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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, February 1, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young

Members excused: None

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 Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from January 25, 2012, by unanimous consent; being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

Senator Robertson gave remarks on the bills that were before the members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on the bills, their position follows:

- Bill Zaagman, Michigan Association of County Clerks, (SB 823 S-1), SUPPORT
- Bill Zaagman, Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, (SB 823 S-1), SUPPORT
- Bill Bullard Jr., Oakland County Clerk, (SB 823 S-1), SUPPORT
- Mike Batterbee, Michigan Secretary of State, (SB 823-24), NEUTRAL

Senator Robertson provided the members with 2 amendments to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 823.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the first Robertson amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 823.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the second Robertson amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 823.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version as amended of Senate Bill 823.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the (S-1) version as amended of Senate Bill 823 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 823; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson requested that the Legislative Service Bureau provide a clean substitute of Senate Bill 823 to include the changes approved by the committee.

Senator Robertson provided the members with an amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 824.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the Robertson amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 824.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version as amended of Senate Bill 824.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the (S-1) version as amended of Senate Bill 824 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 824; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson requested that the Legislative Service Bureau provide a clean substitute of Senate Bill 824 to include the changes approved by the committee.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report Senate Bill 825 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 825; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson provided the members with an amendment for House Bill 5085.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt his amendment to House Bill 5085.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 5085 as amended with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5085; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson provided the members with an amendment for House Bill 5085.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt his amendment to House Bill 5086.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report House Bill 5086 as amended with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5086; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:25 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 2, 2012

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