STATE OF MINNESOTA TWENTY FIRST 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 March 20, 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

AGBAJE, Esther

ALTENDORF, Pam

BAHNER, Kristin

BLISS, Matt

COULTER, Nathan

DAVIS, Ben

FREDERICK, Luke

PURSELL, Kristi

QUAM, Duane

VIRNIG, Bianca

**Members Excused:**

TORKELSON, Paul, Minority Lead

A quorum was present.

Representative Virnig moved that the minutes from March 13, 2023 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4068 (Kraft); A bill for an act relating to elections; amending voter registration application and reporting requirements for school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 201.1611, subdivision 1.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 4068 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Freiberg moved the H4068DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF4068, as amended:

* Tess Machalek, Student, St Louis Park High School
* Nicole Freeman, Government Relations, Minnesota Secretary of State

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF4068, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

HF 4679 (Coulter); A bill for an act relating to lobbyist registration; exempting certain activities from the definition of "lobbyist"; requiring the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to conduct a study; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 10A.01, subdivision 21.

Representative Coulter moved that HF 4679 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Coulter moved the H4679A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 4728, as amended:

* Kyle Makarios, Member, Teamsters
* Kate Klossner, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Government Relations Council

Representative Coulter renewed the motion that HF4679, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Greenman assumed the gavel at 8:52AM

HF 4243 (Freiberg); A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying certain local elections provisions; modifying certain absentee voting provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.19, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 203B.04, subdivision 1; 203B.07, subdivision 3; 203B.081, subdivision 7; 204C.28, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 383B.031.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 4243 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Freiberg moved the H4243DE1 amendment.

Representative Freiberg moved the H4243A1 to the H4243DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion to adopt the H4243DE1 amendment, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 4243, as amended:

* Kristin Sepeta, Operations Manager, Hennepin County Elections
* Nicole Freeman, Government Relations, Minnesota Secretary of State

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 4243, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

HF 4772 (Freiberg); A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying the authority of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to impose a civil penalty and late fees; expanding the definition of electioneering communication to include communications disseminated digitally online or by electronic means to a recipient's telephone or other personal device; modifying the definition of major political party; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.27, subdivision 17; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 10A.20, subdivision 12; 10A.201, subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 9; 200.02, subdivision 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 10A.201, subdivision 11.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 4772 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Freiberg moved the H4772A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman moved the H4772A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 4772, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

The meeting was recessed at 9:18AM.

The meeting was re-convened at 6:00PM.

Representative Freiberg re-assumed the gavel at 6:00PM.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 4772 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Freiberg moved the H4772DE3 amendment.

Testifying on the H4772DE3 amendment:

* Nicole Freeman, Government Relations, Minnesota Secretary of State
* Matt Hilgart, Government Relations Managers, Association of Minnesota Counties
* Rod Adams, Executive Director, New Justice Project

Representative Freiberg moved the H4772A3 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Greenman moved the H4772A5 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Freiberg moved the H4772A18 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Greenman moved the H4772A23 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Quam moved the H4772A6 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Quam moved the H4772A7 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Altendorf moved the H4772A8 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Altendorf moved the H4772A9 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Altendorf moved the H4772A10 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Quam moved the H4772A11 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Quam moved the H4772A13 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Davis moved the H4772A14 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Bliss moved the H4772A15 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Davis moved the H4772A21 amendment to the H4772DE3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion to adopt the H4772DE3 amendment, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion to place HF4772, as amended, on the General Register.

Representative Quam requested a roll call on the motion to place HF4772, as amended, on the General Register.

AYES:

Freiberg

Greenman

Agbaje

Bahner

Coulter

Frederick

Pursell

Virnig

AYES:

Altendorf

Bliss

Davis

Quam

EXCUSED:
Torkelson

There being 8 Ayes, 4 Nayes, and 1 Excused, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Representative Mike Freiberg, Chair

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant