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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Thursday, February 15, 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.

Members present: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Guerra, Zemke, Moss.
Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Webber moved to adopt the minutes of February 8, 2018. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Miller laid the following bills and House Joint Resolution before the committee:

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| HB 5515 (VerHeulen) | Elections; other; elected university governing boards and the elected state board of education; abolish. |
| HB 5516 (Webber) | Campaign finance; other; definition of statewide elective office; amend to remove members of the state board of education and members of university governing boards. |
| HJR DD (Lower) | Higher education; governing boards; governor appointing members to university governing boards and the state board of education; provide for, and abolish existing elected university governing boards and abolish existing state board of education. |

Representative VerHeulen, Representative Webber, and Representative Lower testified in support of the bills and House Joint Resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Robert Gordon, representing himself, testified in opposition the bills and House Joint Resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to the bills and House Joint Resolution, but did not wish to speak:

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

The following people submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills and House Joint Resolution:

Sherry Wells, representing herself as a State Board of Education candidate.
John Anthony La Pietra, representing himself.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill and House Joint Resolution before the committee:

HB 5533 (LaFave) Elections; other; terms of office for university governing boards;
modify.

HJR EE (Miller) Higher education; governing boards; term limits for university
governing boards; provide for.

Representative LaFave testified in support of the bill and House Joint Resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Robert Gordon, representing himself, previously testified in opposition the bill and House Joint Resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill and House Joint Resolution, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill and House Joint Resolution:

Sherry Wells, representing herself as a State Board of Education candidate.
John Anthony La Pietra, representing himself.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:24 a.m.

Representative Aaron Miller, Chair _____

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