



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

REP. JAMES LOWER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2020

10:30 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance was called to order by Chair Lower.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.

Absent/Excused: None.

Representative Marino moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 13, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

At 10:32 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:33 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Chair laid HB 5260 and HB 5611 before the committee:

HB 5260 (Rep. Paquette)

A bill to amend 1945 PA 200, entitled "An act to define a marketable record title to an interest in land; to require the filing of notices of claim of interest in such land in certain cases within a definite period of time and to require the recording thereof; to make invalid and of no force or effect all claims with respect to the land affected thereby where no such notices of claim of interest are filed within the required period; to provide for certain penalties for filing slanderous notices of claim of interest, and to provide certain exceptions to the applicability and operation thereof," by amending section 4 (MCL 565.104), as amended by 2018 PA 572.

HB 5611 (Rep. Lower)

A bill to amend 1945 PA 200, entitled "An act to define a marketable record title to an interest in land; to require the filing of notices of claim of interest in such land in certain cases within a definite period of time and to require the recording thereof; to make invalid and of no force or effect all claims with respect to the land affected thereby where no such notices of claim of interest are filed within the required period; to provide for certain penalties for filing slanderous notices of claim of interest, and to provide certain exceptions to the applicability and operation thereof," by amending section 3 (MCL 565.103), as amended by 2018 PA 572.

Representative Paquette testified in support of HB 5260.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5611, but did not wish to speak:

James Ryan, representing the Real Estate Developers Association.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Realtors.

At 10:33 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:34 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Marino moved to refer HB 5260 to the Committee on Ways and Means. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Marino moved to refer HB 5611 to the Committee on Ways and Means. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5761 and HB 5810 before the committee:

HB 5761 (Rep. Lower)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding sections 44e and 78t.

HB 5810 (Rep. Lower)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The

general property tax act," by amending section 78a (MCL 211.78a), as amended by 2014 PA 499, and by adding section 44e.

Representative Marino moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5761. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

At 10:36 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:36 AM, Majority Vice Chair Marino called the committee back to order.

Representative Lower testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810. Questions and discussion followed.

At 10:54 AM, the Majority Vice Chair Steve Marino laid the committee at ease.

At 10:54 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810.

Nancy Hagan, representing Studio C, testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810.

Paul McCord, representing Fraser Treibelcock, testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810.

Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810.

Lew Chamberlain, representing the West Michigan White Caps, testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810.

Mary Balkema, the Kalamazoo County Treasurer, testified with a neutral position on HB 5761 and HB 5810.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of HB 5761 and HB 5810.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5761, but did not wish to speak:

Tim Sowton, representing the Business Leaders for Michigan.

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Tim Sowton, representing the Business Leaders for Michigan.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Realtors.
Dawn Crandall, representing the Michigan Homebuilders.
Veronica Horn, representing the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce.
Brian Calley, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.
Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business.
John Lindley, from Public Affairs Associates.
Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 5761, but did not wish to speak:
Geoff Hansen, representing the City of Muskegon.

The following person submitted a card with no position on HB 5761, but did not wish to speak:

Maureen Watson-Bolger, representing the City of East Lansing.

The following person submitted written testimony on HB 5761:

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

The Chair laid HB 5126 and HB 5504 before the committee:

HB 5126 (Rep. Johnson)	A bill to amend 1956 PA 40, entitled "The drain code of 1956," by amending sections 135 and 154 (MCL 280.135 and 280.154), section 135 as amended by 2017 PA 62 and section 154 as amended by 2018 PA 646.
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HB 5504 (Rep. Lower)	A bill to amend 1956 PA 40, entitled "The drain code of 1956," by amending sections 196 and 434 (MCL 280.196 and 280.434), section 196 as amended by 2008 PA 509 and section 434 as amended by 2002 PA 406.
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Representative Lower updated the committee on HB 5126 and HB 5504.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 5126 and HB 5504, but did not wish to speak:

Nathan Kark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The Chair laid HB 5060 before the committee:

HB 5060 (Rep. Garza)	A bill to amend 1956 PA 40, entitled "The drain code of 1956," by amending section 196 (MCL 280.196), as amended by 2008 PA 509.
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Representative Garza testified in support of HB 5060.

Stacy Hissong, representing Fahey Schulta, Burzych & Rhodes representing drain commissioners, testified in support of HB 5126, HB 5504 and HB 5060. She submitted written testimony.

| The following person submitted a card in support of HB 5060, but did not wish to speak:
Nathan Kark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural
Development.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 5060, but did not wish to speak:
Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Lower adjourned the meeting at
11:37 AM.

Representative James Lower, Chair

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