

Elections Committee
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
3:00 PM
MSB 1200/Livestream YouTube

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

Absent: Senator Warren Limmer

Senator Bonnie S. Westlin called the meeting to order at 3:11 PM.

Call to order

S.F. 1827: Senator Carlson: Major political party definition modification.

Testifiers:

Senator Carlson
Oliver Steinberg, Founder, Grassroots Legalize Cannabis Party of Minnesota
(zoom) Travis "Bull" Jonson, Member, Constitutional Republic Party
Tom Weisen, Manufacturing Engineer Manager, Pentair
Cara Schulz, City Council Member, City of Burnsville
Nate Atkins, Member, Libertarian Party of Minnesota
(zoom) Richard Winger, Editor, Ballot Access News
(zoom) Mark Globus, President & Managing Director, Global One Commercial
Former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura

Senator Carlson moved the A4 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A4 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 1827, as amended, be recommended to pass. 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 – Absent
Senator Boldon – Yea
Senator Cwodzinski – Yea
Senator Dornink – Nay
Senator Limmer – Absent
Senator Marty – Yea
Senator Mathews – Nay
Senator Mitchell – Yea
Senator Port – Yea
Senator Rest - Yea

By a roll call vote of 8 Yeas, 4 Nays, and 2 Absences, the motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 1827, as amended, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1361: Senator Carlson: Author's amendment will substitute language related to voting for those with disabilities and counting write in votes.

Testifiers:

Senator Carlson

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

Senator Carlson moved the A5 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A5 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that SF 1361, as amended, be laid over. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 1361, as amended, be laid over. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2732: Senator Boldon: Electioneering communications regulation.

Testifiers:

Senator Boldon

(zoom) Elizabeth Shimek, Senior Legal Counsel, Campaign Legal Center

Ken Peterson, Board Member, Clean Elections Minnesota

The gavel transferred from Senator Westlin to Senator Carlson

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

Senator Westlin moved the A5 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A5 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 2732, as amended, be laid over. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 2732, as discussed, laid over. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1394: Senator Maye Quade: Cause of action establishment for nonconsensual dissemination of deep fake sexual images.

Testifier:

Senator Maye Quade

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

Senator Port moved that SF 1394, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Port moved that S.F. 1394, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Jim Carlson

Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for
Taylor Spreeman, Legislative Assistant