

Elections Committee
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
3:00 PM
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Minutes

Present: Senator Jim Carlson - Chair, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin Vice Chair, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Calvin K. Bahr, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Nicole L. Mitchell, Senator Lindsey Port, Senator Ann H. Rest

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Meeting called to order

S.F. 66: Senator Port: Certain types of contributions limitations that grant registered lobbyists or other individuals special access to a space where public officials are likely to gather.

Testifiers:

Senator Port
Ken Peterson, Board Member, Clean Elections Minnesota

Senator Port moved the A1 Author's Amendment. The motion prevailed and the A1 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Bahr moved an oral amendment to the A1 Amendment. On line 1.7 delete "house" and insert "body". On 1.12 delete "house" and insert "body". By a voice vote, the motion prevailed and the oral amendment to the A1 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Port moved that SF 66 be recommended to pass and placed on General Orders. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Port moved that S.F. 66, as amended, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 611: Senator Boldon: State Canvassing Board declaration of the candidates duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each federal and state offices requirement.

Testifiers:

Senator Boldon
Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, Office of the Secretary of State

Senator Boldon moved that SF 611 be recommended to pass. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that S.F. 611, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 285: Senator Mitchell: Voter electronic signatures permission for purposes of electronic rosters.

Testifiers:

Senator Mitchell
Kirk Peterson, Hennepin County
Nicole Conlin, Elections Administrator, Hennepin County

Max Hailperin, Seasonal Election Support Specialist, Hennepin County
Steve Monk, Director of Operations & Development, Fresh Alternatives, Inc.
Carol Bidwell, Citizen
Nicole Freeman, Director of Government Relations, Office of the Secretary of State

Senator Mitchell moved the A2 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A2 Author's Amendment was adopted. Senator Mitchell moved that SF 285 be recommended to pass. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Mitchell moved that S.F. 285, as amended, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 384: Senator Marty: A resolution memorializing Congress to overturn the United States Supreme Court decision Citizens United v. FEC.

Testifiers:

Senator Marty
(zoom) Congressman Rick Nolan
(zoom) John Demma, Citizen
Ken Peterson, Board Member, Clean Elections Minnesota
Jeff Clark, Co-Chair, MN Move to Amend State Network
Barbara Gerten, State Director, MN Move to Amend State Network
Rebecca Lucas, Citizen

Senator Marty moved that SF 384 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed and SF 384 will be re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee.

Senator Marty moved that S.F. 384, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



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