

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS REP. ANN BOLLIN CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 5, 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 Whitsett moved to adopt the minutes from the September 28th, 2021 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5268 before the committee:

HB 5268 (Rep. Calley)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759 (MCL 168.759), as amended by 2020 PA 302.

Representative Calley moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 5268. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None. Pass: None.

Anthony Essmaker, the Deputy Clerk of Charter Township of Canton, testified in opposition to HB 5268 (H-3). Questions and discussion followed.

Dorian Tyus, representing the Michigan Democratic Party, testified in opposition to HB 5268 (H-3). Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5268, but did not wish to speak:

Shira Roza, representing Promote the Vote.

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

Tim Minotas, representing the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter.

Emily Snider, representing the Michigan Anti Defamation League.

Hallie Fox, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

The Chair laid HB 5288 before the committee:

HB 5288 (Rep. Beeler)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759 (MCL 168.759), as amended by 2020 PA 302.

Representative Filler moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5288. 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 Democratic Party, testified in opposition to HB 5288 (H-2).

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5288, but did not wish to speak:

Shira Roza, representing Promote the Vote.

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

Tim Minotas, representing the Sierra Club of Michigan.

Emily Snider, representing the Michigan Anti Defamation League.

Hallie Fox, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 5288 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Reps. Koleszar, Whitsett.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 212 before the committee:

SB 212 (Sen. Johnson)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 558 (MCL 168.558), as amended by 2018 PA 650.

Representative Wendzel moved to report out SB 212 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 212, but did not wish to speak: Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The Chair laid HB 4826 before the committee:

HB 4826 (Rep. Wendzel)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 737a (MCL 168.737a), as amended by 2018 PA 611.

Representative Wendzel, testified in support of HB 4826. Questions and discussion followed.

Dorian Tyus, representing the Michigan Democratic Party, testified in opposition to HB 4826. Questions and discussion followed.

Jaqueline Beaudry, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of HB 4826.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4826, but did not wish to speak: Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

The Chair laid SB 302 before the committee:

SB 302 (Sen. LaSata)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 495 (MCL 168.495), as amended by 2018 PA 603.

Senator LaSata, testified in support of SB 302 (S-1).

Erica Peresman, representing the Michigan Democratic Party, testified in opposition to SB 302 (S-1).

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 302, but did not wish to speak: Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks/ Michigan Association of County Clerks.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 302, but did not wish to speak: Tim Minotas, representing the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter.

Shira Roza, representing the Promote the Vote.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Bollin adjourned the meeting at 12:41 PM.

Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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