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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Thursday, January 25, 2018                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by Chairman Miller.

Chairman Miller laid the committee at ease, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Miller called the committee back to order, the time being 10:35 a.m.

Members present: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Guerra, Zemke, Moss.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Kesto moved to adopt the minutes of October 26, 2017. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Miller laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4814 (Albert)                      Property tax; millage; millage elections; limit to general November election.

HB 4815 (Lilly)                      Elections; school; millage elections; limit to general November election.

HB 5242 (Webber)                      Property tax; millage; provision authorizing a second school millage election under certain circumstances; qualify.

Representative Albert explained the substitutes to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) to HB 4814. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Guerra, Zemke, Moss.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4815. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Guerra, Zemke, Moss.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: None.

Representative Webber moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 5242. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Guerra, Zemke, Moss.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: None.

Representative Albert returned to testify in support of the bills as substituted. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Swope, representing the Council of Election Officials and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in opposition to the bills.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to HB 4814 and HB 4815. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to HB 4814.

Jack McHugh, representing the Mackinac Center, testified in support of HB 4814 and HB 4815 and submitted written testimony.

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

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund.  
Beth Deshone, representing the Great Lakes Education Project.

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

Jim Miller, representing the City of Grand Rapids.  
Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.  
Emily Laidlaw, representing the ESA Legislative Group.  
Bill Zaagman, from GCSI, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.  
Warren Evans, representing Wayne County.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bills, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4814 and HB 4815, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Lievense, representing the Muskegon Community College.  
Jen Flood, representing SEMCOG.  
Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Community College Association.  
David Randels, representing Oakland Schools.  
Chris Glass, representing the West Michigan Talent Triangle.

Pete Lund, representing Americans for Prosperity, submitted a card in support of HB 4814 and HB 4815, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4814, but did not wish to speak:

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association.  
Jordyn Sellek, representing the Conference of Western Wayne.  
Chris Jones, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.  
Mayor Bryan Barnett, representing the City of Rochester Hills.  
Curtis Holt, City Manager, representing the City of Wyoming.

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card in support of HB 4814, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Miller recognized Patti Tremblay-Pluta for her years of service to the Michigan House of Representatives upon her departure.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:57 a.m.

**Representative Aaron Miller, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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