

**Elections Committee**  
**Thursday, March 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 Warren Limmer, Senator John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Nicole L. Mitchell, Senator Lindsey Port, Senator Ann H. Rest**

**Absent: No Members Absent**

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**Senator Bonnie S. Westlin called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.**

**Call to order**

**S.F. 1362: Senator Carlson: Omnibus Elections Policy Bill.**

**Testifiers:**

Senator Carlson  
Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon  
Ken Peterson, Board Member, Clean Elections Minnesota  
(zoom) Chris Pearson, Chair, National Popular Vote  
(zoom) Annette Meeks, Founder & CEO, Freedom Foundation of Minnesota  
Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, Office of Secretary of State  
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, MN Campaign Finance Board

The gavel transferred from Senator Carlson to Senator Westlin.

Senator Carlson moved the A8 Amendment. Alexis Stangl, Senate Counsel, provided overview of A8 Amendment. Senator Carlson withdrew the A8 Amendment.

Senator Westlin moved for a 15-minute recess. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson renewed motion for the A8 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A8 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved an Oral Amendment. On page 69, line 19, after "election" insert "ballot". By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the Oral Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved the A9 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A9 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Port moved the A10 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A10 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Mathews moved the A12 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 - Yea  
Senator Boldon - Nay  
Senator Cwodzinski - Nay  
Senator Dornink - Yea  
Senator Limmer - Yea  
Senator Marty - Absent  
Senator Mathews - Yea  
Senator Mitchell - Nay  
Senator Port - Nay  
Senator Rest - Nay

By a vote of 6 Yeas, 7 Nays, and 1 Absence, the A12 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Mathews moved the A13 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 - Yea  
Senator Boldon - Nay  
Senator Cwodzinski - Nay  
Senator Dornink - Yea  
Senator Limmer - Yea  
Senator Marty - Absent  
Senator Mathews - Yea  
Senator Mitchell - Nay  
Senator Port - Nay  
Senator Rest - Nay

By a vote of 6 Yeas, 7 Nays, and 1 Absence, the A13 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Koran moved the A11 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A11 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Bahr moved the A16 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A16 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 1362, as amended, be recommended to pass. Senator Limmer moved to amend the motion and re-refer SF 1362, as amended, to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Senator Limmer withdrew the motion to re-refer. Senator Koran requested a roll call, and a roll call was granted.

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

Senator Mitchell - Yea

Senator Port - Yea

Senator Rest - Yea

By a vote of 7 Yeas, 5 Nays, and 2 Absences, the motion prevailed.

**Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 1362, as amended, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.**

*Jim Carlson*

Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for  
Taylor Spreeman, Legislative Assistant