; campaign practices; multisection revisions; provide for.

SB 825 Sen. Robertson Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain Michigan election law violations; enact.

HB 5085 Rep. Shirkey Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; certain payroll deduction plans used to collect a contribution; prohibit.

HB 5086 Rep. Opsommer Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; prohibition on using public resources to establish or administer certain payroll deduction plans; provide for.

Senator Young moved to adopt the minutes from November 30, 2011, by unanimous consent; support was offered by Senator Meekhof. By unanimous consent, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Robertson placed before the committee Senate Bills 823-825 and House Bills 5085-86.

Eric Doster, representing Michigan Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the bills. (SB 823-24, HB 5085-86).

Lauri Braid, Shiawassee County Clerk, and President of Michigan Association of County Clerks, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill 823.

Eric Doster testified a following time to address concerns that had been raised.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on the bills, position listed below:

- Chris Hackbarth, office of the Michigan Secretary of State (HB 5085-85) SUPPORT
- Amanda Fisher, National Federation of Independent Business, (HB 5085-86) SUPPORT
- Robert LaBrant, Michigan Chamber of Commerce (SB 823-24, HB 5086-86), SUPPORT

Senator Robertson indicated that the bills would be brought before the members at the next meeting.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:35 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: **February 1, 2012**

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