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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.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 February 5, 2014 meeting
- HB 4168 Rep. O'Brien Animals; dogs; requirement that county sheriff euthanize unlicensed dogs; eliminate.
- HB 4939 Rep. Knezek Cities; employees and officers; city department head to serve as city manager; allow.
- HB 4740 Rep. McBroom Health facilities; county medical care facilities; membership on board of trustees of a joint county medical care facility; revise qualifications and eliminate members of the social welfare board.
- SB 631 Sen. Hopgood Animals; birds; issuance of carrier pigeon permits; require compliance with local ordinances and regulations and prohibit the enactment of local ordinances that prohibit the keeping of carrier pigeons.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 4168; he reminded members testimony had been taken at the February 5, 2014 meeting.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HB 4168 but did not wish to speak:

- Mia McNeil, Protect Michigan Dogs – Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Young made a motion to report House Bill 4168 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 4168; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 4939; he reminded members testimony had been taken at the February 5, 2014 meeting. He submitted an amendment to the bill and gave a brief review of the changes being proposed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HB 4939 but did not wish to speak:

- Paul Connors, MI Department of Treasury—Support
- Samantha Harkins, MI Municipal League—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the amendment to House Bill 4939.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to report House Bill 4939 as amended, 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 4939; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

A clean substitute was requested from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was House Bill 4740. Representative McBroom gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on HB 4740 but did not wish to speak:

- Renee Beniak, MI County Medical Care Facility Council—Neutral
- Dana Gill, MI Association of Counties—Support
- Angela Madden, Department of Human Services—Support

Senator Robertson informed members there would not be a vote taken on this measure at this meeting.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 631. Senator Hopgood gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the members indicating their position on SB 631:

- Mary Ferenc, a citizen—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SB 631 but did not wish to speak:

- Nikki Brown, MML—Support
- Nicole Cook, Department of Natural Resources—Neutral

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report Senate Bill 631 with recommendation that it pass. Support was offered by Senator Young.

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 631; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:25 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: February 26, 2014

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