STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTH 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 6:31pm on February 28th, 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

BAHNER, Kristin

BLISS, Matt

COULTER, Nathan

FREDERICK, Luke

PURSELL, Kristi

QUAM, Duane

**Members Excused:**

AGBAJE, Esther

ALTENDORF, Pam

DAVIS, Ben

STEPHENSON, Zack

A quorum was present.

Representative Frederick moved that the minutes from February 15th, 2023 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 635 (Greenman); A bill for an act relating to elections; prohibiting intimidation of election officials; prohibiting interference with the performance of a duty of election administration by an election official; prohibiting tampering with or unauthorized access to certain types of election systems and equipment; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 8.31, subdivision 1; 204B.26; 206.845, subdivision 1; 211B.32, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211B.

Representative Greenman moved that HF 635 be re-referred to the committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Representative Greenman moved the HF0635A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF0635:

* Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
* Laurie Halverson, County Commissioner, Dakota County
* Michael Stalberger, Minnesota Association of County Officers
* David Fischer, Clean Elections Minnesota
* Charlie Schmit, Junior, Washburn Highschool

Representative Greenman moved an oral amendment as follows: page 5, line 20, delete “$.... in fiscal year 2024 is” and insert “$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 and $200,000 in fiscal year 2025 are” THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Greenman renewed her motion that HF 635, as amended, be re-referred to the committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 495 (Pursell); A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying postsecondary student voter registration provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 135A.17, subdivision 2; 201.061, by adding a subdivision.

Representative Pursell moved that HF 495 be re-referred to the committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy.

Representative Pursell moved the HF495DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF495:

* Sean Lim, Program Director, Minnesota Youth Collective
* Michael Stalberger, Minnesota Association of County Officers
* Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
* Nicole Freeman, Government Relations, Minnesota Secretary of State

Representative Quam moved the HF495A1 amendment.

Representative Quam incorporated a technical correction to the HF495A1 amendment as follows: page 1, line 2, delete “17” and insert “16”

Representative Quam renewed his motion to adopt the HF495A1 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Pursell renewed her motion that HF495, as amended, be re-referred to the committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 811 (Brand); A bill for an act relating to elections; requiring multiple unit residential facilities to permit candidates and volunteers to access the facility for the purpose of traveling door-to-door to speak with individual residents; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.20, subdivision 1.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 811 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Freiberg moved the HF0811DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg renewed his motion that HF 811, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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 Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair

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 Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant