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Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform was held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 402 and 403 of the Capitol Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey and Hood
Members excused: None

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

Senator Robertson entertained a motion to adopt the rules for the Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform. Senator Colbeck so moved, the motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the 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)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

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Senator Robertson invited Eric Doster representing the Michigan Republican Party to speak in support Senate Bill 44 and Senate Bill 45.

Senator Robertson read a testimony card from Mike Batterbee representing the Michigan Secretary of State who is neutral on Senate Bill 44 and Senate Bill 45.

Senator Robertson entertained a motion to report Senate bill 44 out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Colbeck so moved, 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 (4/5)

Nays: Hood (1/5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 44, without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Senator Robertson entertained a motion that Senate Bill 45 reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Shirkey so moved, the motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey (4/5)

Nays: Hood (1/5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 44, without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 4/16/2015

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