



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

REP. ANN BOLLIN

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

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

The Chair requested attendance be called:

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

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Calley moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 22, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 303 and SB 304 before the committee:

SB 303 (Sen. Barrett)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 523, 813, and 829 (MCL 168.523, 168.813, and 168.829), section 523 as amended by 2018 PA 129 and sections 813 and 829 as amended by 2018 PA 603.

SB 304 (Sen. VanderWall)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 523a and 813 (MCL 168.523a and 168.813), as amended by 2018 PA 603.

Ron Kendall, representing the Office of Senator Barrett, testified in support of SB 303 and SB 304. Questions and discussion followed.

Tony Buffa, representing the Office of Senator VanderWall, testified in support of SB 303 and SB 304. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 303. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 304. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Dorian Tyus, representing the Michigan Dems, testified in opposition to SB 303, (H-1), SB 304 and (H-1).

Trey Grayson, representing the Secure Elections Project, testified with no position on SB 303, (H-1), SB 304 and (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Mary Clark, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in opposition to SB 303, (H-1), SB 304 and (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in opposition to SB 303, (H-1), SB 304 and (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Merissa Kovach, representing the Michigan ACLU, testified in opposition to SB 303, (H-1), SB 304 and (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 303 and SB 304, but did not wish to speak:

Shira Roza, representing the Promote the Vote.

Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association.

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

Sean McBrearty, representing the Clean Water Action.

Emily Snider, representing the Michigan Anti-Defamation League.

Herasanna Richards, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Tim Minotas, representing the Sierra Club.

Warren Evans, representing the Wayne County Executive.

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

Scott Urbanowski.

Hallie Fox, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to report out SB 303 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler.

Nays: Reps. Koleszar, Whitsett.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out SB 304 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler.

Nays: Reps. Koleszar, Whitsett.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Ann Bollin adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.

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Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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