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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

Thursday, March 22, 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.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Moss.

Representative Garcia moved to adopt the minutes of March 15, 2018. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Guerra moved to excuse the absent member. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

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. |

Bruce Timmons, representing himself, submitted a card and written testimony in opposition to SB 810 as passed the senate, but would support with recommended changes, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Calley moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 809. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Representative Garcia moved to report out SB 809 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Representative Calley moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 810. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Representative Garcia moved to report out SB 810 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Representative Garcia moved to report out SB 811 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Representative Calley moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 812. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Pass: None.

Representative Garcia moved to report out SB 812 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Garcia moved to report out SB 813 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) to SB 814. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Garcia moved to report out SB 814 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4700 (Lilly) Elections; precinct delegates; provision related to allowing precinct delegates to file as a write-in on election day; eliminate, and modify certain references to board of primary election inspectors.

Representative Lilly; Joe Rozell, representing Oakland County; Justin Roebuck, Ottawa County Clerk; and Jennifer Venema, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State.  
Lindsay Oswald, St. Joseph County Clerk.  
Monica Kennedy, Cass County Clerk/Register.

Chairman Miller laid the following bills before the committee:

SB 425	(Emmons)	Elections; registration; online voter registration; allow.
SB 426	(Nofs)	Elections; registration; online voter registration; allow.
SB 427	(Stamas)	Elections; registration; online voter registration; allow.
SB 428	(Hansen)	Elections; registration; online voter registration; allow.
SB 429	(Hildenbrand)	Elections; registration; online voter registration; allow.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, testified in support of the bills and explained the proposed (H-1) substitute to SB 425. Questions and discussion followed.

Kieran Marion, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, came forward to answer questions. Discussion followed.

Joe Rozell, representing Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown, testified in support of SB 425, SB 426, SB 427 and SB 429 and in opposition to SB 428. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Judy Karandjeff, representing The League of Women Voters of Michigan.  
Tim Ward, representing the Center for Secure and Modern Elections.  
Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Representative Kesto moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 425. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Miller laid the following bills before the committee:

- HB 4745 (Marino) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions for the office of state senator or state representative; increase, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4746 (Marino) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions for the office of county auditor; increase, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4747 (LaSata) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee in lieu of nomination petitions for township offices; allow, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4748 (Calley) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions for township offices; allow, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4749 (Brann) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions for the office of county road commissioner; increase, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4750 (Lilly) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions for county offices; increase, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4809 (Marino) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee for the office of county commissioner; increase, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4810 (Kosowski) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee for the office of county commissioner; increase, and make nonrefundable.
- HB 4823 (Webber) Elections; candidates; candidate filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions for township library board members; increase.

Representative Marino testified in support of the bills and forthcoming substitutes to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:15 a.m.

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

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