



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

Thursday, May 17, 2018                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 308 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 10:31 a.m.

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

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Moss moved to adopt the minutes of April 12, 2018. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5992 (Marino)                      Elections; offenses; election forgery; establish as a chargeable offense.

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

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill and joined Representative Marino to answer questions. Further discussion followed.

Richard Cunningham, Criminal Division Chief, representing the Michigan Attorney General's office, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

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 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.

Representative Marino explained the substitutes to the bills.

Joe Rozell, Oakland County Director of Elections, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a card in support of HB 4747 (H-1) and HB 4748 (H-1), but did not wish to speak.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4745. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4745 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4747. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Webber moved to report out HB 4747 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4748. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4748 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Garcia moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4749. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4749 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4750. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to report out HB 4750 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4809. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4809 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4810. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Rep. Zemke.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4810 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Guerra, Moss.  
Nays: Rep. Zemke.  
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 explained the substitute (H-3) to the bill.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill as substitute (H-3), but did not wish to speak:

Jennifer Venema, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.  
Joe Rozell, Oakland County Director of Elections.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-3) to HB 4700. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Representative Lilly moved to report out HB 4700 with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). 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 5199 (Lilly) Elections; canvassing; expedited canvass of returns for electors of President and Vice President of the United States; require under certain circumstances.

Representative Lilly testified in support of the bill.

Representative Kesto moved to report out HB 5199 with recommendation. 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.

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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