



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
REP. PENELOPE TSEKNOGLOU
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 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, Smit, DeBoyer.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Smit moved to adopt the meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 6171 before the committee:

HB 6171 (Rep. Skaggs)

A bill to amend 1966 PA 261, entitled "An act to provide for the apportionment of county boards of commissioners; to prescribe the size of the board; to provide for appeals; to prescribe the manner of election of the members of the county board of commissioners; to provide for compensation of members; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 (MCL 46.401, 46.402, 46.403, 46.404, 46.406, and 46.408), sections 1, 2, and 3 as amended by 2011 PA 280.

Representative Skaggs testified in support of HB 6171.

Professor Daniel Magleby testified in support of HB 6171.

Julie Matuzak testified in support of HB 6171.

Kris Pachla testified in support of HB 6171. Questions and discussion followed.

Jamie Lyons-Eddy, representing Voters Not Politicians, testified in support of HB 6171. Questions and discussion followed.

Larry Kestenbaum, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, testified in opposition to HB 6171.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6171, but did not wish to speak:

Robert Joerg, representing the Michigan Laborers District Council.

Aaron Squeo, representing United Food and Commercial Workers Local 876.

Ryan Sebolt, representing the Michigan American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Beth Kelly Byrd, representing the Service Employees International Union Michigan.

Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Department of State.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 6171, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

Joseph Bridgman, representing Livingston County Clerks.

Elizabeth Hundley, representing Livingston County Clerks.

Kristi Cox, representing Livingston County Clerks.

Scott Urbanowski, representing himself.

Sheri Ritchie, representing the Michigan Fair Elections Institute, Pure Integrity Michigan Elections, Stand Up Michigan, the Freedom Alliance Project, Mid-Michigan Women for Conservative Values.

Madeline Fata, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Representative Hope moved to report out HB 6171 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Reps. Smit, DeBoyer.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Tsernoglou adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Representative Penelope Tsernoglou, Chair

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