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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jim Tedder.

Members present: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Howrylak, Kesto, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neely, Ellison, and Hammoud.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Johnson moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, February 8, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4136:

HB 4136 (Tedder) Property tax; delinquent taxes; administration of delinquent tax revolving funds; clarify.

Chairman Tedder introduced the bill to the committee.

John Axe, representing the Wayne County Treasurer, testified in support of HB 4136.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4136, but did not wish to speak:

Jen Flood, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasurers.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4001:

HB 4001 (Chatfield) Individual income tax; rate; annual rollback of rate until zero; provide for.

Representative Chatfield introduced his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Treasurer Nick Khouri answered questions for committee members.

Pete Lund, representing Americans for Prosperity, testified in support of HB 4001.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to HB 4001.

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund, testified in support of HB 4001.

Gilda Jacobs, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy, testified in opposition to HB 4001.

Jack McHugh, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, testified in support of HB 4001.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to HB 4001.

Charlie Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified in support of HB 4001.

Leon Drolet, representing the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4001, wishing to speak, but was unable to due to time constraints.

Randall Thompson, representing the Faith and Freedom Coalition, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4001, wishing to speak, but was unable to due to time constraints.

Charles Ballard, representing himself, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4001, wishing to speak, but was unable to due to time constraints.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4001, but did not wish to speak:

Chris Gustafson, representing Americans for Prosperity.

William Gordon, representing the Washtenaw Republican Party.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4001, but did not wish to speak:

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

Daniel Hurley, representing the Michigan Association of State Universities.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Allan Wachendorfer, representing the National Association of Social Workers- Michigan Chapter.

Robert Gordon, representing himself.

Emily Laidlaw, representing the ESA Legislative Group.

Jerry Johnson, representing Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe Intermediate School Districts.

Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools.

Annalisa Grunwald, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators.

Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne RESA.

Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Representative Howrylak moved to adopt the following amendment to HB 4001:

1. Amend page 3, line 4, after “(C)” by striking out the balance of the line through “2019” on line 15 and inserting “BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EACH JANUARY 1 AFTER 2018”.

The motion failed by a vote of 4-8-1.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Howrylak, Byrd, Neely, and Ellison.

NAYS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Kesto, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, and Lower.

PASS: Representative Hammoud.

Representative Lower moved to report HB 4001 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-4-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Kesto, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, and Lower.

NAYS: Representatives Byrd, Neely, Ellison, and Hammoud.

PASS: Representatives Maturen and Howrylak.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:00 p.m.

Representative Jim Tedder, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
February 15, 2017
1 hour 30 minutes

Date Approved and Signed