STATE OF MINNESOTA SECOND 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 January 11th, 2023, 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

BAHNER, Kristin

BLISS, Matt

COULTER, Nathan

DAVIS, Ben

FREDERICK, Luke

O’DRISCOLL, Tim

PURSELL, Kristi

STEPHENSON, Zack

**Members Excused:**

ALTENDORF, Pam

A quorum was present.

Representative Greenman moved that the minutes from January 4th, 2023 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Kraft presented HF 0110, a bill for a bill for an act relating to elections; permitting individuals who are at least 16 years of age to preregister to vote; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 201.054, subdivisions 1, 2; 201.061, by adding a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 201.091, subdivision 4.

Chair Freiberg moved that HF 0110 be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means

Testifying on HF 0110:

* Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
* Dane Smith, Clean Elections Minnesota
* Isaac Israel, Senior, St Louis Park High School
* Kailes Campbell, Citizen
* John Runningen, President, LeadMN
* Dan Thomas-Commins, Citizen
* Dane Smith, Clean Elections Minnesota
* Nicole Freeman, Director of Government Relations, Secretary of State

Chair Freiberg renewed his motion that HF 0110 be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Frazier presented HF 0028, a bill for an act relating to elections; restoring the right to vote to individuals convicted of a felony upon completion of any term of incarceration imposed and executed by a court for the offense; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 201.014, by adding a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 204C.10; 609.165, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 201; 243.

Chair Freiberg moved that HF 0028 be re-referred to the committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

Testifying on HF 0028:

* Wintana Melekin, Resident, St. Paul
* Dr. Chris Uggen, Professor, University of Minnesota
* Ray Dehn, former Minnesota State Representative
* Willie Lloyd, Citizen
* Zeke Caligiuri, Community Organizer, MN Justice Research Center
* Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
* Eliot Howard, Citizen
* Carli Stark, Executive Director of Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties
* Naomi Gaines Young, Organizer, Minnesota Freedom Fund
* Ryan Hamilton, Government Relations, Minnesota Catholic Conference
* Dane Smith, Clean Elections Minnesota
* Munira Mohamed, Policy Associate, ACLU Minnesota
* Vickie Lampert, Deacon in Episcopal Church, Red Wing

Chair Freiberg renewed his motion that HF 0028 be re-referred to the committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

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Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant