



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**ELECTIONS**

Wednesday, March 11, 2015                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 308 House Office Building

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

Members present: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Leutheuser moved to adopt the minutes from the Tuesday, February 17, meeting.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4270 (Jacobsen)	Elections; scheduling; February regular election date; eliminate.
HB 4271 (Lyons)	Elections; scheduling; February regular election date; eliminate.
HB 4272 (Lauwers)	Elections; scheduling; February regular election date; eliminate.
HB 4273 (Heise)	Elections; scheduling; February regular election date; eliminate.
HB 4274 (Kesto)	Elections; scheduling; February regular election date; eliminate.
HB 4275 (Leutheuser)	Elections; scheduling; February regular election date; eliminate.
HB 4276 (Lyons)	Elections; scheduling; February regular election date; eliminate.

Chair Lyons gave an overview of the bill package.

Mike Batterbee and Melissa Malerman, representing the Michigan Secretary of State's Office, testified before the committee in support of the bill package.

Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, testified in support of the bill package.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Council of Election Officials, testified in support of the bill package.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to the bill package.

The following individuals submitted cards on the bill package and did not wish to speak:

Rich Robinson, Michigan Campaign Finance Network, neutral and submitted written testimony.

Rebecca Rocho, South Central Education Policy, in opposition.

Ray S. Telman, Middle Cities Education Association, in opposition.

Kathleen Merry, Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, in opposition.

Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association, in support.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:10 a.m.

**Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk

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