

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Tuesday, February 14th, 2023
8:30am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund- Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator John Hoffman, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:37am on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 3 (BOLDON): Voter registration provisions modification.

The first item up on the agenda was S.F. 3, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 3 (Boldon): Voter registration provisions modification.

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained S.F. 3 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved the A47 Amendment.

Senator Boldon explained the A47 Amendment.

Senator Utke asked a question about the A47 Amendment and future committee stops.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Utke's question.

Senator Abeler asked a question about the A47 Amendment and how DHS verifies citizenship.

Senator Boldon answers Senator Abeler's questions.

Senator Abeler commented on the A47 Amendment changes and asked a question about who can sue for an election offense.

Senator Boldon responded to Senator Abeler's question and stated that the amendment was technical.

Senator Abeler moved to divide the amendment.

Senator Boldon commented again that this was a technical amendment and made changes to a drafting error.

Senator Wiklund asked counsel to state the motion for Senator Abeler's request.

Aly Hoffman Litchy, Senate Counsel, stated that the motion would be to move **Page 1 Line One through Page 2 Line 27.**

Senator Wiklund moved to vote on the first portion of the divided A47 Amendment – Lines 1.1 through Lines 2.27.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE FIRST PORTION OF THE DIVIDED A47 AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.**

Senator Utke asked counsel to explain why this amendment would be considered changing a drafting error.

Aly Hoffman Litchy, Senate Counsel, stated that it was holdover language from the previous bill and that it puts the bill language in the form that it was intended to be in by the author.

Senator Lieske asked a question about the A47 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund provided clarification to Senator Lieske's question.

Senator Boldon responded to Senator Lieske's question.

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Senator Abeler commented on the A47 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund commented on the A47 Amendment and its jurisdiction within the Health and Human Services Committee.

Senator Wiklund moved to vote on the second portion of the divided A47 Amendment – Lines 2.28 through Lines 3.5.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE SECOND PORTION OF THE DIVIDED A47 AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.**

The following individuals testified on S.F. 3:

- Theresa Dolata, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 3
- Lauren Witt, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 3
- Vineet Raman, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 3

Member question and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler commented about how certain agencies are collecting the necessary data to register voters and asked if they will be participating in this program/policy.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Abeler's questions.

Chair Wiklund commented on Senator Abeler's questions about how future work need to be completed before other agencies, besides DPS & DHS, are able to participate in the automatic voter registration portion of S.F. 3.

Senator Abeler asked if there would be any cost associated with this bill.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Abeler asked how agency employees, specifically MNsure Navigators, will know whose information to send in to the Secretary of the State's Office so that they are registering the correct people to vote.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Abeler asked if agency employees would have to utilize the voter registration list.

Chair Wiklund responded to Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Boldon commented on how individuals will be notified that they have been registered to vote and that they have the opportunity to opt out if they so choose.

Senator Abeler asked how many FTE's DHS will need to complete this process.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Abeler commented how he thought that there were certain gaps in the bill.

Senator Boldon responded to Senator Abeler's comments.

Senator Utke spoke to & asked a question about what number of people who are unresisted to vote are eligible to vote.

Nicole Freeman, Office of the Secretary of State, answered Senator Utke's question.

Senator Utke asked a question of how the system will know avoid multiple entries and or not register someone to vote multiple times.

Senator Utke asked if there are updates to personal information that come through the system and if there is follow-up in place to know what the correct personal information is if there have been changes.

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Senator Boldon answered Senator Utke's questions.

Senator Morrison commented on S.F. 3.

Senator Abeler commented on Senator Morrison's comments and asked about the bill path for S.F. 3

Senator Hoffman commented on S.F.3 regarding accessibility with how they get registered & if the ERIC system is still in place for data protection.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Hoffman's questions.

Senator Lieske what happens if an applicant moves but not does register or update that information with the state of Minnesota.

Senator Boldon answered Senator Lieske's question.

Senator Lieske asked a question about individuals having the ability to opt out of being registered to vote.

Senator Boldon gave closing comments on S.F. 3.

Senator Abeler commented on S.F. 3

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 3, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 3, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 287 (MURPHY): Prescription contraceptives supply requirements establishment; health plan coverage of contraceptive methods, sterilization, related medical services, patient education and counseling requirement; accommodations for eligible organizations establishment

The second item up on the agenda was S.F. 287, authored by Senator Murphy as follows:

S.F. 287 (Murphy): Prescription contraceptives supply requirements establishment; health plan coverage of contraceptive methods, sterilization, related medical services, patient education and counseling requirement; accommodations for eligible organizations establishment

Senator Murphy provided opening comments and explained Senate File 287 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 287:

- Dr. Erin Stevens, with the America College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, testified in support of S.F. 287.

Senator Murphy provided additional comments on S.F. 287

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Utke asked a question if the bill had been given to the Department of Commerce for a mandate review.

Senator Murphy responded to Senator Utke's question.

Senator Utke commented on S.F. 287 and the costs associated with the bill.

Senator Utke's commented on how this bill will affect the health plans and the insurance market.

Senator Murphy responded to Senator Utke's comments.

Senator Abeler asked a question about how catholic hospitals would be affected by this bill.

Senator Abeler asked if sterilization is one of the reproductive methods being offered without a co-pay.

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Senator Murphy answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Abeler asked for clarification as to what types of contraception are included in the bill.

Senator Murphy answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Abeler asked about the length of coverage for these types of contraception.

Senator Murphy answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Abeler commented on S.F. 287.

Senator Morrison commented on S.F. 287.

Senator Murphy gave closing comment on S.F. 287.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 287 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on commerce and consumer protection.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 287 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am

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