

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on March 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, 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 342, 3/16/2015; HB 562, 3/17/2015; HB 580, 3/17/2015

HEARING ON HB 342**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:40 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 342, Allow for electronic address confirmation for biennial absentee ballot list.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:13 Audrey Dufrechou, elections supervisor, Lewis and Clark County on behalf of Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election Administrators (MACR)
00:03:47 Lisa Kimmet, elections and government services deputy, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:42 Mary Beveridge, Helena, representing herself

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

00:08:45 Sen. Kary
00:09:12 Ms. Dufrechou, MACR
00:09:19 Sen. Kary
00:09:33 Ms. Dufrechou
00:10:25 Sen. Kary
00:10:42 Ms. Dufrechou
00:10:55 Sen. Kary
00:11:12 Ms. Dufrechou
00:11:46 Sen. Kary
00:12:09 Ms. Dufrechou
00:12:57 Sen. Hinkle
00:13:24 Ms. Dufrechou
00:13:38 Sen. Hinkle
00:13:56 Ms. Dufrechou
00:14:23 Sen. Webb
00:14:45 Ms. Dufrechou
00:14:59 Chair Brown
00:15:11 Ms. Dufrechou
00:15:22 Chair Brown
00:15:41 Ms. Dufrechou
00:16:07 Ms. Kimmet, SOS
00:17:25 Chair Brown
00:17:40 Ms. Kimmet
00:18:14 Chair Brown
00:18:36 Ms. Kimmet
00:19:25 Chair Brown

00:19:58 Ms. Kimmet
00:20:07 Sen. Whitford
00:20:18 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:52 Rep. Bennett

00:23:26 Chair Brown
00:23:31 Rep Bennett

HEARING ON HB 580

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:13 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 580, Prohibiting certain persons from distributing things of value at polling places.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:45 Mary Beveridge, Helena, representing herself

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:44 Sen. Kary
00:27:04 Rep. Bennett
00:27:26 Sen. Webb
00:27:37 Rep. Bennett
00:28:01 Sen. Webb
00:28:09 Rep. Bennett
00:28:34 Sen. Webb
00:29:14 Rep. Bennett
00:29:55 Sen. Hinkle
00:30:16 Rep. Bennett
00:30:50 Chair Brown
00:30:56 Rep. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:22 Rep. Bennett

00:32:10 Chair Brown
00:32:12 Rep. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 562

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:36 Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 562, Require agency reporting on financial assistance to tribes.

[EXHIBIT\(sts58a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts58a02\)](#)

00:38:30 Chair Brown

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:50 Rep Tom Burnett, HD 67

00:39:52 Rep. Nancy Ballance, HD 87

00:42:11 Mary Beveridge, Helena, representing herself

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:27 Sen. Whitford

[EXHIBIT\(sts58a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:59 Sen. Whitford

00:44:28 Rep. Meyers

00:48:05 Sen. Whitford

00:48:43 Rep. Meyers

00:49:06 Sen. Whitford

00:49:54 Rep. Meyers

00:53:24 Chair Brown

00:53:58 Rep. Meyers

00:54:39 Chair Brown

00:55:36 Rep. Meyers

00:56:27 Sen. Malek

00:57:43 Rep. Meyers

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:17 Rep. Meyers

01:01:33 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts58aad.pdf](#))