STATE OF MINNESOTA SIXTH 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 8:30am on February 8th, 2023, in Room 120 of the Capitol 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

STEPHENSON, Zack

A quorum was present.

Representative Coulter moved that the minutes from February 1st, 2023, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3 (Greenman); A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying provisions related to voter registration; absentee voting; requiring voting instructions, sample ballots, and election judges to be multilingual in certain situations; regulating intimidation, deceptive practices, and interference with voter registration and voting; campaign finance; establishing a Democracy Dollar coupon program; repealing the political contribution refund program; expanding the definition of express advocacy; providing penalties; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 11, 16a; 10A.02, subdivision 13; 10A.15, subdivision 1; 10A.20, subdivision 3; 10A.27, subdivision 11; 10A.34, subdivision 4; 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 201.014, by adding a subdivision; 201.054, subdivisions 1, 2; 201.061, by adding a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 201.091, subdivision 4; 201.161; 201.162; 203B.04, subdivision 5; 203B.06, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.121, subdivision 2; 204C.10; 211B.15, subdivisions 1, 7, 7b, by adding subdivisions; 211B.32, subdivision 1; 289A.37, subdivision 2; 289A.50, subdivision 1; 290.01, subdivision 6; 609.165, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 201; 204B; 211B; 243; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.4967, subdivision 2; 290.06, subdivision 23.

Representative Greenman moved that HF 3 be re-referred to the committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

Representative Greenman moved the HF0003DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Torkelson moved the HF0003A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman presented HF 3, as amended.

Testifying on HF 3:

* Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
* Jeff Sigurdson, Campaign Finance Board
* Arlene Datu, Member, ISAIAH
* Sharon Tornes, Member of Policy Committee, Clean Elections Minnesota
* Paul Huffman, Member of Board of Directors, League of Women Voters
* Orion Danjuma, Council, Protect Democracy
* Abdikareem Mahumad, Student, Metro State University
* Scott Drexel, National Vote at Home Coalition
* Eric Wang, Political Attorney
* Cathy Blaeser, Executive Committee Member, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
* Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Secretary of State

Representative Bliss moved the HF003A4 amendment.

Representative Bliss requested a roll call on the HF003A4 amendment.

AYES:

Torkelson

Altendorf

Bliss

Davis

Quam

NAYS:

Freiberg

Greenman

Agbaje

Bahner

Coulter

Frederick

Pursell

EXCUSED:

Stephenson

There being 5 Ayes, 7 Nayes, and 1 Excused, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Quam moved the HF0003A6 amendment.

Representative Quam requested a roll call on the HF0003A6 amendment.

AYES:

Torkelson

Altendorf

Bliss

Davis

Quam

NAYS:

Freiberg

Greenman

Agbaje

Bahner

Coulter

Frederick

Pursell

EXCUSED:

Stephenson

There being 5 Ayes, 7 Nayes, and 1 Excused, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Torkelson made a motion to table HF 3.

Representative Torkelson requested a roll call on the motion to table HF 3.

AYES:

Torkelson

Altendorf

Bliss

Davis

Quam

NAYS:

Freiberg

Greenman

Agbaje

Bahner

Coulter

Frederick

Pursell

Stephenson

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

Representative Greenman renewed her motion that HF 3 be re-referred to the committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

Representative Freiberg requested a roll call on the motion to re-refer HF 3 to the committee on Transportation Finance and Policy,

AYES:

Freiberg

Greenman

Agbaje

Bahner

Coulter

Frederick

Pursell

Stephenson

NAYS:

Torkelson

Altendorf

Bliss

Davis

Quam

There being 8 Ayes and 5 Nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

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 Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair

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 Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant