



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
REP. PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:30 AM Room 327, House Office Building

The House Committee on Elections was called to order by Chair Tsernoglou.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches, Smit, DeBoyer.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Churches moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 13, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

At 10:37 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:38 AM, Majority Vice Chair Wegela called the committee back to order.

Majority Vice Chair Wegela laid HB 4755 and HB 4756 before the committee:

HB 4755 (Rep. Tsernoglou)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11d), as amended by 2018 PA 661.

HB 4756 (Rep. Tsernoglou)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 764a, 764b, 764d, 765, 765a, 765b, 768, 769, 798b, and 805 (MCL 168.764a, 168.764b, 168.764d, 168.765, 168.765a, 168.765b, 168.768, 168.769, 168.798b, and 168.805), section 764a as amended by 2023 PA 25, section 764b as amended by 2018 PA 120, section 764d as added by 2020 PA 95, sections 765 and 765b as amended by 2022 PA 195, section 765a as amended by 2020 PA 177, section 769 as

amended by 1995 PA 261, section 798b as amended by 1990 PA 109, and section 805 as amended by 2000 PA 207, and by adding sections 523b, 765c, and 768a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Representative Tsernoglou, and Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, testified in support of HB 4755 and HB 4756. Questions and discussion followed.

At 10:54 AM, Majority Vice Chair Wegela laid the committee at ease.

At 10:55 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote, testified in support of HB 4755 and HB 4756. Questions and discussion followed.

Sheri Ritchie, representing Pure Integrity Michigan Elections, Michigan Fair Elections, the Freedom Alliance, and StandUp Michigan, testified in opposition to HB 4755 and HB 4756.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4755 and HB 4756, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

The Chair laid HB 4534 before the committee:

HB 4534 (Rep. Stone)

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," by amending sections 34c and 35 (MCL 791.234c and 791.235), section 34c as added by 2012 PA 24 and section 35 as amended by 2019 PA 13.

Representative Stone testified in support of HB 4534. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4534, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Richardson, representing Pure Integrity Michigan Elections.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4534, but did not wish to speak:

Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Department of State.

Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Mary Clark, Delta Township Clerk.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk.

The Chair laid HB 4210 before the committee:

HB 4210 (Rep. Glanville)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759a (MCL 168.759a), as amended by 2022 PA 197; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Representative Glanville testified in support of HB 4210. Questions and discussion followed.

Jonathan Brater and Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in support of HB 4210. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4210, but due to the time constraints was unable to speak:

C. Jay Coles, representing Verified Voting.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4210, but did not wish to speak:

Quentin Turner, representing Common Cause Michigan.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4210, HB 4534, HB 4755, HB 4756, SB 339, SB 367, SB 370, SB 371 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:

Ricky Servantez Bicknell, representing Voters Not Politicians.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4210, HB 4755, HB 4756, SB 339, SB 367, SB 370 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Richardson, representing Pure Integrity Michigan Elections.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4210, HB 4756, SB 339, SB 367, SB 370 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:

Logan Vorce, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4210, HB 4756, SB 339, SB 367, SB 370, SB 371 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:

Chris Swope and Mary Clark, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4210, HB 4755, HB 4756, SB 339, SB 367, SB 370, SB 371 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:

Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women Michigan.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4755, HB 4756, SB 339, SB 367, SB 370, SB 371 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:

Neal Ubriani, representing the Institute for Responsive Government.

Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4756, SB 339, SB 367, SB 370 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:

Quentin Turner, representing Common Cause Michigan.

The Chair laid SB 339, SB 367, SB 370, SB 371 and SB 373 before the committee:

SB 339	(Sen. McMorrow)	A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 764c (MCL 168.764c), as amended by 2018 PA 120.
SB 367	(Sen. Moss)	A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 570, 662, 668b, 674, 736b, 736c, 736d, 736e, 795b, and 797a (MCL 168.570, 168.662, 168.668b, 168.674, 168.736b, 168.736c, 168.736d, 168.736e,

168.795b, and 168.797a), section 570 as amended by 2017 PA 113, section 662 as amended by 2022 PA 219, section 668b as added by 2018 PA 614, section 674 as amended by 2018 PA 120, sections 736b, 736c, 736d, and 736e as amended by 2018 PA 190, section 795b as amended by 1990 PA 109, and section 797a as amended by 1996 PA 583, and by adding sections 8, 720a, 720b, 720c, 720d, 720e, 720f, 720g, 720h, 720i, and 720j.

SB 370 (Sen. Santana)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 759, 761, and 766 (MCL 168.759, 168.761, and 168.766), sections 759 and 761 as amended by 2020 PA 302 and section 766 as amended by 2018 PA 120, and by adding sections 766a and 766b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

SB 371 (Sen. Santana)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11d), as amended by 2018 PA 661.

SB 373 (Sen. Chang)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 2 (MCL 168.2), as amended by 2018 PA 603.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 339, but did not wish to speak:
Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 371, but did not wish to speak:
Bill Richardson, representing Pure Integrity Michigan Elections.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 339, SB 367, SB 370, SB 371 and SB 373, but did not wish to speak:
Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote.

The Committee returned to consideration of HB 4210.

Representative Byrnes moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4210. The motion prevailed 6-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Representative Hope moved to report out HB 4210 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-1-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: Rep. Wegela.

Pass: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

The Committee returned to consideration of HB 4755 and HB 4756.

Representative Churches moved to report out HB 4755 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4756. The motion prevailed 6-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Representative Wegela moved to report out HB 4756 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 6-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

The Committee returned to consideration of SB 339, SB 367, SB 370, SB 371, and SB 373.

Representative Hope moved to report out SB 339 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to report out SB 367 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Pass: None.

Representative Byrnes moved to report out SB 370 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Pass: None.

Representative Churches moved to report out SB 371 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Pass: None.

Representative Wegela moved to report out SB 373 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Tsernoglou, Wegela, Hope, Koleszar, Byrnes, Churches.

Nays: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Tsernoglou adjourned the meeting at 11:43 AM.

Representative Penelope Tsernoglou, Chair

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