

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

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

12:00 p.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

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 Heise moved to adopt the minutes of the **October 29, 2013**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Posthumus Lyons laid **HB 4887, HB 5115 and HB 5116** before the committee:

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| HB 4887 (Lauwers) | Property tax; millage; millage elections; limit to November general election. |
| HB 5115 (Lyons) | Education; other; definition of special school election; modify, and require school elections for a millage, sinking fund, or bond to be held in August or November. |
| HB 5116 (Lyons) | Elections; school; election for a millage, sinking fund, or bond; require to be held in August or November. |

TESTIMONY

Representative Lauwers, sponsor of HB 4887, explained his bill to the committee.

Mark Shrapnel, a constituent from the 81st District, testified and submitted written testimony in support of HB 4887.

Gail Madziar, representing the Michigan Library Association, testified in opposition to HB 4887.

Lance Werner, Director of the Kent District Library, representing the Michigan Library Association, testified in opposition to the HB 4887.

Larry Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk and Registrar, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, testified and submitted written testimony indicating neutrality on the bills.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified in opposition to HB 4887.

Nikki Brown, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to HB 4887.

Bill McMaster, representing Taxpayers United, testified in support of the bills.

Representative Lauwer returned to explain the proposed substitute **(H-2)** to **HB 4887**.

Representative Yonker moved to adopt the substitute **(H-2)** to **HB 4887**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-2**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Haugh and Lane.

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

Bill Zaagman from Governmental Consultant Services Inc. (GCSI), representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, opposes the bills.

Gary Naeyaert, representing the Great Lakes Education Project supports the bills.

Robert Emerson, representing the St. Clair Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), opposes HB 4887.

Jennifer Smith and Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, opposes the bills.

Jerry Johnson, representing the Genesee Intermediate School District (ISD), opposes the bills.

Gerald Peregord, representing the School Equity Caucus, opposes the bills.

Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association, opposes the bills.

Matt Kapp, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, supports HB 4887.

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administration, opposes the bills.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair
House Standing Committee on Elections and Ethics

Malika Abdul-Basir

Committee Clerk

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55 Minutes