



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

REP. ANN BOLLIN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by Chair Bollin.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 27, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognized Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the state of Michigan.

The Chair laid HB 4680, HB 4681, HB 4682, HB 4683, HB 4684, HB 4685 and HB 4686 before the committee:

HB 4680 (Rep. Fink)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," by amending the title and section 7 (MCL 15.307).

HB 4681 (Rep. Tate)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled "Open meetings act," by amending section 2 (MCL 15.262), as amended by 2001 PA 38.

HB 4682 (Rep. Roth)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 15.301).

HB 4683 (Rep. Beson)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," by amending section 9 (MCL 15.309).

HB 4684 (Rep. Bolden)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," (MCL 15.301 to 15.310) by adding section 7a.

HB 4685 (Rep. Tisdell)

A bill to require certain state officers to file financial disclosure reports; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; and to prescribe sanctions.

HB 4686 (Rep. Shannon)

A bill to amend 1973 PA 196, entitled "An act to prescribe standards of conduct for public officers and employees; to create a state board of ethics and prescribe its powers and duties; and to prescribe remedies and penalties," by amending sections 5 and 6 (MCL 15.345 and 15.346).

Representative Fink testified in support of his legislation and gave an overview of the package. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Roth testified in support of his legislation. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Bolden testified in support of her legislation. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Tisdell testified in support of his legislation.

John Clore, representing Us Against Media.com, testified with a neutral position on the bills.

The Chair made a statement to the committee on Ethics Reform.

Representative LaGrand testified in opposition to the bills.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4680, HB 4681, HB 4682, HB 4683, HB 4684, HB 4685 and HB 4686, but did not wish to speak:

Merissa Kovach, representing the ACLU of Michigan.

The Chair laid HB 4687, HB 4688, HB 4689 and HB 4692 before the committee:

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| HB 4687 (Rep. Pohutsky) | A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 6a (MCL 4.416a), as added by 1994 PA 383. |
| HB 4688 (Rep. Martin) | A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 4.411 to 4.431) by adding section 6b. |
| HB 4689 (Rep. Schroeder) | A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 4.411 to 4.431) by adding section 6c. |
| HB 4692 (Rep. Scott) | A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the |

powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 11 (MCL 4.421).

Representative Calley moved to refer House Bill No. 4687 to the Committee on Rules and Competitiveness. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to refer House Bill No. 4688 to the Committee on Rules and Competitiveness. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4689. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Whitsett moved to refer House Bill No. 4689 to the Committee on Rules and Competitiveness, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to refer House Bill No. 4692 to the Committee on Rules and Competitiveness. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Ann Bollin adjourned the meeting at 12:44 PM.

Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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