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Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform
December 8, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 402/403 of the Capitol Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. HB 4596 (Rep. Lyons) reported with recommendation and immediate effect
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 3. SB 638 (Sen. Robertson) reported S-1 substitute as amended with recommendation and immediate effect
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The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Members present: Senators Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey and Hood

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

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck to adopt the minutes from November 10, 2015, without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Rob Macomber to give an overview of House Bills 4596 and House Bill 4597 to committee members.

The following people testified on House Bills 4596-4597:

Joe Baumann, Supreme Court Administrative Office – support

The following people turned in a card to indicate their position on House Bills 4596-4597:

Kieran Marion, Michigan Department of State – support

Cami Pendell, Michigan Judges Association – support

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck to report House Bill 4596 to the floor with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey and Hood (5/5)

Nays: (0/5)

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

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

The Chairman made a motion to report House Bill 4597 to the floor with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey and Hood (5/5)

Nays: (0/5)

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

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

The Chairman gave an overview of Senate Bill 638 to committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 638:

John Pirch, self – support

The following people turned in a card to indicate their position on Senate Bill 638:

Kieran Marion, Michigan Department of State – Neutral

Jim Holcomb, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – support

Matthew Kapp, Michigan Farm Bureau – support

Melanie McElroy, Common Cause Michigan - oppose

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 638.

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

Nays: Senator Hood (1/5)

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the Robertson amendment to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 638.

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Colbeck, Emmons, Shirkey and Hood (5/5)

Nays: (0/5)

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck to report the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 638 as amended to the floor with recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Nays: Senator Hood (1/5)

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

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

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 3/3/2016