

Elections Committee
Thursday, February 29, 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 3:05 pm.

Call to order

A quorum is present.

S.F. 3818: Senator Westlin: Various provisions modification related to election administration.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin

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

Senator Westlin moved the A6 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A6 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Mathews moved an oral amendment, on page 8, delete Section 33 from the A6 Author's 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 - 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 failed, and the Oral Amendment to the A6 Author's Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Bahr moved an Oral Amendment to the A6 Author's Amendment. On page 12 line 5, remove the second "the". By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the Oral Amendment was adopted.

Senator Koran moved an Oral Amendment to the A6 Author's Amendment. On page 8, line 22, delete the new language. On page 8, line 23, delete the new language. On page 8, line 24, delete the word,

"location." Senator Koran requested a roll call, and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson - Aye

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 8 Ayes and 6 Nays, the motion prevailed, and the Oral Amendment to the A6 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 3818, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 4039: Senator Westlin: Use of a .gov domain by certain municipalities requirement provision.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin

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

Cap O'Rourke, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Small Cities

Rick Heller, Citizen

Daniel Lightfoot, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities

Senator Westlin moved the A2 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A6 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that SF 4039 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

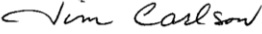
Senator Port - Aye

Senator Rest - Absent

With a roll call vote of 7 Ayes, 6 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 4039, 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 4:44 pm.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christine Blood, Legislative Assistant