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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Thursday, March 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 March 8, 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.

Trey Grayson, representing the Center for Secure and Modern Elections, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

Judy Karandjeff, representing The League of Women Voters of Michigan.

Samuel Derheimer, representing The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Representative Calley offered the following amendment to HB 5548:

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after "(1)" by striking out "**NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2018, THE**" and inserting "**THE**".

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 5548 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.

Representative Webber offered the following amendments to HB 5549:

1. Amend page 2, line 27, after "**OR**" by striking out the comma and "**BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019,**".
2. Amend page 4, line 12, after "**(3)**" by striking out "**BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019, A**" and inserting "**A**".
3. Amend page 5, line 5, after "**(D)**" by striking out "**BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019, AN**" and inserting "**AN**".

Representative Webber moved to adopt the amendments 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 Webber moved to report out HB 5549 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 4414 (Hornberger) Elections; election officials; prohibition against an elected or appointed official's name and certain contact information on ballot-related materials; modify.

Representative Hornberger testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Swope, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Sharon Tischler, representing Southfield Township; Jan Roncelli, representing Bloomfield Township and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks; and Aileen Dickson, representing the City of Troy and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified together in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

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

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

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

Jen Rigterink, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Chairman Miller laid the committee at ease, the time being 11:24 a.m.

Chairman Miller called the committee back to order, the time being 11:26 a.m.

Chairman Miller laid the following bills before the committee:

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| SB 809 | (Robertson) | Elections; other; Michigan election law: repeal and remove certain obsolete provisions, and make other miscellaneous changes. |
| SB 810 | (Robertson) | Courts; district court; reference in the revised judicature act of 1961 to the Michigan election law; update. |
| SB 811 | (Robertson) | Elections; school; reference in the revised school code to the Michigan election law; update. |
| SB 812 | (Robertson) | Elections; voting equipment; certain obsolete provisions; remove, and modify voting machine references to electronic voting system. |
| SB 813 | (Robertson) | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain Michigan election law violations; provide for. |
| SB 814 | (Robertson) | Elections; registration; certain obsolete provisions in the Michigan election law related to voter registration; remove, and amend other provisions related to voter registration. |

Erika Farley, from Senator Robinson's office, and Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified together in support of the bills.

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, submitted a card in support of SB 809, SB 812 and SB 814, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting,

the time being 11:31 a.m.

Representative Aaron Miller, Chair_____

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