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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:00 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 Hoadley moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, May 27, 2015 meeting.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4724 (Lyons) Elections; absent voters; definition of absent voter; expand to include an elector who applies in person at the clerk's office and who presents photo identification and expand the 100-foot rule to a clerk's office during the 45 days before an election.

Chair Lyons explained the bill to the committee.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson testified before the committee in support of the bill.

Also appearing with Ms. Johnson were Chris Thomas, Director of Elections, and Kieron Marion, Director of Policy Initiatives, for the Secretary of State's Office. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Marion answered questions for the committee members.

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of the bill.

Justin Roebuck, Ottawa County Clerk, testified in support of the bill.

The following individuals submitted a card on HB 4724 but did not wish to speak:

Nikki Brown, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in support.

Evan Stivers, representing the American Civil Liberties Union, in support with modification to in person.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:40 a.m.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair_____

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk

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