

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 9, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455  
Capitol

### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Jessica Karjala (D) (*arrived late*)

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 18, 1/6/2015; HB 76, 1/6/2015; HB 125, 1/6/2015

00:00:02 Chair Essmann

**HEARING ON HB 125**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:09 Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 125, Revise term related to government accounting standards.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:15 *Rep. Karjala arrives*  
00:04:50 Chair Essmann  
00:05:07 Cheryl Grey, Department of Administration (DOA)  
00:06:25 Chair Essmann

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:56 Rep. Swanson  
00:07:27 Chair Essmann

**HEARING ON HB 76**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:46 Rep. Janet Ellis (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 76, Expand election day to voting days.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:16 Chair Essmann  
00:11:43 Jonathan Motl, Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP)  
**EXHIBIT(sth05a01)**  
00:13:17 Chair Essmann  
00:13:27 Mary Baker, Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP)  
00:14:45 Chair Essmann  
00:14:49 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election Administrators  
00:18:04 Chair Essmann

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:20 Rep. Garner  
 00:18:29 Rep. Ellis  
 00:18:34 Rep. Garner  
 00:20:00 Rep. Ellis  
 00:21:54 Chair Essmann  
 00:22:08 Jonathan Motl, CPP  
 00:23:56 Chair Essmann  
 00:23:58 Rep. Schreiner  
 00:24:43 Rep. Ellis  
 00:25:21 Chair Essmann  
 00:25:31 Rep. Harris  
 00:26:22 Rep. Ellis  
 00:27:35 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election  
 Administrators  
 00:27:53 Chair Essmann  
 00:28:00 Rep. Mortensen  
 00:28:23 Rep. Ellis  
 00:28:36 Jonathan Motl, CPP  
 00:28:43 Chair Essmann  
 00:29:49 Jonathan Motl, CPP  
 00:31:07 Chair Essmann  
 00:31:36 Jonathan Motl, CPP  
 00:31:45 Chair Essmann  
 00:32:13 Mary Baker, CPP  
 00:32:52 Chair Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:07 Rep. Ellis  
 00:33:49 Chair Essmann

**HEARING ON HB 18****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:49 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 18, Authorize student election judges.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:11 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)  
**EXHIBIT(sth05a02)**  
 00:45:40 Chair Essmann  
 00:45:44 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election  
 Administrators  
 00:46:09 Chair Essmann  
 00:46:14 JC Weingartner, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of  
 Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
 00:46:43 Joy Bruck, State President, AARP Montana  
**EXHIBIT(sth05a03)**  
 00:47:50 Rebecca Connors, Election Administrator, Missoula County

00:50:12 Scot Gladstone, self  
 00:53:10 Chair Essmann  
 00:53:16 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Conservation Voters  
 00:53:41 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
 00:55:03 *Rep. Webber arrives*  
 00:55:11 Chair Essmann  
 00:55:17 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group  
 00:56:04 Chair Essmann

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:56:21 Becky Stockton, self  
**EXHIBIT(sth05a04)**  
 01:01:51 Chair Essmann

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:07 Rep. Garner  
 01:02:18 Chair Essmann  
 01:02:33 Rep. Garner  
 01:03:22 Rep. B. Bennett  
 01:03:45 Chair Essmann  
 01:03:50 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
 01:04:08 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
 01:04:50 Chair Essmann  
 01:04:56 Rep. B. Brown  
 01:05:20 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
 01:05:39 Rep. B. Brown  
 01:05:55 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
 01:06:02 Rep. Hayman  
 01:06:11 Rep. B. Bennett  
 01:06:13 Rep. Hayman  
 01:06:28 Rep. B. Bennett  
 01:06:49 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
 01:07:22 Rep. Greef  
 01:07:28 Rep. B. Bennett  
 01:07:30 Rep. Greef  
 01:07:56 Rep. B. Bennett  
 01:08:26 Rep. Schreiner  
 01:08:51 Rep. B. Bennett  
 01:09:16 Rep. Mandeville  
 01:09:31 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election  
 Administrators  
 01:09:34 Rep. Mandeville  
 01:10:04 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election  
 Administrators  
 01:10:38 Rep. McKamey  
 01:10:57 Rep. McKamey  
 01:11:24 Becky Stockton, self  
 01:12:30 Chair Essmann

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01:25:43 Rep. Shaw  
01:26:42 Rep. Harris  
01:27:09 Rep. Schreiner  
01:27:14 Rep. Harris  
01:27:45 Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

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01:28:52      adj (10:29 am)

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth05aad.pdf](#))**