

**STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair of the Committee, called the virtual State Government Finance & Elections Committee meeting to order at 8:31 AM, March 4, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Carlson moved that the minutes for March 3, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF2919 be referred to the General Register.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H2919A22-0340. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Huot presented HF2919, as amended, public accountant certificate automatic revocation procedures repealed.

Testifying:

Geno Fragnito, Minnesota Society of CPAs  
Dillion Lang, Investigator, Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF2919, as amended, be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
PELOWSKI, Gene

QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED

ELKINS, Steve

With a vote of 12 AYES and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Representative Masin moved that the HF3682 division report be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF3682 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Pelowski presented HF3682, qualified newspaper requirements expanded.

Testifying:

Mark Anfinson, General Counsel, Minnesota Newspaper Association

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3682 be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

BAHNER, Kristin

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KLEVORN, Ginny

KOZNICK, Jon

MASIN, Sandra

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

PELOWSKI, Gene

QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 13 AYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF3870 be referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H3870A2. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman presented HF3870, as amended, election security funding provided to the secretary of state, and money appropriated.

Testifying:

Michael Stalberger, Property and Environmental Resources Director, Blue Earth County

Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, OSS

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3870, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

BAHNER, Kristin

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KLEVORN, Ginny

MASIN, Sandra  
PELOWSKI, Gene

NAYS  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
KOZNICK, Jon  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 8 AYES and 5 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF3666 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Greenman moved Amendment H3666A2. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman presented HF3666, as amended, elections; intimidation of officials prohibited, election duty administration by official interference prohibited, and penalties provided.

Testifying:  
Jared Davidson, Counsel, Protect Democracy  
Brent Olson, County Commissioner, Big Stone County  
David Maeda, Director of Elections, OSS

Chair Nelson laid HF3666, as amended, over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

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Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair

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Benjamin Brinks, Committee Legislative Assistant