

Elections Committee
Tuesday, January 31, 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 3:06 PM.

Call to order

S.F. 538: Senator Hoffman: Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote enactment.

Testifiers:

Senator Hoffman
Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon
Sara Bertschinger, Citizen
Sean Parnell, Senior Legislative Director, Save Our States
Todd Otis, Board member, Clean Elections Minnesota
Annette Meeks, CEO, Freedom Foundation of Minnesota
Manilan Houle, Member, League of Organizing Professionals
Elena Niehoff, Citizen
Leif Larsen, Citizen
Paul Huffman, Election and Redistricting Policy Coordinator, League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Rae Parker, Citizen
Casey McGregor, Citizen
David Fisher, Vice Chair, City of Minneapolis Audit Committee
Matt Bellford, President, Servant Enterprises
John Wilcox, Senior Branch Premier Banker, Wells Fargo
Vermont State Senator Chris Pearson

Senator Marty moved that SF 538 be recommended to pass. Senator Koran requested a roll call vote and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson - Yea
Senator Westlin - Yea
Senator Koran - Nay
Senator Anderson - Nay
Senator Bahr - Nay
Senator Boldon - Yea
Senator Cwodzinski - Yea
Senator Dornink - Nay
Senator Limmer - Nay
Senator Marty - Yea
Senator Mathews - Nay
Senator Mitchell - Yea

Senator Port - Yea
Senator Rest - Yea
With a vote of 8 Yeas and 6 Nays, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marty moved that S.F. 538, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 746: Senator Hoffman: Candidate permission to request the candidate's residential address be classified as private data when the candidate has reasonable fear as to the safety of the candidate of the candidate's family.

Testifiers:

Senator Hoffman
Rich Neumeister, Citizen
Nicole Freeman, Governmental Relations Director, Office of the Secretary of State

Senator Westlin moved the A1 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A1 Amendment was adopted. Senator Marty moved that SF 746 be recommended to pass, as amended, and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marty moved that S.F. 746, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for
Taylor Spreeman, Legislative Assistant