

Elections Committee
Thursday, March 2, 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 3:07 PM.

Call to order

S.F. 1434: Senator Westlin: Early voting provision.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin
(zoom) Debby Erickson, Administrative Services Director, Crow Wing County
Mike Dean, Executive Director, LeadMN
Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, Office of Secretary of State

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

Senator Westlin moved the A4 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A4 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved an Oral Amendment. On page 4, delete section 6. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the Oral Amendment was adopted.

Senator Koran moved an Oral Amendment. On page 7, delete lines 11-14. 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 – Yea
Senator Marty – Nay
Senator Mathews – Yea
Senator Mitchell – Nay
Senator Port – Nay
Senator Rest – Nay

By a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 8 Nays, the motion failed, and the Oral Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 1434, as amended, be laid over.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 1434, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2171: Senator Rest: Redistricting provision of the Metropolitan Council districts.

Testifier:

Senator Rest

Senator Rest moved the A1 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A1 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Rest moved that SF 2171, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Transportation Committee. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 2171, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Transportation Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2144: Senator Hoffman: Grant appropriation to improve access to polling places.

Testifiers:

Senator Hoffman

Trevor Turner, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Council on Disability

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

Senator Carlson moved that SF 2144 be laid over. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 2144, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for
Taylor Spreeman, Legislative Assistant