

Elections Committee
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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 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

Quorum is present.

S.F. 3942: Senator Boldon: Local candidates public finance group authorization.

Testifier:

Senator Boldon

Senator Boldon moved that SF 3942 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State & Local Government & Veterans Committee. Senator Anderson requested a roll call, and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson - Aye

Senator Westlin - Aye

Senator Koran - Nay

Senator Anderson - Nay

Senator Bahr - Nay

Senator Boldon - Aye

Senator Cwodzinski - Aye

Senator Dornink - Nay

Senator Limmer - Nay

Senator Marty - Aye

Senator Mathews – Nay

Senator Mitchell – Aye

Senator Port - Aye

Senator Rest – Aye

With a roll call vote of 8 Ayes and 6 Nays, the motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that S.F. 3942, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 3616: Senator Mitchell: Postsecondary institutions permission to request a temporary polling place on the institution's campus.

Testifiers:

Senator Mitchell

John Runningen, President, LeadMN

(zoom) Maxwell Serota, Student, Carleton College
Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, Office of the Secretary of State

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

Senator Mathews moved the A4 Amendment. Senator Mathews requested a roll call and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson – Nay
Senator Westlin – Nay
Senator Koran – Aye
Senator Anderson – Aye
Senator Bahr – Aye
Senator Boldon – Nay
Senator Cwodzinski – Nay
Senator Dornink – Nay
Senator Limmer – Nay
Senator Marty – Nay
Senator Mathews – Aye
Senator Mitchell – Nay
Senator Port – Nay
Senator Rest - Nay

With a roll call vote of 4 Ayes and 10 Nays, the motion did not prevail.

Senator Koran moved the A5 Amendment. Senator Koran requested a roll call and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson – Nay
Senator Westlin – Nay
Senator Koran – Aye
Senator Anderson – Aye
Senator Bahr – Aye
Senator Boldon – Nay
Senator Cwodzinski – Nay
Senator Dornink – Aye
Senator Limmer – Aye
Senator Marty – Nay
Senator Mathews – Aye
Senator Mitchell – Nay
Senator Port – Nay
Senator Rest - Aye

With a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 7 nays, the motion did not prevail.

Senator Koran moved the A6 Amendment. Senator Koran requested a roll call and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson – Nay
Senator Westlin – Nay
Senator Koran – Aye
Senator Anderson – Aye
Senator Bahr – Aye
Senator Boldon – Nay
Senator Cwodzinski – Nay

Senator Dornink – Aye
Senator Limmer – Aye
Senator Marty – Nay
Senator Mathews – Aye
Senator Mitchell – Nay
Senator Port – Nay
Senator Rest – Pass

With a roll call vote of 6 Ayes and 7 Nays and 1 Pass, the motion did not prevail.

Senator Port moved that S.F. 3616, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Higher Education Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 3457: Senator Westlin: Amending amounts reportable for certain items in principal reports.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin
Paul Cassidy, Representing the Minnesota Government Relations Council
Kate Klossner, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Government Relations Council

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

SF 3457 was laid over.

S.F. 3555: Senator Carlson: Sheriff or county attorney position vacancy special election requirement.

Testifiers:

Senator Carlson
Matt Massman, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association
Laurie Halverson, Commissioner, Dakota County

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

Senator Boldon moved that S.F. 3555, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christine Blood, Legislative Assistant