

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS REP. ANN BOLLIN CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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 Steven Johnson moved to adopt the meeting minutes from January 25, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4996 before the committee:

HB 4996 (Rep. Schroeder)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 178 and 634 (MCL 168.178 and 168.634), section 178 as amended by 1980 PA 261 and section 634 as amended by 1996 PA 583.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4996, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Kathy McClinchey, representing the Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4996 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 Chair laid SB 273 and SB 278 before the committee:

SB 273 (Sen. Johnson) A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan

election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding

section 761e.

SB 278 (Sen. MacDonald) A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan

election law," by amending section 761d (MCL

168.761d), as added by 2020 PA 177.

Senator Johnson and Senator MacDonald, testified in support of SB 273 and SB 278. Questions and discussion followed.

Alex Weddon, representing the Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections, testified in support of SB 273 and SB 278.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in opposition to SB 273 and SB 278. Questions and discussion followed.

Lindsay Oswald, representing the Saint Joseph County Clerk's Office, testified in support of SB 273 and SB 278.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 273, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

Emily Snider, representing the Michigan Anti-Defamation League.

Steven Lance, representing the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Mike Butterbee, representing the Michigan Township Association.

Erica Peresman, representing the Michigan Democratic Party.

Cheryl Rottman, representing the The Oakland County Clerk's Association.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 278, but did not wish to speak:

Cheryl Rottmann, representing the The Oakland County Clerk's Association.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 278, but did not wish to speak: Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 273 and SB 278, but did not wish to speak:

Kathy Mcclinchey, representing the Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 273and SB 278, but did not wish to speak:

Christina Schlitt and Paula Bowman, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

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

Susan Jacob.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Bollin adjourned the meeting at 12:37 PM.

Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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