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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m.

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

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of the minutes from the October 31, 2013 meeting
- SB 440 Sen. Robertson Campaign finance; statements and reports; threshold for candidate committee to file electronically; reduce.
- SB 441 Sen. Robertson Campaign finance; statements and reports; electronic filing and internet disclosure system; allow counties to adopt.
- SB 661 Sen. Meekhof Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; general amendments; provide for.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the first item on the agenda was Senate Bills 440-41. Senator Robertson gave members a brief overview of the legislation and the changes in the S-1 version of 441 before them.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding SBs 440-41:

- Chris Hackbarth, Secretary of State—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on SBs 440-41 but did not wish to speak:

- Rich Robinson, MI Campaign Finance Network—Support

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 661. Senator Meekhof gave members an overview of the bill and the changes in the S-1 version before them.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding SB 661:

- Rich Robinson, MI Campaign Finance Network—Oppose
- Chris Hackbarth, Secretary of State—No position taken

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SB 661 but did not wish to speak:

- Robert LaBrant, Sterling Corporation—Support

At 8:25 a.m. Senator Robertson announced the committee would be at ease until 9:30 a.m.

Senator Robertson reconvened the committee at 9:39 a.m.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 441.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 441 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 441; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report Senate Bill 440 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 440; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

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Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the first Meekhof amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 661.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the second Meekhof amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 661.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 661, as amended.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report Senate Bill 661, as amended, 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 661; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report Senate Bill 440 with recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Yeas: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:44 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: December 5, 2013

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