Elections Committee
Thursday, March 21, 2024
3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Jim Carlson - Chair, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin Vice Chair, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Calvin K. Bahr, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Gene Dornink, 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 p.m.

Call to Order
A quorum is present.

SF 4729 Omnibus Elections Policy bill (A-5) - Amendments and Discussion

Testifiers:
Senator Carlson
Nicole Freeman, Director of Government Relations, Office of the Secretary of State
Alex Hassel, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of MN Cities
Valerie Dosland, Representing Minnesota Association of School Administrators
Matt Hilgart, Director of Government Relations, Association of Minnesota Counties

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

Senator Carlson moved the A17 Technical Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A17 Technical Amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved the A8 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A8 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Mitchell moved the A21 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A21 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Limmer moved the A11 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 – Absent
With a roll call vote of 6 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion did not prevail, and the A11 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Boldon moved the A6 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A6 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Koran moved the A9 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A9 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Mathews moved the A10 Amendment. Senator Mathews withdrew the A10 Amendment.

Senator Bahr moved the A16 Amendment. Senator Bahr 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, 8 Nays, the motion did not prevail, and the A16 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Mathews moved the A22 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 – Pass
Senator Mathews – Aye
Senator Mitchell – Nay
Senator Port – Nay
Senator Rest – Aye
With a roll call vote of 7 Ayes, 6 Nays, and 1 Pass, the motion prevailed, and the A22 Amendment

was adopted.

Senator Koran moved the A12 Amendment. Senator Koran withdrew the A12 Amendment.

Senator Koran moved the A13 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 A13 was not adopted.

Senator Anderson moved the A14 Amendment. Senator Anderson 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 A14 was not adopted.

Senator Koran moved the A15 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
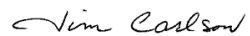Senator Dornink - Aye
Senator Limmer - Aye

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, and the A15 Amendment was not adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that SF 4729 Omnibus Elections Policy Bill (A-5) - Amendments and Discussion, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Jim Carlson

Senator Jim Carlson, Chair

Christine Blood, Legislative Assistant