



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
REP. PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 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, Smit, DeBoyer.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Churches moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 20, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4210 and HB 4413 before the committee:

HB 4210 (Rep. Glanville)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759a (MCL 168.759a), as amended by 2022 PA 197; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

HB 4413 (Rep. Hood)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending sections 3, 6, and 9 (MCL 169.203, 169.206, and 169.209), section 3 as amended by 2017 PA 119 and sections 6 and 9 as amended by 2019 PA 93.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in support of HB 4210 and HB 4413. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Hood testified in support of HB 4413. Questions and discussion followed.

Sarah Hague, representing the Vote Mama Foundation, testified in support of HB 4413.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4413, but did not wish to speak:

Dave Hodgkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Representative Glanville testified in support of HB 4210. Questions and discussion followed.

Terry Sabo, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, testified in support of HB 4210.

Vice-Commander Scott Nichols, representing the American Legion Post 46 in Ann Arbor, testified in support of HB 4210.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of HB 4210.

Diego Echeverri, representing Secure Democracy USA, testified in support of HB 4210.

Cynthia Richardson, representing Pure Integrity Michigan Elections, testified in opposition to HB 4210 and HB 4413.

Dr. Alex Halderman testified in opposition to HB 4210. Questions and discussion followed.

Penny Venetis testified in opposition to HB 4210. Questions and discussion followed.

Susan Greenhalgh, representing Free Speech for People, testified in opposition to HB 4210.

Susannah Goodman, representing Common Cause, testified in opposition to HB 4210.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4210, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4210 and HB 4413, but did not wish to speak:

Olivia Luckett, representing the Michigan Democratic Party.

Jamie Lyons-Eddy, representing the Voters Not Politicians.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4210, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Aquene Freechild, representing Public Citizen.

C. Jay Coles, representing Verified Voting.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Tsernoglou adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Representative Penelope Tsernoglou, Chair

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