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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Thursday, March 8, 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 10:31a.m.

Chairman Miller called the committee back to order, the time being 10:33a.m.

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

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the minutes of March 1, 2018. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Miller laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 5548 (Calley) Elections; registration; online voter registration; allow.

HB 5549 (Webber) Elections; registration; online voter registration; allow.

Representative Calley and Representative Webber testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, and Kieran Marion, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Will Tyler White, representing the Michigan Election Reform Alliance, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Bill Zaagman, from GCSI, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

Chris Swope, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

Robert Gordon, representing the Sierra Club.

Kara Cook, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voter.

Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, and submitted written testimony.

Ann Bollin, representing the Charter Township of Brighton, and submitted written testimony.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5644 (Barrett) Elections; absent voters; procedure to "spoil" an absent voter ballot; provide for, and require use of paper ballots for tabulation.

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

Will Tyler White, representing the Michigan Election Reform Alliance.
Bill Zaagman, from GCSI, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.
Ann Bollin, representing the Charter Township of Brighton, and submitted written testimony.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 5644. 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 Calley moved to report out HB 5644 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). 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.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5646 (Calley) Elections; qualified voter file; maintenance of the statewide qualified voter file; require the secretary of state to check against the United States Social Security Administration's death master file and require the secretary of state to participate in multistate voter registration verification programs.

Will Tyler White, representing the Michigan Election Reform Alliance, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Ann Bollin, representing the Charter Township of Brighton, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Representative Calley offered the following amendment to HB 5646:

1. Amend page 3, line 13, after "**SERVICE.**" by inserting "**IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY RECOGNIZED**

MULTISTATE PROGRAM OR SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DETERMINES THAT DATA OF THAT PROGRAM OR SERVICE ARE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY SECURED OR PROTECTED."

Representative Calley moved to adopt the amendment to the bill. 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 Calley moved to report out HB 5646 with recommendation, as amended, as substitute (H-1). 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.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5669 (Miller) Elections; voting procedures; identification for election purposes; define.

Will Tyler White, representing the Michigan Election Reform Alliance, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Ann Bollin, representing the Charter Township of Brighton, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Representative Calley moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 5669. 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 Zemke offered the following amendment to HB 5669 (H-1):

1. Amend page 3, following line 14, by inserting:
"(x) **A COUNTY-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD.**
(xi) **A MUNICIPALLY ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD.**".

Representative Zemke moved to adopt the amendment to the bill. The motion did not prevail, the vote being 3-6-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Guerra, Zemke, Moss.

Nays: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly.

Pass: None.

Representative Garcia moved to report out HB 5669 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 6-3-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly.

Nays: Reps. Guerra, Zemke, Moss.

Pass: None.

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

Representative Aaron Miller, Chair_____

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