

## Elections Committee

Tuesday, February 11th, 2025

03:00 PM, (Hybrid Hearing) 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

### Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Jim Carlson - Chair, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin - Vice Chair, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Calvin K. Bahr, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Lindsey Port

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

- **Call to Order**  
A quorum is present.
- **S.F. 0863 (Putnam): Prohibiting being fired for running for office**

**The following individuals testified on Prohibiting being fired for running for office:**

Senator Putnam

Steve Schiller, former Mayoral candidate, City of St. Cloud

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance Board

**Senator Westlin moved the A2 Author's Amendment.** By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**Senator Mathews moved an Oral Amendment to the A2 Author's Amendment.**

On 1.17, delete "subject" and reinstate "guilty of"

On 1.18, delete all of the new language

By a voice vote, the motion failed.

Senator Mathews called for division. By a hand count vote of 6/4, the motion for the Oral Amendment to the A2 Author's Amendment prevailed.

**Senator Port moved that S.F. 0863, as amended, is recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules and Administration. By a voice vote, the MOTION PREVAILED.**

- **S.F. 0828 (Boldon): Working group on local campaign finance reporting**

**The following individuals testified on Working group on local campaign finance reporting:**

Senator Boldon

**Senator Boldon moved the A2 Author's Amendment.** By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**Senator Bahr moved an Oral Amendment to the A2 Amendment to SF 0529.**

On 1.3, delete “small city” and insert “city of the fourth class”

By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**Senator Mathews moved an Oral Amendment to the A2 Amendment to SF 0529.**

On 2.2-2.4, delete “one member” and insert “two members”

On 2.9, after “(b)” insert “In making appointments pursuant to clauses (4) to (6), the appointing authorities must appoint one member who resides outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2.”

**Senator Westlin requested a roll call vote for the adoption of Senator Mathews’s Oral Amendment to the A2 Amendment.** With a vote of 5/6, the motion failed.

Ayes: Koran, Bahr, Limmer, Lucero, Mathews

Nays: Carlson, Westlin, Boldon, Cwodzinski, Marty, Port

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 0828, as amended, be recommended to pass, and re-referred to the State & Local Government Committee. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**S.F. 0828, as amended, is recommended to pass, and re-referred to the State & Local Government Committee.**

- **S.F. 0569 (Marty): A resolution memorializing Congress to overturn the United States Supreme Court Citizens United v. FEC; requesting that Congress clarify that the rights are protected under the Constitution are the rights of natural persons and not the rights of artificial entities and that spending money to influence elections is not speech under the First Amendment; asking that Congress propose a constitutional amendment to provide such a clarification**

**The following individuals testified on Working group on local campaign finance reporting:**

Senator Marty

Senator Boldon requested a roll call vote that S.F. 0569 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules Committee. With a vote of 7/4, the motion prevailed.

Ayes: Carlson, Westlin, Bahr, Boldon, Cwodzinski, Marty, Port

Nays: Koran, Limmer, Lucero, Mathews

**S.F. 0569 is recommended to pass, and re-referred to the Rules Committee.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**

	
Senator Jim Carlson, Chair	Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant