



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

REP. ANN BOLLIN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by the Chair Bollin.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 16, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4127, HB 4128, HB 4129, HB 4130, HB 4131, HB 4132, HB 4133, HB 4134 and HB 4135 before the committee:

HB 4127 (Rep. Hall)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 510 (MCL 168.510).

HB 4128 (Rep. Calley)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 509bb (MCL 168.509bb), as added by 1994 PA 441.

HB 4129 (Rep. Marino)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 33a.

HB 4130 (Rep. Koleszar)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to

prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 8 (MCL 4.418), as amended by 1994 PA 412.

HB 4131 (Rep. Sabo)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 16 (MCL 169.216), as amended by 2017 PA 184.

HB 4132 (Rep. Wendzel)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759 (MCL 168.759), as amended by 2020 PA 177.

HB 4133 (Rep. Bollin)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11d), as amended by 2018 PA 661.

HB 4134 (Rep. Bollin)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 658, 659, and 661 (MCL 168.658, 168.659, and 168.661), sections 658 and 661 as amended by 2012 PA 270 and section 659 as amended by 2014 PA 94, and by adding section 759e.

HB 4135 (Rep. Bollin)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 765a (MCL 168.765a), as amended by 2020 PA 177.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in opposition to HB 4127(H-1) and HB 4128(H-1).

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4127(H-1), but did not wish to speak:

American Association of University Women of Michigan.
Michigan League of Conservation Voters.
Merissa Kovach, representing the ACLU of Michigan.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4129, but did not wish to speak:

Herasanna Richards, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4134, but did not wish to speak:

Michigan League of Conservation Voters.
Merissa Kovach, representing the ACLU of Michigan.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4128 (H-1), but did not wish to speak:

American Association of University Women of Michigan.
Michigan League of Conservation Voters.
Merissa Kovach, representing the ACLU of Michigan.

Representative Calley moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4127. The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Whitsett.

Nays: Rep. Koleszar.

Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar offered the following amendments to HB 4127(H-1):

1. Amend page 2, line 7, after "**must**" by striking out the balance of the subdivision and inserting "**sign his or her name.**".

2. Amend page 2, line 18, after the first "**birth**" by striking out "**and proof of date of birth**".

3. Amend page 2, line 21, after "**card**" by striking out "**and provide proof of date of birth**".

4. Amend page 3, line 1, by striking out all of subsection (3) and renumbering the remaining subsections.

5. Amend page 3, line 7, after "**subsection**" by striking out "(5)," and inserting "(4),".

6. Amend page 3, line 8, after "card" by striking out the comma and "**and provides proof of his or her date of birth,**".

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4127(H-1). The motion did not prevail 1-6-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Rep. Koleszar.

Nays: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Whitsett.

Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar offered the following amendment to HB 4127(H-1):

1. Amend page 3, line 19, after "act." by inserting "**The city or township clerk shall notify the elector that his or her signature on the return card did not match the signature for that elector on the qualified voter file and that his or her registration record is considered challenged. The notice to the elector under this subsection must include the steps the elector must take in order to no longer have his or her registration record considered to be challenged.**".

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4127(H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to report House Bill No. 4127 as amended, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Whitsett.

Nays: Rep. Koleszar.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4128. The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: Rep. Whitsett.

Pass: None.

Representative Whitsett offered the following amendment to HB 4128(H-1):

1. Amend page 2, line 28, after "act." by inserting "**The city or township clerk shall notify the elector that his or her signature on the return card did not match the signature for that elector on the qualified voter file and that his or her registration record is considered challenged. The notice to the elector under this subsection must include the steps the elector must take in order to no longer have his or her registration record considered to be challenged.**".

Representative Whitsett moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4128(H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report House Bill No. 4128 as amended, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to report out HB 4129 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to report out HB 4130 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

At 12:17 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:18 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Wendzel moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 4131. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to report out HB 4131 with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4132. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to refer House Bill No. 4132 to the Committee on Judiciary, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Chair Bollin moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4133. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Chair Bollin moved to refer House Bill No. 4133 to the Committee on Judiciary, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Chair Bollin moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4134. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 4134 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1).
The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to report out HB 4135 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

The Chair laid HJRA before the committee:

HJRA	(Rep. Wentworth)	A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 26 of article IV, to require approval by two-thirds for certain bills.
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Chair Bollin moved to report out HJRA with recommendation. The motion prevailed 5-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Calley, Steven Johnson, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: Reps. Wendzel, Filler.

The Chair laid before the committee presentations by the Michigan Association of County Clerks and Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks

Mary Clark, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, and Barb Byrum, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, gave a presentation.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Ann Bollin adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.

Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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