

Government Administration and Elections Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

2:30 PM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Chairwoman, Sen. Flexer M. S29.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Flexer M. S29; Haskell W. S26; Sampson R. S16; Slap D. S05

Representatives: Blumenthal M. 147; Carpino C. 032; Fishbein C. 090; Fox D. 148; France M. 042; Haddad G. 054; Labriola D. 131; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; McCarthy Vahey C. 133; Morrin Bello A. 028; Palm C. 036; Rosario C. 128; Santiago H. 084; Thomas S. 143

Absent were:

Senators: McCrory D. S02

Representatives:

Sen. Flexer convened the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to raise concepts 1, 2, and 3 listed in Section III of the agenda:

1. An Act Designating Various Days, Weeks and Months
2. An Act Concerning Fairness, Equity and Opportunity in State Government
3. An Act Concerning Entities Providing Payroll Services for Employers Funded by the State

Sen. Haskell made the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Santiago.

Sen. Flexer opened discussion pertaining to concepts 1, 2 and 3.

Sen. Sampson reiterated that an affirmative vote in favor of raising concepts 1, 2 and 3 was not indicative of support for the concept itself, but rather a procedural vote that will allow for a public hearing on the matters.

Sen. Flexer moved to a voice vote on raising concepts 1, 2 and 3.

The voice vote passed unanimously.

Sen. Flexer moved to Section IV of the agenda, Proposed Bills to be Drafted as Committee Bills.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to draft proposed bills 1, 2, 3 as committee bills:

1. [Proposed S.B. No. 301](#) An Act Concerning Bipartisan Review of Emergency Declarations.
2. [Proposed H.B. No. 5461](#) An Act Concerning Jurisdiction Over Disputes in Elections for the Offices of State Senator and State Representative.
3. [Proposed H.B. No. 5653](#) An Act Amending the Civil Preparedness and Public Health Emergency Statutes.

Rep. Fox made the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Rosario.

Sen. Flexer opened discussion pertaining to the motion to draft proposed bills 1, 2 and 3 as committee bills.

Seeing no comments, Sen. Flexer moved to a voice vote on drafting proposed bills 1, 2, and 3 as committee bills.

The voice vote passed unanimously.

Sen. Flexer reminded members of the upcoming public hearing scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10:30 AM.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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Administrator

Val Mehmeti  
Committee Clerk