



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

REP. JOHN FITZGERALD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

12:00 PM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance was called to order by Chair Fitzgerald.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Hoskins, Paiz, Zorn, Paquette, Bezotte, BeGole, Prestin.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Paquette joined the committee remotely.

Representative Paiz moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 7, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Fitzgerald offered the following proposed Committee rules:

1. For any item of legislation considered by the committee, at least 1 meeting will be called at which the public may address the committee regarding that item of legislation. Oral testimony may be limited at the discretion of the committee chair. The Committee may accept written testimony in lieu of oral testimony.
2. All testimony shall be on the subject matter pertaining to the committee agenda.

Representative Breen moved to adopt the proposed Committee rules. The motion prevailed 11-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Fitzgerald, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Hoskins, Paiz, Zorn, Bezotte, BeGole, Prestin.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5203 before the committee:

HB 5203 (Rep. Breen)

A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 12a (MCL 46.12a), as amended by 2017 PA 204.

Representative Breen, and Matt Saxton, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, testified in support of HB 5203. Questions and discussion followed.

Sheriff Michelle Lajoie-Young, representing the Kent County Sheriff's office, testified in support of HB 5203. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5203, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Spence, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Samantha Gibson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 12:31 PM.

Representative John Fitzgerald, Chair

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