

Elections Committee  
Thursday, February 22, 2024  
3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## 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. Cwudzinski, 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

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Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

### Call to order

Quorum is present.

**S.F. 3875:** Senator Mitchell: Census activity applicability provision.

### Testifiers:

Senator Mitchell

Dr. Susan Brower, State Demographer, Department of Administration

**S.F. 3875 was laid over.**

**S.F. 3868:** Senator Morrison: Ranked choice voting for local offices authorization and procedures establishment provisions.

### Testifiers:

Senator Morrison

Christina Scipioni, City Clerk, City of Bloomington

Paula Ramalay, Councilmember, City of Minnetonka

(zoom) Lynn Eaton, Councilmember, City of Bemidji

Mary Hartnett, Executive Director, Clean Elections Minnesota

Tom Wiesen, Citizen

Anika Bowie, Ward 1 Councilmember, City of St. Paul

Sara Bertschinger, Staff, Restore MN

Diane Steen-Hinderlie

Kevin Anderson, Commissioner, Hennepin County

(zoom) Secretary of State Steve Simon

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

Senator Mitchell

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

Senator Koran moved the A4 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 – Nay

With a roll call vote of 6 Ayes and 8 Nays, the motion did not prevail, and the A4 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Boldon moved that SF 3868 be recommended to pass, as amended, and re-referred to the State & Local Government & Veterans Committee.

Senator Koran 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. 3868, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 3871: Senator Cwodzinski: Voter application and reporting requirements for school district amendment.**

**Testifiers:**

Senator Cwodzinski  
Nicole Freeman, Director of Government Relations, Office of Secretary of State  
Halla Henderson, Board Member, St. Paul Public Schools  
Jaiden Leary, Student, St. Louis Park High School

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

**S.F. 3871 was laid over.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

*Jim Carlson*

Senator Jim Carlson, Chair

*Christie Blood*

Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant