STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTEENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

**ELECTIONS FINANCE AND POLICY MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair of the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 8:31am on February 21, 2024, in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

FREIBERG, Mike, Chair

GREENMAN, Emma, Vice Chair

TORKELSON, Paul, Republican Lead

AGBAJE, Esther

ALTENDORF, Pam

BAHNER, Kristin

BLISS, Matt

COULTER, Nathan

DAVIS, Ben

FREDERICK, Luke

PURSELL, Kristi

QUAM, Duane

VIRNIG, Bianca

A quorum was present.

HF 3632 (Huot); A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the position of sheriff or county attorney by special election; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 375.08; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 375.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 3632 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Freiberg moved the H3632A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 3632, as amended:

* Laurie Halverson, Commissioner, Dakota County
* Nicole Freeman, Government Relations, Minnesota Secretary of State

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 3632, as amended, be referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3645 (Coulter); A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; amending local candidate financial report requirements; requiring the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to oversee campaign finance reporting requirements for political committees, political funds, and party units engaged in campaign activity for certain local elected offices and ballot questions for local governments; amending the definition of committee for purposes of chapter 211A; making technical and conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 7, 10d; 211A.01, subdivisions 3, 7, 8, by adding a subdivision; 211A.02, subdivision 2; 211A.05, subdivision 1; 211A.06; 211A.07; 211A.12; 211A.14; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 10A.20, subdivision 2a; 211A.02, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 211A.01, subdivisions 2, 4; 211A.02, subdivision 4.

Representative Coulter moved that HF 3645 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Testifying on HF 3645:

* Julie Greene, Resident, Edina
* Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Representative Coulter renewed the motion that HF 3645 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Greenman assumed the gavel at 8:57am

HF 3557 (Freiberg); A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying various provisions related to election administration; modifying voter registration requirements; amending requirements related to voting instructions and sample ballots; amending requirements relating to tabulating votes and tabulation equipment; amending the timeline for notification provided to counties of certain elections; amending recount threshold requirements; amending the vacancy in nomination process; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 201.071, subdivision 3; 204B.13, subdivision 2; 204C.20, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 204C.35, subdivision 2; 204C.36, subdivisions 2, 3; 204D.29, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 205.16, subdivisions 4, 5; 205A.05, subdivision 3; 205A.07, subdivisions 3, 3b; 205A.11, subdivision 2; 447.32, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 201.061, subdivisions 3, 3a; 201.071, subdivision 1; 204B.09, subdivision 3; 204B.13, subdivision 6a; 204B.16, subdivision 1; 204B.295, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 204C.24, subdivision 1; 206.61, subdivision 1.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 3557 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Freiberg moved the 3557A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on 3557, as amended:

* Nicole Freeman, Government Relations, Minnesota Secretary of State

Representative Torkelson moved the H3557A3 amendment.

Representative Torkelson withdrew the H3557A3 amendment.

Representative Torkelson moved the H3557A4 amendment.

Representative Torkelson withdrew the H3557A4 amendment.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 3557, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Freiberg assumed the gavel at 9:35am.

HF 3625 (Stephenson); A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying the deep fake election crime; disqualifying a convicted person from holding elected office; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 211B.17, subdivision 1; 211B.18; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 609.771, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 3625 be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Freiberg moved the H3625A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 3625, as amended:

* Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
* Mary Hartnett, Executive Director, Clean Elections Minnesota

Representative Torkelson moved the H3625A2 amendment.

Representative Torkelson requested a roll call on the H3625A2 amendment.

AYES:

Torkelson

Altendorf

Bliss

Davis

Quam

NAYS:

Freiberg

Greenman

Agbaje

Bahner

Coulter

Frederick

Pursell

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There being 5 Ayes and 8 Nayes, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 3625, as amended, be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

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Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant