



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
REP. GRAHAM FILLER
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Filler.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Absent: Reps. Yancey, Breen.

Excused: Reps. Yancey, Breen.

Representative Mueller moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 21, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5259 before the committee:

HB 5259 (Rep. Meerman)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 521 (MCL 600.521), as amended by 2001 PA 256.

Representative Meerman, testified in support of HB 5259. Questions and discussion followed.

Honorable Jon Van Allsburg, Chief Judge, representing the 20th Circuit Court, Ottawa County, testified in support of HB 5259. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Boyd, representing the State Court Administrative Office, testified in support of HB 5259. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 4703 and HB 4704 before the committee:

HB 4703 (Rep. Wozniak)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 50b (MCL 750.50b), as amended by 2018 PA 452.

HB 4704 (Rep. Wozniak)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 50 (MCL 750.50), as amended by 2019 PA 135.

Representative Wozniak, and Ann Griffin, representing the Michigan Humane Society, testified together in support of HB 4703 and HB 4704. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4703 and HB 4704, but did not wish to speak:

Heidi Williams, representing the Ingham County Animal Control & Shelter.

Tanya Hilgendorf, representing the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Kenneth Kempkens, representing the Humane Society of Macomb.

Ann Griffin, representing the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Kim Cross, representing the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit.

Bee Friedlander, representing the Attorneys for Animals.

Mike Compagnoni, representing the Humane Society of the United States.

The Chair laid HB 4851, HB 4852, HB 4854 and HB 4856 before the committee:

HB 4851 (Rep. Alexander)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 483a (MCL 750.483a), as added by 2000 PA 451.

HB 4852 (Rep. Cambensy)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 478b.

HB 4854 (Rep. Rogers)

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," (MCL 722.621 to 722.638) by adding section 3b.

HB 4856 (Rep. Bolden)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled "Freedom of information act," by amending section 13 (MCL 15.243), as amended by 2018 PA 68.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4851, HB 4852, HB 4854 and HB 4856, but did not wish to speak:

Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women of Michigan.

Elinor Jordan, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to report out HB 4851 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 11-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Mueller moved to report out HB 4852 with recommendation. The motion

prevailed 11-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Mueller moved to report out HB 4854 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Nays: Rep. Steven Johnson.

Pass: None.

Representative Mueller moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4856. The motion prevailed 11-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Bolden moved to report out HB 4856 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 9-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Kahle, Rendon, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Nays: Rep. Steven Johnson.

Pass: Rep. Berman.

The Chair laid HB 4887 before the committee:

HB 4887 (Rep. Mueller)

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending section 16 of chapter XIIA (MCL 712A.16), as amended by 2019 PA 102.

Representative Mueller, testified in support of HB 4887. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4887, but did not wish to speak:
Emily Schwarzkopf, representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Representative Mueller moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4887. The motion prevailed 8-0-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Representative Mueller moved to report out HB 4887 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 8-0-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. LaGrand, Bolden, Hope.

Representative Mueller moved to excuse Representatives Yancey and Breen from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Filler adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.

Representative Graham Filler, Chair

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