

Elections Committee
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
3:00 PM, Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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. Cwodziński, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Nicole L. Mitchell, Senator Ann H. Rest

Absent: Senator Lindsey Port

Senator Bonnie S. Westlin called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

Call to Order

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

Testifier:

Senator Carlson

Senator Carlson moved the A3 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A3 Author's Amendment was adopted.

A4 Amendment

Senator Koran moved the A4 Amendment.

Testifiers:

Alexis Stangl, Elections Committee Counsel

Matt Hilgart, Representing the Association of Minnesota Counties

Alex Hassel, Representing the League of Minnesota Cities

Senator Koran moved an Oral Amendment to the A4 Amendment. On line 2.27, delete "poling" and insert "polling". By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the Oral Amendment to the A4 Amendment was adopted. By a voice vote, the A4 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 1362, as amended, be laid over. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 1362, as amended, be laid over. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1943: Senator Carlson: Campaign finance provisions modifications.

Testifiers:

Senator Carlson

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance Board

Senator Carlson moved the A1 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the A1 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that SF 1943, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

After the voice vote, Senator Westlin returned the gavel to Senator Carlson.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 1943, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 749: Senator Westlin: Requirement modification related to the ordering of candidates for partisan offices on the state general election ballot.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin

Alexis Stangl, Elections Committee Counsel

Nicole Freeman, Government 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 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that SF 749, as amended, be recommended to pass and placed on general orders. Senator Koran requested a roll call 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 - Absent

Senator Rest - Yea

By a roll call vote of 7 Yeas, 6 Nays, and 1 Absence, the motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 749, as amended, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for
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