

SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

1:00 p.m., Room 15, State Capitol

The following committee members were present:

WIGER, Chuck, chair
FISCHBACH, Michelle
HOTTINGER, John
LIMMER, Warren
MARTY, John
SCHEID, Linda

HIGGINS, Linda – absent
MARKO, Sharon – absent
PARISEAU, Pat - absent

Senator Wiger called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

I. HAVA REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT

Kevin Corbid, Elections Director, Washington County, spoke about the financial burden Washington, Ramsey, Dakota and Anoka counties are facing having to purchase the Automark Ballot Marking Devices.

Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Inter-County Association, explained the frustrations counties are facing with the voting machine requirements.

Deb Skogen, City Clerk, City of Fridley, discussed the benefits of using the counties' current Diebold voting equipment.

Committee discussion followed.

Alberto Quintela, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office, discussed the conversations their office had with the counties about voting equipment.

Committee discussion followed.

II. SECRETARY OF STATE'S ELECTIONS RELATED PUBLICATIONS AND SURVEY RESULTS OF COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATORS

Beth Fraser, Public Policy Director, MAPA, spoke about errors in a recent publication by Secretary of State's office. She later presented the results of a recent survey of elections officials.

Committee discussion followed.

Alberto Quintela, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office, responded to Beth Fraser's testimony, stating their office will send a written response to her letter.

Committee discussion followed.

Mike McCarthy, Elections Supervisor, Secretary of State's Office, spoke of the Secretary of State's web postings.

Committee discussion followed.

The meeting was taped. The committee adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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Chair: Senator Chuck Wiger

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Agenda

- I. HAVA requirements for voting equipment
 - a. Kevin Corbid, Elections Director, Washington County
 - b. Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Inter-County Association
 - c. Deb Skogen, City Clerk, City of Fridley
 - d. Alberto Quintela, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's office

- II. Secretary of State's Elections Related Publications and Survey Results of County Elections Administrators
 - a. Beth Fraser, Public Policy Director, MAPA
 - b. Alberto Quintela, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's office
 - c. Mike McCarthy, Elections Supervisor, Secretary of State's office

January 24, 2006 Attendance

Committee Members	Present
Senator Chuck Wiger, Chair	✓
Senator Michelle Fischbach	✓
Senator Linda Higgins	
Senator John Hottinger	✓
Senator Warren Limmer	✓
Senator Sharon Marko	
Senator John Marty	✓
Senator Pat Pariseau	
Senator Linda Scheid	✓

