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**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 19, 2016**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

1. SB 597 (Sen. Schuitmaker) reported S-1 substitute with recommendation and immediate effect
2. SB 598 (Sen. Schuitmaker) reported with recommendation and immediate effect
3. SB 632 (Sen. Schuitmaker) reported with recommendation and immediate effect
4. SB 633 (Sen. Schuitmaker) reported with recommendation and immediate effect
5. SB 709 (Sen. Jones) reported with recommendation and immediate effect

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck and Bieda, a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Schuitmaker to adopt the minutes from December 8, 2015. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Senator Schuitmaker and Robert Tiplady to give an overview of Senate Bills 597-598.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 597-598:

Robert Tiplady, Probate & Estate Planning Section State Bar of Michigan - support

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 597.

Yeas: Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Rocca

The motion prevailed and the Substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 597 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Rocca

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 Senate Bill 598 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Rocca

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 invited Senator Schuitmaker to give an overview of Senate Bills 632-633.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 632-633:

Shaheen Imami, Probate & Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan – support

David Murkowski, Michigan Probate Judges Association - support

Senator Rocca joined the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

The Chairman read in the testimony cards for the following people for Senate Bills 632-633:

Joseph Baumann, State Court Administrative Office - Neutral

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 632 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

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 Senate Bill 633 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

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 709.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 709:

Joseph Baumann, State Court Administrative Office - support

Laura Hutzell, State Court Administrative Office – support

Melvin Hollowell, City of Detroit – oppose

Bruce Timmons, self – neutral

The Chairman read in the testimony cards for the following people for Senate Bill 709:

Cami Pendell, Michigan Judges Association – support

State Representative Brian Banks, Detroit Caucus - oppose

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the Bieda Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 709.

Yeas: Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca,  
The motion failed and the amendment was not adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Bieda to adopt the Bieda Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 709.  
Yeas: Colbeck, Bieda  
Nays: Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca,  
The motion failed and the amendment was not adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 709 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.  
Yeas: Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck  
Nays: Bieda  
The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

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

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Senate Committee on Judiciary without objection at 3:54 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 2/2/2016