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**Senate Committee on Judiciary**  
**Minutes**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda  
Members absent: none

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Senator Jones called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting:

Adopt Minutes

SB 131	Sen. Hopgood	Family law; child custody; granting of custody or parenting time for parent convicted of certain sexual offenses; prohibit.
SB 153	Sen. Hood	Family law; marriage and divorce; employee designated by county clerk to solemnize marriage in a county having more than 1,500,000 inhabitants; allow.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 131 (Sen. Hopgood) for testimony. Senator Hopgood explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 131 and answered questions from committee members:

- Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence—Support

The following persons submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on Senate Bill 131:

- Shelli Weisberg, American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Oppose
- Bill Kandler, Michigan Probate Judges Association—Oppose
- Bill Kandler, Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan—No position yet
- Cami Pendell, Michigan Judges Association—Oppose
- Noah Smith, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan—Oppose
- Mary Lovik, Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board—Support (in concept)

Senator Jones moved to adopt the minutes from February 19, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bills 205 & 206 (Sens. Emmons & Schuitmaker) to be referred to the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors & Human Services.

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 205 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors & Human Services.. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Rocca, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Schuitmaker (1)

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 206 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors & Human Services.. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Rocca, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Schuitmaker (1)

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 153 (Sen. Hood). Senator Hood explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Schuitmaker entered the committee room at 2:45 p.m.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 153 and answered questions from committee members:

- Cathy Garrett, Wayne County Clerk—Support

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 153 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 153 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 2:47 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 5, 2013

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