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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 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 the minutes from the May 22, 2013 meeting
- SB 313 Sen. Robertson Housing; inspection; inspection fees, inspection intervals, registration fees, and local units subject to housing law; modify.
- SB 546 Sen. Robertson Libraries; other; election of library boards; modify, and make other general revisions.
- SB 307 Sen. Bieda Cities; public services; population threshold for qualified city in the police and fire protection act; modify to 70,000.

At the time of the roll call the following members were present: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt minutes from the May 22, 2013 meeting. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 307. Senator Bieda was joined by Samantha Hawkins, Michigan Municipal League and Steven Duchane, City Manager of the

City of Eastpointe, to give testimony on SB 307. The three then answered questions for committee members. gave members a brief overview of the bill.

Senator Young offered a substitute to Senate Bill 307 and gave a brief explanation of the changes proposed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Young made a motion to adopt the substitute to Senate Bill 307.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report Senate Bill 307 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 307; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 546 and invited Joe Rozell, Director of Elections for Oakland County and of the Michigan Association of County Clerks, forward to explain the legislation. He then answered questions for committee members.

The following individual submitted a testimony card indicating their position on SB 546 but did not wish to speak:

- Chris Hackbarth, Secretary of State – Support

Senator Robertson offered an amendment to Senate Bill 546 and gave a brief explanation of the changes proposed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the Robertson amendment to Senate Bill 546.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report Senate Bill 546 as amended as a clean substitute

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg, and Young

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 546; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 313. He invited Forrest Wall, of the Home Builders Association of Southeast Michigan, Allen Amber, of Amber Properties Company, Gerald Clixby, of Orchard Woods Apartments, and Tom Shumaker, of the Apartment Association of Michigan forward to explain the bill and answer questions for committee members.

The following individuals gave testimony in opposition to SB 313:

- Patrick Burtch, City of Jackson
- Tomas Bell, City of Marquette
- Connie Bohatch, City of Grand Rapids
- Dennis Diffenderfer, City of Jackson
- Tricia Drier, City of Holland
- Pat McGinnis, City of Grand Haven
- Chief Lary Lamb, City of Niles
- Jeffrey Bowdell, Municipal Consultants
- Mark Graham, Delta Township
- Randy Hannan, Chief of Staff for Lansing Mayor Bernero
- Kelly Figueiredo, Delta Township
- Jeff Chamberlain, City of Kalamazoo
- Greg Walterhouse, City of Mount Pleasant and Union Township
- Donald Gilmet, City of Alpena
- John Elsinga, Delhi Township
- Scott Sanford, City of Lansing Code Enforcement
- Tracey Tucker, Charter Township of Flint
- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League
- Rita Fulton, Pittsfield Township
- Bethany Smith, City of Jackson
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association

Tracey Tucker, of the Flint Charter Township Municipal League submitted a testimony card wishing to speak as neutral on the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of SB 313 but did not wish to speak:

- Mia McNeil, Property Management Association of Michigan
- Bill Zaagman of GCSI, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks
- Brad Ward, Michigan Association of Realtors
- Bill Beddoes, Rental Property Owners Association
- Louis Sesti, Rental Property Owners Association Michigan
- Tom Koestier, Rental Properties Owner Association
- David Phillip, Rental Properties Owner Association

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition of SB 313 but did not wish to speak:

- Mickey Knight, City of Muskegon
- Nathan Triplett and Annette Irwin, City of East Lansing
- Bill Zaagman of GCSI, representing the City of Southfield
- Kenneth Cole of GCSI, representing the City of Detroit, City of Ecorse, and the City of Inkster
- Peter Ruddell, City of Kalamazoo

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 313.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 313 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 313; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 5:17 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: October 31, 2013

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