

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 15, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, 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 129, 1/10/2019

09:00:08 Chair Mandeville

### **HEARING ON HB 129**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:39 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 129, Generally revising local government laws regarding elections.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:03:46 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

09:06:51 Laura Obert, Broadwater County Commission

09:09:56 Jim Hart, Madison County Commission and MACo

09:12:45 Don Seifert, Gallatin County Commission

#### **EXHIBIT(sth07a01)**

09:14:46 Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County Sheriff

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:16:14 Rep. Greef

09:16:29 Rep. Fitzgerald

09:16:51 Eric Bryson, MACo

09:18:26 Rep. Sales

09:19:06 Rep. Fitzgerald

09:19:31 Mr. Bryson, MACo

09:20:31 Chair Mandeville

09:20:58 Eric Bryson, MACo

09:21:13 Chair Mandeville

09:21:26 Eric Bryson, MACo

09:22:03 Chair Mandeville

09:22:30 Eric Bryson, MACo

09:22:56 Rep. Custer

09:23:34 Eric Bryson, MACo

09:24:23 Rep. Bahr

09:24:46 Eric Bryson, MACo

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

09:25:53 Rep. Fitzgerald

09:26:38 Chair Mandeville

09:27:04 Vice Chair McKamey

09:27:08 Rep. Winter arrived.

09:28:35 Rep. Dooling

09:28:51 Chair Mandeville

09:29:28 Vice Chair Bachmeier

09:29:35 Chair Mandeville

09:29:40 Vice Chair McKamey

09:30:07 Chair Mandeville  
09:30:27 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
09:30:40 Chair Mandeville  
09:31:00 Rep. Winter  
09:31:09 Chair Mandeville  
09:31:31 Rep. Fleming  
09:31:43 Chair Mandeville

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:31:56

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth07aad.pdf](#))