

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

**9:15 a.m.**

**Room 326 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by **Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Posthumus Lyons, Cotter, Heise, Callton, Outman, Yonker, Haugh, Lane and Schor.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Schor** moved to adopt the minutes of the **April 29, 2014**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Posthumus Lyons** laid **HJR GG** before the committee:

HJR GG (McBroom)            Education; board members; state board of education; require members to be elected from single-member districts.

**TESTIMONY**

**Representative McBroom**, sponsor of HJR GG, explained his joint resolution to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

**John Austin**, president of the Michigan State Board of Education, testified in opposition to the joint resolution.

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**Julie Rowe** and **Todd Tennis**, representing the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) of Michigan, testified in opposition to the joint resolution.

*The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:*

Rich Brown, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, opposes the joint resolution.

Christina Canfield, representing the Michigan Education Association (MEA), opposes the joint resolution.

**Representative Schor** offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to **HJR GG**:

1. Amend page 2, line 19, after “**LAW.**” by inserting, “**THE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS SHALL BE CREATED BY A NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMPRISED OF 6 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. THE NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF 3 MEMBERS FROM EACH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY APPOINTED IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW.**”.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **3-6-0**.

#### **UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Representatives Haugh, Lane and Schor,

Nays: Representatives Posthumus Lyons, Cotter, Heise, Callton, Outman and Yonker,

Pass: None.

**Representative Cotter** moved to report **HJR GG** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-3-0**.

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Representatives Posthumus Lyons, Cotter, Heise, Callton, Outman and Yonker,

Nays: Representatives Haugh, Lane and Schor,

Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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**Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Elections and Ethics**  
Malika Abdul-Basir  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-8099  
55 Minutes