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SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS
MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections was held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 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 (C), Meekhof, and Young
Members absent: None
Members excused: Senator Brandenburg

Senator Robertson announced the agenda for the day:

Adoption of the minutes from the March 26, 2014 meeting

SB 712	Sen. Walker	Property; boundaries; remonumentation of Indiana-Michigan state line; extend sunset.
SB 495	Sen. Casperson	State financing and management; other; implementation of section 29 of article IX of the state constitution; provide for, and repeal 1979 PA 101.
SB 496	Sen. Jansen	Administrative procedure; rules; delegation of legislative authority that violates constitutional prohibition against unfunded mandates; nullify under certain circumstances.
SB 497	Sen. Meekhof	Legislature; committees; local government mandate panel; create, and prescribe its duties.
SB 498	Sen. Robertson	Civil procedure; other; procedures for actions under sections 25 to 32 of article IX of the state constitution; revise.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 712. Eric Dean, chief of staff for Senator Walker, gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before members regarding their position on SB 712:

- Frank Waters and Chris Beland, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs—Support

Senator Robertson advised members that a vote would be held at a later meeting.

Senator Robertson announced the next items on the agenda were Senate Bills 495-498. Senator Casperson gave members an overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified before members regarding their position on SBs 495-498:

- Deena Bosworth, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Al Vanderberg, Administrator, Ottawa County—Support
- Scott Erbisch, County of Marquette—Support
- Jerry Doucette, Alger County & Michigan Association of Counties—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards indicating their position on SBs 495-498 but did not wish to speak:

- Representative John Walsh, Speaker Pro Tem—Support
- Representative Eileen Kowall—Support
- David Randels, Oakland Schools—Support
- Samantha Harkins, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association—Support

Senator Robertson advised members that a vote would be held at a later meeting.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Robertson adjourned the committee without objection at 3:35 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: June 4, 2014

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