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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg, Young
Members absent: None
Members excused: None

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of June 13, 2012 minutes
- SB 810 Sen. Hansen Elections; local; village elections to be held in November; require, and permit cities to hold elections in even years.
- SB 811 Sen. Hansen Villages; general law; references to September primary election; remove.
- SB 1220 Sen. Schuitmaker Torts; governmental immunity; liability for sewer system backups; require amount of economic damages to be determined by a hearing officer.

Senator Young moved to adopt the minutes from June 13, 2012 by unanimous consent; being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bills 810-811. He advised members that there was a conflict substitute (S-2) of Senate Bill 810 before them.

Senator Hansen gave members an overview of the bills.

The following individual offered testimony regarding the bills:

- Chris Swope, MI Association of Municipal Clerks / Council of Election Officials

The following individuals submitted a card, but did not wish to speak on the bills

- Mike Batterbee and Chris Thomas, Michigan Secretary of State—Support
- Bill Zaagman, MI Association of County Clerks—Support

Senator Robertson advised members that they would not be voting on the bill at this meeting.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1220.

Rebecca DeVooght, Chief of Staff for Senator Schuitmaker, gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding the bill:

- Joyce Parker, Joe Galvin, and Karen Folks, City of Ecorse—Support
- Jason Mancini, MI Municipal League—Opposed as introduced

Senator Robertson advised members that they would not be voting on the bill at this meeting.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:27 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: November 8, 2012

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