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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, December 05, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

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

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of November 8, 2012 minutes
- HB 5801 Rep. Franz State; interstate compacts and agreements; state and province emergency management assistance agreement; establish.
- HB 4115 Rep. Jenkins Townships; employees and officers; administering oath of office; allow township supervisor to perform.
- HB 5839 Rep. Knollenberg Property tax; delinquent taxes; county treasurer's collection of a commission on delinquent property taxes; eliminate.
- HB 4838 Rep. Tyler State; interstate compacts and agreements; mutual aid agreements for certain emergencies; allow.
- HB 5404 Rep. Zorn Land use; land division; landlocked cemeteries; prohibit in land division and platting processes.
- HB 5269 Rep. Hughes Occupations; notaries public; crimes requiring revocation of notary's commission; revise.
- HB 4800 Rep. Walsh Education; intermediate school districts; timing and manner for submitting regional enhancement property tax question to the intermediate school electors in certain large intermediate school districts; modify.

- SB 1244 Sen. Jones Communications; broadcasting; local zoning restrictions for amateur radio; require to conform to federal regulations.
- HB 5047 Rep. Haugh Property tax; assessments; use of computerized database as tax roll; allow for county treasurers.

Senator Robertson advised members they would not be voting until all testimony had been heard.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5801.

The following individual offered verbal testimony concerning HB 5801:

- Sgt. Dwayne Gill, MI State Police (MSP)—Support
- Capt. W. Thomas Sands, MSP, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division—Support

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4115.

Testimony had been taken on the bill at the previous meeting and there were no new cards submitted.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5839.

Tim Lee, staff member for Representative Knollenberg, gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following people submitted testimony cards on HB 5839 but did not wish to speak:

- Jennifer Bowman, MI State Housing Development Authority—Support
- Steven Liedel, Michigan Association of County Treasurers—Oppose

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4838.

Testimony had been taken on the bill at the previous meeting

The following person submitted a testimony card on HB 4838 but did not wish to speak:

- Sgt. Dwayne Gill, MI State Police—Support

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5404.

Testimony had been taken on the bill at the previous meeting and there were no new cards submitted.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5269.

James Biehl, staff member for Representative Hughes, gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following person offered testimony on HB 5269:

- Mike Batterbee, MI Secretary of State—Support

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4800.

The following person offered verbal testimony on HB 4800:

- Christopher Wigent, Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency—Support

The following people submitted testimony cards on HB 4800 but did not wish to speak:

- Kate McAuliffe, Washtenaw, Monroe, Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Intermediate School Districts—Support
- Robert LeFevre, Macomb Intermediate School District—Support
- Emily Laid Law, MI Association of Intermediate School Administrators—Support
- Lisa Hansknecht, Oakland Schools—Support

Senator Roberson advised members they would not be voting on this issue at this meeting.

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1244.

Ryan Luke, staff member for Senator Jones, gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following people offered verbal testimony on SB 1244:

- Ed Hude and Larry Camp, American Radio Relay League—Support
- Nikki Brown, MI Municipal League—Oppose

Senator Robertson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5047.

Zvonko Blazevski, staff member for Representative Haugh, gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following people submitted testimony cards regarding HB 5047 but did not wish to speak:

- Paul Connors, MI Department of Treasury—Support
- Steven Liedel, Michigan Association of County Treasurers —Support

Being no further testimony, the Chair began taking votes.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report HB 5801 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5801; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report HB 4115 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4115; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report HB 5839 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

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Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5839; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report HB 4838 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4838; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report HB 5404 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5404; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report HB 5269 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5269; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of SB 1244.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the S-1 version of SB 1244 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 1244 (S-1); being no objection, the motion prevailed.

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Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report HB 5047 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5047; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to excuse the absent member; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson adjourned the committee meeting without objection at 3:44 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee:

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