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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Wednesday, October 5, 2017 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 10:36 a.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 September 19, 2017. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 290 (Robertson) Elections; recounts; recount fee; increase for certain recounts.

Lindsay Vogelsberg, from the Senate Majority Policy Office, representing Senator Robertson, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, testified with a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk; and Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk, both representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and Council of Election Officials, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5012 (Lilly) Elections; recounts; aggrieved candidate for purposes of recount; clarify.

Representative Lilly 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, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4671 (Webber) Elections; election officials; certain county clerks conducting election administration duties for local governments, certain local clerks conducting election administration duties for other local governments, and the bureau of elections handling the qualified voter file list maintenance; permit under certain circumstances.

Representative Webber and Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Department of Secretary of State, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified with a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk; and Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk, both representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and Council of Election Officials, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:10 a.m.

Representative Aaron Miller, Chair _____

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