

Elections Committee
Tuesday, March 7, 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 3:08 PM.

Call to order

S.F. 1548: Senator Rest: A delete everything amendment will replace the current language with ongoing funding for local governments for expenses directly related to administering elections.

Testifiers:

Senator Rest
Michelle Clasen, Washington County Commissioner, Association of Minnesota Counties
Michael Stalberger, Property and Environmental Resources Director, Blue Earth County
(zoom) Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk, City of Blaine
Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon

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

Senator Rest moved the A3 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and that A3 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Rest moved that SF 1548, as amended, be recommended to pass, and re-referred to the Taxes Committee. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 1548, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Taxes Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2051: Senator Boldon: Lobbying provisions expansion to include all political subdivisions.

Testifiers:

Senator Boldon
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance Board

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

Senator Koran moved the A2 Amendment and requested a roll call and a roll call was granted. Senator Carlson – Nay

Senator Westlin – Nay

Senator Koran – Yea

Senator Anderson – Yea

Senator Bahr – Pass

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 5 Yeas, 8 Nays, and 1 Pass, the motion failed, and the A2 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 2051, as amended, be laid over. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 2051, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Jim Carlson

Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for
Taylor Spreeman, Legislative Assistant