

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Thursday, March 13, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Cotter, Kesto, Heise, Johnson, LaFontaine, Leonard, Howrylak, Cavanaugh, Lipton, Irwin, Clemente.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative LaFontaine moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2014 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5055 before the committee:

HB 5055 (Johnson) Criminal procedure; warrants; defraying of costs incurred by local unit of government in executing bench warrants; allow.

Representative Johnson testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Bruce Timmons, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Peter Cunningham, representing the State Bar of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid HB 5270, HB 5271, and HB 5272 before the committee:

HB 5270 (McMillin) Law enforcement; investigations; electronic video recording of child interrogations; require.

HB 5271 (Kosowski) Criminal procedure; evidence; consideration of videorecorded statements in certain proceedings; allow.

HB 5272 (Hooker) Children; protection; videorecorded statements; allow to be used in child protective services hearings, increase fines for improper release of, and require to retain for certain period of time.

Representative McMillin and Representative Hooker testified in support of their bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Colin Parks, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, testified on the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Joe Baumann, representing the State Court Administrator's Office, testified with a neutral position on the bills.

David Stiles, representing the Baldwin Baptist Church, testified in support of the bills.

Steve and Maria Green, representing themselves, testified in support of the bills.

The Chair laid HB 5246 before the committee:

HB 5246 (Rogers) Criminal procedure; warrants; use of electronic video equipment for issuance of warrants; allow for law enforcement officials.

Representative Rogers and Chief Bob Brookins, representing Green Oak Township, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Pendy, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair returned to HB 5270, HB 5271 and HB 5272.

Elizabeth Warren, representing herself as an attorney, testified in support of the bills.

Lisa Kirsch Satawa, representing herself as an attorney, testified in support of the bills.

John Tuinstra, representing the Citizens for Parental Rights, testified in support of the bills.

Paulette Brack, representing Parental Rights, submitted a card in support of HB 5270 and HB 5272, but did not wish to speak.

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Sheriffs Association, submitted a card with concerns on the bills, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Representative Kevin Cotter, Chair_____

Angie Lake, Committee Clerk
alake@house.mi.gov
(517) 373-5795