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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Rooms 402-403 of the Capitol Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 a.m.

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

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

- Adoption of the minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting
- HB 4622 Rep. Pscholka Drains; districts; siting procedure for drainage district boundaries; modify.
- HB 4793 Rep. Pscholka Drains; other; provisions superseded by uniform condemnation procedures act; eliminate.
- HB 4393 Rep. Pagel Elections; other; filing deadline for local ballot question and metropolitan district offices; modify.
- HB 4394 Rep. Howrylak Townships; other; filing deadline for local ballot question; modify.
- HB 4395 Rep. Kosowski Local government; authorities; filing deadline for local ballot question involving community swimming pool authority; modify.
- HB 4396 Rep. Outman Local government; authorities; filing deadline for local ballot question involving building authority; modify.
- HB 4397 Rep. VerHeulen Local government; intergovernmental affairs; filing deadline for local ballot question involving a metropolitan council; modify.

- SB 472 Sen. Walker Property; boundaries; state survey and remonumentation act; modify.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next items on the agenda were House Bills 4622 and 4793. He reminded members testimony had been taken at the October 31, 2013 meeting.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HBs 4622 & 4793 but did not wish to speak:

- Rebecca Park, MI Farm Bureau—Support (in concept)
- Stacy Hissong, MI Association of County Drain Commissioners—Support
- John LaMacchia, MI Municipal League—Support (HB 4622 only)

Being no further testimony, Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 4622 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4622; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 4793 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4793; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next items on the agenda were House Bills 4393-97. Sandra McCormick, chief of staff for Senator Jones, gave members an overview of the bill and the changes in the S-2 version before them.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HBs 4393-97 but did not wish to speak:

- Chris Swope, MI Association of Municipal Clerks & MI Council of Election Officials—Support
- Bill Zaagman, MI Association of County Clerks—Support
- Mike Batterbee, Secretary of State—Support
- Judy Allen, MI Townships Association—Neutral (HBs 4393-95 only)

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report House Bill 4393 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4393; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 4394 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4394; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 4395 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4395; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report House Bill 4396 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4396; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report House Bill 4397 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4397; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 472, and reminded members testimony had been taken at the previous meeting. Senator Walker gave members a brief overview of the changes in the S-1 before the members.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding SB 472:

- Gilbert Barish, MI Society of Professional Surveyors—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on SB 472 but did not wish to speak:

- Frank Waters, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs—No position

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 472.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 472 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 472; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 8:57 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: February 5, 2014