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**Minutes of March 4, 2010**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, March 4, 2010, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:36 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk:

Senator Kuipers – Present  
 Senator VanWoerkom – Present  
 Senator Cassis – Present (2:41 P.M.)  
 Senator Whitmer – Present  
 Senator Gleason – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from February 25, 2010.

Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to approve the minutes from February 25, 2010 was supported by Senator Gleason.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes  
 Senator VanWoerkom – Yes  
 Senator Cassis – NV  
 Senator Whitmer – Yes  
 Senator Gleason – Yes

- **SB 751** Sen. Brown Elections; school; dates of school elections; revise.
- SB 752** Sen. Switalski Elections; school; technical amendments to revised school code concerning school board elections; provide for.
- SB 753** Sen. Brown Elections; school; school elections; revise.
- SB 754** Sen. Kahn Elections; school; school elections; revise.
- SB 755** Sen. Switalski Elections; school; special elections to submit ballot question to borrow money, increase a mileage, or establish a bond if an initiative petition is filed; eliminate.
- SB 756** Sen. Brown Elections; school; reference to school district special elections; remove.

- Senator Brown and Senator Switalski gave a brief introduction of SB 751-756.
- Lauri Braid representing Shiawassee County and the Council of Election Officials and Ruth Johnson representing the Oakland County Clerk's Office spoke in favor of the bills. They also offered that they would like to see the bills amended to change the elections to align with November General Elections only.
- Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, spoke in opposition of the bills.
- Beth Nuccio, representing the Brandon Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bills.
- Evan Hope and Chris Swope, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, spoke in favor of the bills.
- Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, did not wish to speak and opposes the bills.
- Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District, did not wish to speak and opposes the bills.
- Don Olendorf, representing the Van Buren Legislative Consortium, did not wish to speak and opposes the bills.
- Diane Zuker, representing the Clinton County Clerk's Office, did not wish to speak and supports the bills, as well as the amendments suggested by Lauri Braid and Ruth Johnson.
- Kimberly Grimm, representing the Muskegon County Clerks Association, did not wish to speak and supports the bills, as well as the amendments suggested by Lauri Braid and Ruth Johnson.
- Karolyn Rillema, representing Fruitland Township, did not wish to speak and supports the bills.
- Christina Achterhoff, representing the Laketon Township Clerk's Office, did not wish to speak and supports the bills.
- Mary Hollinralce, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, did not wish to speak and supports the bills.
- Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, did not wish to speak and opposes the bills.
- **SB 802** Sen. Kuipers Higher education; community colleges; removal of community college employees from school retirement system; provide for.
- Senator Kuipers gave a brief introduction of SB 802.
- Mike Hansen, representing the Michigan Community College Association, and Larry Whitworth, representing Washtenaw Community College, spoke in support of the bill.
- Bob Burns, representing DMB/ORS, spoke in opposition of the bill.
- Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District, spoke in opposition of the bill.
- Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, did not wish to speak

and opposes the bill.

- Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, did not wish to speak and opposes the bill.
- Judy Allen, representing the Oakland Schools, did not wish to speak and opposes the bill.
- David W. Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association, did not wish to speak and opposes the bill.
- Don Olendorf, representing the Van Buren Legislative Consortium, did not wish to speak and opposes the bill.
- Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, did not wish to speak and opposes the bill.
- Bill Kandler, representing the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association - College Retirement Equities Fund, did not wish to speak and supports the bill.
- Motion by Sen. Van Woerkom to adopt the S-1 substitute of SB 802 was supported by Sen. Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes  
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes  
Senator Cassis – Yes  
Senator Whitmer – No  
Senator Gleason – NV

- Motion by Sen. Van Woerkom to report the S-1 version of SB 802 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect was supported by Sen. Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes  
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes  
Senator Cassis – Yes  
Senator Whitmer – No  
Senator Gleason – NV

- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 3:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Paula Englin, Clerk

  
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Wayne Kuipers, Chair

3/4/10

Date Approved