

Elections Committee
Tuesday, March 5, 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. 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

Senator Bonnie Westlin called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Call to order

A quorum is present.

S.F. 4260: Senator Carlson: Voting operations, technology, and elections resources account money transfer.

Testifiers:

Senator Carlson
Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon
Matt Hilgart, Director of Government Relations, Association of Minnesota Counties
Alex Hassel, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities

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

Be laid on the table.

S.F. 4431: Senator Westlin: Political contribution refund claims online system establishment, campaign finance and Public Disclosure Board electronic transfer of information allowance amendment to the political contribution refund program, and appropriations.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin
Mary Hartnett, Executive Director, Clean Elections Minnesota
Lilly Sasse, Campaign Director, We Choose Us for Hannah Merrill, Citizen
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign and Public Disclosure Board

Senator Westlin moved the A4 Author's Amendment. Senator Westlin moved an Oral Amendment to the A4 Author's Amendment. On page 4, delete line 13. By a voice vote the motion for the Oral

Amendment prevailed. By a voice vote, the motion for A4 Author's Amendment, as amended, prevailed.

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

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 4431, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 4432: Senator Westlin: Local election and certain absentee voting provisions modifications.

The gavel was transferred to Senator Carlson.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin

(zoom) Kristin Sepeta, Elections Division Manager of Operations, Hennepin County

Senator Westlin moved the A3 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A3 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 4432, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Jim Carlson adjourned the at 4:24 p.m.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christine Blood, Legislative Assistant