



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
REP. PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 7, 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, Markkanen, Smit.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Wegela moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 28, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4033 before the committee:

HB 4033 (Rep. Paiz)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 634b.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4033, but did not wish to speak:

Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Department of State.

Chris Swope, the Lansing City Clerk.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4033, but did not wish to speak:

Ted Nickels, representing themselves.

Representative Hope moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4033. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Hope moved to report out HB 4033 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4127 and HB 4128 before the committee:

HB 4127 (Rep. Tsernoglou) A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 234d (MCL 750.234d), as amended by 1994 PA 158.

HB 4128 (Rep. Young) A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 234d (MCL 750.234d), as amended by 1994 PA 158.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4127, but did not wish to speak:
Kelsey Rogers, representing Campaign Legal Center Action.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4127 and HB 4128, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Patton, representing Protect Democracy.

Judy Karandjeff, representing the League of Women Voters.

Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Department of State.

Chris Swope, the Lansing City Clerk.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4127 and HB 4128, but did not wish to speak:

Ted Nickels, representing themselves.

Scott Jones, representing the National Rifle Association Institute of Legislative Action.

Tom Lambert, representing Michigan Open Carry.

Chair Tsernoglou moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4127. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Reps. Markkanen, Smit.

Pass: None.

Representative Byrnes moved to report out HB 4127 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Reps. Markkanen, Smit.

Pass: None.

Representative Churches moved to report out HB 4128 with recommendation. The motion

prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Reps. Markkanen, Smit.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4156 before the committee:

HB 4156 (Rep. Rheingans)

A bill to enter into the agreement among the states to elect the President by national popular vote; and for related purposes.

Representative Rheingans testified in support of HB 4156. Questions and discussion followed.

Judy Karandjeff, representing the League of Women Voters, testified in support of HB 4156.

Courtney Blake Sims, representing Mothering Justice, testified in support of HB 4156.

Quentin Turner, representing Common Cause Michigan, testified in support of HB 4156. Questions and discussion followed.

Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4156.

Charles Perricone testified in support of HB 4156. Questions and discussion followed.

Randy Richardville, representing Conservatives for National Popular Vote, testified in support of HB 4156. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Gary Wolfram testified in support of HB 4156.

Sean Parnell, representing Save Our States, testified in opposition to HB 4156. Questions and discussion followed.

John J. Crawford, representing Keep Our 50 States, testified in opposition to HB 4156.

Steve Liedel, representing Dykema, testified in support of HB 4156.

Chris Pearson, representing National Popular Vote, testified in support of HB 4156.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4156, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Sheree Ritchie, representing Pure Integrity Michigan Elections.

Tony Daunt, representing themselves.

Tom Stillings, representing themselves.

Bruce Barlund, representing themselves.

Pete Lund, representing themselves.

Bethany Griffin, representing the Genesee County GOP.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4156, but did not wish to speak:

Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Department of State.

Nancy Wang, representing Voters Not Politicians.

Sean McBrearty, representing Clean Water Action.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4156, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Richardson, representing themselves.

Ted Nickels, representing themselves.

Rob Anderson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

David Guenther, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Jasper Hendricks, representing Democrats for the Electoral College.

Stephanie Kreuz, representing Heritage Action for America.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Tsernoglou adjourned the meeting at 11:56 AM.

Representative Penelope Tsernoglou, Chair

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