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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Tuesday, May 29, 2018                      4:00 p.m.                      Room 308 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 May 17, 2018. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 1012 (Robertson)                      Elections; voting procedures; ballot secrecy sleeves; modify, and modify time to notify an officer whose recall is sought of the recall petition.

Erica Farley, from Senator Robertson's office, and Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Guerra offered the following amendments to SB 1012:

1. Amend page 3, line 20, after "a" by inserting **""STRAIGHT TICKET," A "SPLIT TICKET," OR A"**.

2. Amend page 3, following line 20, by inserting:  
**"STRAIGHT TICKET: VOTE THE PARTY OF YOUR CHOICE. NOTHING FURTHER NEED BE DONE IN THE PARTISAN SECTION. SPLIT TICKET: YOU MAY VOTE A STRAIGHT TICKET AND VOTE FOR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE."**

3. Amend page 4, line 2, after **"AREA."** by inserting **"THIS MUST BE DONE EVEN IF YOU CAST A STRAIGHT PARTY VOTE."**

Representative Guerra moved to adopt the amendments 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 Calley moved to report out SB 1012 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-0-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

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

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4734 (Moss)                      Elections; election officials; provisions regarding boards of county election commissioners and boards of county canvassers; modify.

Representative Moss and Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, testified together in support of the bill.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, testified in support of the bill.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:16 p.m.

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

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