

**Elections Committee**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2023**  
**3:00 PM**  
**MSB 1200/Livestream YouTube**

**Minutes**

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**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 John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Nicole L. Mitchell, Senator Ann H. Rest**

**Absent: Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Lindsey Port**

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**Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.**

**Call to order**

**S.F. 1508: Senator Mitchell: Certain expenses designation as noncampaign disbursements.**

**Testifiers:**

Senator Mitchell

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board

Senator Mitchell moved the A2 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A2 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 1508 be laid over, as amended.

**Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 1508, as amended, be laid over. - MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 1191: Senator Westlin: Election administration provisions modifications.**

**Testifiers:**

Senator Westlin

Alexis Stangl, Elections Committee Counsel

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

(zoom) Michael Stalberger, Property and Environmental Resources Director, Blue Earth County

Elena Niehoff, Citizen

Lilly Sasse, Campaign Director, We Choose Us

Alex Hassel, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities

Senator Westlin moved the A15 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A15 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Koran moved the A16 Amendment and requested a roll call.

Senator Carlson - Nay

Senator Westlin - Nay

Senator Koran - Yea

Senator Anderson - Yea

Senator Bahr - Yea

Senator Boldon - Nay

Senator Cwodzinski - Nay

Senator Dornink - Yea  
Senator Limmer - Absent  
Senator Marty - Nay  
Senator Mathews - Yea  
Senator Mitchell - Nay  
Senator Port - Absent  
Senator Rest - Nay

By a roll call vote of 5 Yeas, 7 Nays, and 2 Absences, the motion failed, and the A16 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Boldon moved the A17 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A17 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Boldon moved the A18 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A18 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Koran moved the A19 Amendment and requested a roll call. Counsel advised Senator Koran to withdraw A19 Amendment due to a technical error. Senator Koran withdrew the A19 Amendment and moved an Oral Amendment. On page 31, delete section 43. Senator Koran requested a roll call, and a roll call was granted.

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

By a roll call vote of 5 Yeas, 7 Nays, and 2 Absences, the motion failed, and the Oral Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Mathews moved an Oral Amendment to the A15 Amendment. On page 16, delete section 23. Senator Mathews requested a roll call, and a roll call was granted.

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

Senator Port - Absent

Senator Rest - Nay

By a roll call vote of 5 Yeas, 7 Nays, and 2 Absences, the motion failed, and the Oral Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that SF 1191 be recommended to pass, as amended, and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

**Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 1191, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 1362: Senator Carlson: Elections technical and clarifying changes.**

**Not heard.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.**

*Jim Carlson*

Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for  
Taylor Spreeman, Legislative Assistant