

## Senate Elections Committee

Monday, January 31, 2005

**Members Present:**

Wiger  
Kleis  
Fischbach  
Higgins  
Limmer  
Marty  
Marko  
Pariseau  
Scheid

**Members Absent:**

Hottinger

Senator Wiger calls meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**Agenda item#1** S.F. 291 Pariseau: Coordinating legislative and congressional districts

Overview of S.F. 291 given by Senator Pariseau, coordinating legislative and congressional districts.

Testifier: Walter Klause, Former State Representative, supports S.F. 291. S.F. 291 would reduce the number of legislators to 64 senators from 67 and house members to 128 to 134. This bill would help with the problem with overlapping of congressional districts.

Quorum present 3:16 p.m.

Senator Pariseau moved S.F. 291 be recommended to pass and referred to the floor. Motion prevailed.

**Agenda item #2** S.F. 386 Marty: Elections provisions modifications

Senator Marty moved to delete section 9 and 14. Amendment adopted.

Senator Marty moved A-1 author's amendment. Amendment passed.

Testifier: Tracy Reid-Selth, ARC Hennepin Carver, testified on guardianship issues. She felt that there needed to be clarifications in the law that stated that a guardianship person could not vote unless they retained the right to vote.

Senator Marty moved the A-2 amendment. Amendment adopted.

Senator Kleis moved to amend S.F. 386, page 5, line 20 strike "25 weeks before state primary election" and insert "October 31<sup>st</sup> in the year ending 01."

Senator Marty offered a friendly amendment to strike "October 31<sup>st</sup> in the year ending in 01" and insert "January 31<sup>st</sup> in the year ending in 02".

Senator Kleis renewed his motion on his oral amendment. Amendment passed.

Senator Marty moved to reinstate stricken language page 6, line 30-31. Motion carried.

Senator Marty moved S.F. 386 be recommended to pass as amended and referred to the floor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #3** S.F. 642 Senator Marty: Instant run-off voting in city elections.

Senator Marty gave an overview of S.F. 642.

Senator Marty moves to verbally amend page 1, line 14, delete "house Committee", page 1, delete line 15, page 1, line 16, delete "senate Committee on Elections" and insert "senate and house committees with jurisdiction over election laws" Amendment adopted.

Tony Solgard, President of Fair Vote Minnesota, testified. He shared concerns and suggested that there be some "notwithstanding" language added to the bill.

Bruce Kennedy, Roseville constituent, testified. He believes that cities should have the right to utilize an alternative voting method.

Senator Marty moved S.F. 642.

Senator Kleis requested a roll call vote on S.F. 642

Yes	No
Higgins	Fishbach
Marty	Kleis
Marko	Limmer
Scheid	Pariseau
Wiger	

There being 5-Yes's and 4-No's the motion was adopted. S.F. 652 was passed.

Senator Wiger adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

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### Agenda

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Author	Pariseau
Short Descriptor	Coordinating legislative and congressional districts
Action(s)	Recommended to Pass
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 386
Author	Marty
Short Descriptor	Elections) provisions modifications
Action(s)	Recommended to Pass as Amended
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 142
Author	Marty
Short Descriptor	Instant) run-off voting in city elections
Action(s)	Recommended to Pass as amended
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# Senate Elections Committee

**Chair: Chuck Wiger**  
Wednesday, January 31, 2005  
3:00 p.m.  
Room 107 Capitol

## Agenda

1. S.F. 291- Pariseau: Coordinating legislative and congressional districts  
Testifying: Walter Klaus, Former State Representative
2. S.F. 386-Marty: Elections provisions modifications
3. S.F. 642-Marty: Instant run-off voting in city elections