

ELECTIONS FINANCE AND POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair of the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 8:30am on March 6, 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.

Representative Frederick moved that the minutes from February 14, 2023 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Frederick moved that the minutes from February 21, 2024 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4043 (Agbaje); A bill for an act relating to redistricting; requiring the allocation of certain incarcerated persons based on their last known address in Minnesota; requiring the Department of Corrections to collect the last residential address of an inmate before incarceration; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 2; 241.

Representative Agbaje moved that HF 4043 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Agbaje moved the H4043DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 4043, as amended:

- Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota

- Lata Nott, Senior Legal Counsel, Campaign Legal Center

Representative Agbaje renewed the motion that HF 4043, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3527 (Greenman); A bill for an act relating to elections; establishing the Minnesota Voting Rights Act; making legislative findings; prohibiting certain actions by political subdivisions or other officials or entities with responsibilities related to election administration that result in voter suppression or vote dilution; establishing a civil cause of action for violations; requiring notice prior to a claim in certain cases; establishing remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 412.02, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 200.

Representative Greenman moved that HF 3527 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Greenman moved the H3527A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 3527, as amended:

- Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
- Lata Nott, Senior Legal Counsel, Campaign Legal Center
- Michael Pernick, Attorney, NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- Janaé Bates, Resident, Minneapolis
- Khalid Omar, Resident, Bloomington
- Alex Hassel, Intergovernmental Relations, League of Minnesota Cities
- Matt Hilgart, Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties
- Munira Mohamed, Legislative Department, ACLU Minnesota

Representative Quam moved the H3527DE2 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman renewed the motion that HF 3527, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4411 (Greenman); Money transferred to voting operations, technology, and election resources account.

Representative Greenman moved that HF 4411 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Testifying on HF 4411:

- Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
- Matt Hilgart, Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant