



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

REP. JULIE A. CALLEY

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

12:00 PM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance was called to order by Chair Calley.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Calley, Bezotte, Howell, Alexander, Bellino, Paquette, Slagh, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Kuppa, Cavanagh.

Absent: Rep. Mekoski.

Excused: Rep. Mekoski.

The Chair laid SB 808, SB 809 and SB 881 before the committee:

SB 808 (Sen. Runestad)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 78b, 78c, and 78f (MCL 211.78b, 211.78c, and 211.78f), sections 78b and 78c as amended by 2015 PA 202 and section 78f as amended by 2015 PA 190.

SB 809 (Sen. Johnson)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 78h and 78k (MCL 211.78h and 211.78k), section 78h as amended by 2014 PA 499 and section 78k as amended by 2020 PA 33.

SB 881 (Sen. Chang)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 7u and 53b (MCL 211.7u and 211.53b), section 7u as amended by 2020 PA 253 and section 53b as amended by 2020 PA 206.

Kevin Mulligan, representing Senator Runestad, testified in support of SB 808 and SB 809.

Garrett Wheat, representing Senator Johnson, testified in support of SB 808 and SB 809. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 808 and SB 809, but did not wish to speak:

Peter Morman, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 808, SB 809 and SB 881, but did not wish to speak:

Anne Kuhnen, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Catherine McClary, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in support of SB 808.

John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in support of SB 808.

Catherine McClary, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified with a neutral position on SB 809.

Senator Chang testified in support of SB 881.

Catherine McClary, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in support of SB 881. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 881, but did not wish to speak:

Peter Mormann, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The Chair laid HB 6317 and HB 6318 before the committee:

HB 6317 (Rep. Calley)

A bill to amend 1956 PA 40, entitled "The drain code of 1956," by amending sections 551, 552, 553, 555, 556, 557, and 558 (MCL 280.551, 280.552, 280.553, 280.555, 280.556, 280.557, and 280.558).

HB 6318 (Rep. Morse)

A bill to amend 1956 PA 40, entitled "The drain code of 1956," by amending sections 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 576, 577, 578, 580, 581, 582, and 583 (MCL 280.559, 280.560, 280.561, 280.562, 280.563, 280.564, 280.565, 280.569, 280.570, 280.571, 280.572, 280.573, 280.574, 280.576, 280.577, 280.578, 280.580, 280.581, 280.582, and 280.583), section 569 as amended by 2016 PA 27, and by adding sections 561b, 561d, 564b, and 569b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 6317 and HB 6318, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Spence, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 808 and SB 881, but did not wish to speak:

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Representative Bezotte moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 21, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

At 12:32 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:34 PM, Majority Vice Chair Bezotte called the committee back to order.

Representative Calley testified in support of HB 6317 and HB 6318.

Representative Morse testified in support of HB 6317 and HB 6318.

Stacy Hisson, representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, testified in support of HB 6317 and HB 6318. Questions and discussion followed.

At 1:13 PM, Majority Vice Chair Bezotte laid the committee at ease.

At 1:14 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to HB 6317 and HB 6318.

Dawn Crandall, representing the Home Builders Association of Michigan, testified in opposition to HB 6317 and HB 6318.

David Pearson, representing the Michigan Realtors, testified in opposition to HB 6317 and HB 6318.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6317 and HB 6318, but did not wish to speak:

Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Emily Smith, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Mike Spence, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Chris Matus, representing the Wayne County CEO.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 6317 and HB 6318, but did not wish to speak:

Tim Langholz, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Ben Tirrell, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Representative Bezotte moved to excuse Representative Mekoski from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Calley adjourned the meeting at 1:22 PM.

Representative Julie Calley, Chair

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