

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

Monday, November 17, 2014

12:00 p.m.

Room 519 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, Heise, Outman, Yonker, Haugh, Lane and Schor.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Cotter and Callton.

Representative Haugh moved to adopt the minutes of the **September 30, 2014**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Haugh moved to excuse Representatives Cotter and Callton from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Posthumus Lyons laid **HB 5974** before the committee:

HB 5974 (Lund) Elections; other; allocation of electoral votes; revise.

TESTIMONY

Representative Lund, sponsor of HB 5974, explained his bill to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Batterby, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified indicating neutrality on the bill.

Jocelyn Benson, representing the Michigan Center for Election Law, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Professor Grossman from Michigan State University, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill.

Sharon Dolente, representing the Michigan Election Coalition, testified in opposition to the bill.

Rebecca Hammond, representing herself, testified in opposition to the bill.

Phil Lombard, representing himself, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

William Gordon, representing himself, testified in support of the bill.

Kenneth Knoppow, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill.

Chair Posthumus Lyons called Vice-Chair Heise to the chair.

Will Tyler White, representing the Libertarian Party of Michigan, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Chair Posthumus Lyons resumed the chair.

Walter Sorg, representing the Michigan Election Reform Alliance, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Philip Shepard, independent, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Susan Smith, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Patrick Rose, attorney at law, testified in opposition to the bill.

Scott Foval, representing People for The American Way, testified in opposition to the bill.

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

Melissa Brown Knox opposes the bill.

Fran Brennan, representing the AFL-CIO Michigan, opposes the bill.

Allan Wachendorfer, representing the National Association of Social Workers, opposes the bill.

Mike Berkowitz, representing the Michigan Sierra Club, opposes the bill.

Julie Rowe, representing the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Michigan, opposes the bill.

Tim Hughes, representing the UAW, opposes the bill.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), opposes the bill.

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, opposes the bill.

Nicholas Clark, representing Clean Water Action, opposes the bill.

Carole-Jo Chi, a precinct delegate in Sterling Heights, opposes the bill.

Gary Cynowa opposes the bill.

Melanie McElroy, representing Common Cause Michigan, opposes the bill.

Dr. Lynn Phillips supports the bill.

John Wagner supports the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

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

Malika Abdul-Basir

Committee Clerk

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2 Hours and 7 Minutes