



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS  
REP. PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU  
CHAIR

### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 8, 2023

1:36 PM

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 Wegela moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 6, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4695, HB 4696, HB 4697, HB 4698, HB 4699, HB 4700, HB 4701 and HB 4702 before the committee:

HB 4695 (Rep. Tsernoglou)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 662, 668b, and 674 (MCL 168.662, 168.668b, and 168.674), section 662 as amended by 2022 PA 219, section 668b as added by 2018 PA 614, and section 674 as amended by 2018 PA 120, and by adding sections 8, 720a, 720b, 720c, 720d, 720e, 720f, 720g, 720h, 720i, and 720j.

HB 4696 (Rep. Tsernoglou)

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11d), as amended by 2018 PA 661.

HB 4697 (Rep. Koleszar)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 761d (MCL 168.761d), as amended by 2022 PA 195.

- HB 4698 (Rep. Hope) A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 2 (MCL 168.2), as amended by 2018 PA 603.
- HB 4699 (Rep. Byrnes) A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 499, 509aa, and 811 (MCL 168.499, 168.509aa, and 168.811), section 499 as amended by 2004 PA 92, section 509aa as amended by 2012 PA 270, and section 811 as amended by 2018 PA 603, and by adding sections 6, 759e, 759f, and 759g.
- HB 4700 (Rep. Rheingans) A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 759, 761, and 766 (MCL 168.759, 168.761, and 168.766), sections 759 and 761 as amended by 2020 PA 302 and section 766 as amended by 2018 PA 120, and by adding sections 766a and 766b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.
- HB 4701 (Rep. Morgan) A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11d), as amended by 2018 PA 661.
- HB 4702 (Rep. Tsernoglou) A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 658 and 661 (MCL 168.658 and 168.661), as amended by 2012 PA 270.

At 1:37 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 1:38 PM, Majority Vice Chair Wegela called the committee back to order.

Representative Tsernoglou, Aghogho Edevbie, representing the Secretary of State, Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote, and Mary Clark, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of HB 4695 and HB 4696. Questions and discussion followed.

At 2:05 PM, Majority Vice Chair Wegela laid the committee at ease.

At 2:06 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Koleszar, Aghogho Edevbie, representing the Secretary of State, and Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote, testified in support of HB 4697. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Hope, Aghogho Edevbie, representing the Secretary of State, and Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote, testified in support of HB 4698. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Byrnes, Aghogho Edevbie, representing the Secretary of State, and Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote, testified in support of HB 4699. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Rheingans, Representative Morgan, Aghogho Edevbie, representing the Secretary of State, and Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote, testified in support of HB 4700 and HB 4701.

At 2:26 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 2:26 PM, Majority Vice Chair Wegela called the committee back to order.

Representative Tsernoglou, Mary Clark, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, and Chris Swope, City of Lansing Clerk, testified in support of HB 4702. Questions and discussion followed.

At 2:42 PM, Majority Vice Chair Wegela laid the committee at ease.

At 2:43 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Sheri Ritchie, representing Pure Integrity Michigan Elections, testified with no position on HB 4697, HB 4698, HB 4699 and HB 4702.

Erica Peresman, representing Promote The Vote, testified in support of HB 4695, HB 4696, HB 4697, HB 4698, HB 4699, HB 4700, HB 4701 and HB 4702.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4695, HB 4696, HB 4698, HB 4699 and HB 4700, but did not wish to speak:

Quentin Turner, representing Common Cause Michigan.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4695, HB 4697, HB 4698, HB 4699, HB 4700 and HB 4702, but did not wish to speak:

Ethan Petzold, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4695, HB 4696, HB 4697, HB 4698, HB 4699, HB 4700, HB 4701 and HB 4702, but did not wish to speak:

Marcus Cheatham.

Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association and the American Association of University Women of Michigan.

Matt Patton, representing Protect Democracy.

Jodi Fisher, representing Healthy Democracy Healthy People Michigan.

Camden Weber, representing NextGen America.

Olivia Lockett, representing the Michigan Democratic Party.

Brad Williams, representing the Detroit regional Chamber.

Ricky Bicknell, representing Voters Not Politicians.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4695, HB 4696, HB 4697, HB 4698, HB 4699, HB 4700 and HB 4701, but did not wish to speak:

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

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

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4695, HB 4697, HB 4698, HB 4699 and HB 4700, but did not wish to speak:

Joan Gustafson, representing the Michigan Nonprofit Association.

Eric Welsby, representing Detroit Disability Power.

Brooke Harris, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Kelsey Rogers, representing the Campaign Legal Center.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4697 and HB 4699, but did not wish to speak:

Stephanie Kreuz, representing Heritage Action for America.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4697, HB 4699 and HB 4700, but did not wish to speak:

Barbara Smith Warner, representing the National Vote At Home Institute.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4697, HB 4699 and HB 4702, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Tsernoglou adjourned the meeting at 2:57 PM.

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Representative Penelope Tsernoglou, Chair

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