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Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform
****Draft Minutes****

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Colbeck, and Shirkey

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from June 30, 2015. Senator Colbeck so moved, without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to excuse absent members, without objection they are excused.

The Chairman invited Senator Green to give an overview of SB 489 to committee members.

Senator Emmons entered the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Senator Hood entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 489:
Patrick Rose, Michigan Election Coalition - oppose

The following people turned in a card to indicate their position on Senate Bill 489:
Jared Rodriguez, National Tax Limitation Committee - support
Mike Batterbee, Michigan Secretary of State – no position given
Robert Gordon, self – oppose
Melanie McElroy, Common Cause Michigan – oppose
Marissa Luna, self – oppose

The Chairman invited Senator Hildenbrand to give an overview of SB 197 to committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 197:
Patrick Rose, Michigan Election Coalition - oppose

The following people turned in a card to indicate their position on Senate Bill 197:
Robert Gordon, self – oppose
Mike Batterbee, Michigan Secretary of State – no opinion given
Melanie McElroy, Common Cause Michigan – oppose
Marissa Luna, self - oppose

The Chairman invited Tony Snyder to give an overview of House Bill 4182.

The following people turned in a card to indicate their position on House Bill 4182:
Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League – support
Renee Beniak, Michigan County Medical Care Facilities - support

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck to adopt the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4182.

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 Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey, Hood (5/5)

Nays: None (0/5)

The S-1 substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Emmons to report the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4182.

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 Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey and Hood (5/5)

Nays: None (0/5)

The bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Senator Warren to give an overview of SB 88 to committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 88:
Patrick Rosenstiel, National Popular Vote – support
Patrick Rose, Michigan Election Coalition - support

The following people turned in a card to indicate their position on Senate Bill 88:
Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of Michigan – support
Judy Karandjeff, League of Women Voters of Michigan – support

Melanie McElroy, Common Cause Michigan – support
Marissa Luna, self - support

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee:

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