

Senate Elections Committee

Monday, February 7, 2005

Members present:

Fischbach

Higgins

Hottinger

Kleis

Limmer

Marko

Marty

Scheid

Wiger

Members not present:

Pariseau

Senator Wiger called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

Agenda item #1 S.F. 518- Rest: Eliminating duplicate campaign filings.

Senator Rest offered the A-1 author's amendment. Senator Higgins moved the A-1 author's amendment. A-1 amendment adopted.

Joyce Peterson, Hennepin County, testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Higgins moves the bill to pass and sent to consent calendar.

Bill passed as amended and moved to consent calendar.

Agenda item #2 S.F. 370- Marty: Media access to polling places.

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

Senator Scheid moved to amend A-1 amendment page 1, line 7, before "news" insert "A", and strike "representatives-to" insert "representative may". Senator Scheid also moved to amend page 1, line 8, after "enter" insert "a", and insert "places". Amendment adopted.

Tom Ferber, League of MN Cities Task Force, testified on behalf of the bill. He discussed the time limit and testified that they wanted to limit the time news media can be in the polling place. He was comfortable with the time limit being set at 60 minutes.

Senator Kleis moved to amend page 1, line 8, delete "places for up to 60 minutes", lines 9 and 10 delete new language "The time limit may be extended by the head election judge." Amendment adopted.

Senator Limmer moved a verbal amendment to line 20 reinstate the stricken language and insert "or". Amendment not adopted.

Senator Marty moved that S.F. 370 be recommended to pass as amended and sent to the floor. Motion adopted.

Agenda item #3 S.F. 716- Kleis: Changing certain ballot certifications provisions.

Bert Black, Staff Attorney, Secretary of State's Office testified on behalf of the bill.

Senator Kleis moved that S.F. 716 be recommended to pass and sent to the consent calendar. Motion adopted.

Agenda item #4 S.F. 717- Kleis: Eliminating a requirement in party primary elections.

Senator Kleis moved that S.F. 717 be recommended to pass and sent to the consent calendar. Motion adopted.

Senate Committee Meeting Log

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Bill # (or Topic)	SF 518
Author	Best
Short Descriptor	Eliminating duplicate campaign filings
Action(s)	Passed as Amended and placed on consent calendar
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 370
Author	Marty
Short Descriptor	Media access to polling places
Action(s)	Passed as amended
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Action(s)	Passed and placed on consent calendar

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Chair: Chuck Wiger
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Room 107 Capitol

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Mark Anfinson, Newspapers Association
2. S.F. 518-Rest: Eliminating duplicate campaign filings
Testifying: Joyce Peterson, Hennepin County
3. S.F. 716-Kleis: Changing certain ballot certifications provisions
Testifying: Bert Black, Staff Attorney, Secretary of State's Office
4. S.F. 717-Kleis: Eliminating a requirement in party primary elections
Testifying: Bert Black, Staff Attorney, Secretary of State's Office