

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 16, 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. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
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)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (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 126, 1/10/2019; HB 128, 1/10/2019

09:00:14 Chair Mandeville

### **HEARING ON HB 126**

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

09:01:48 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 126, Increase fees on death and birth certificates.

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

09:05:58 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

#### **EXHIBIT(sth08a01)**

09:09:48 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Clerk and Recorder and MACR

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

09:12:06 Jim Brown, Montana Funeral Directors' Association (MFDA)

#### **Informational Testimony:** None

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

09:19:09 Rep. Garner  
09:19:35 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:20:44 Rep. Webb  
09:21:07 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:22:47 Rep. Sales  
09:23:07 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:23:37 Rep. Sales  
09:24:42 Rep. Winter  
09:24:58 Rep. Custer  
09:26:26 Rep. Mandeville  
09:27:07 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Clerk and Recorder and MACR  
09:28:13 Rep. Dooling arrived.  
09:28:31 Rep. Karjala left the meeting.  
09:29:09 Vice Chair McKamey  
09:29:40 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:33:01 Rep. Winter  
09:33:22 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:34:43 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
09:35:06 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:35:57 Rep. Bahr  
09:36:13 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:36:43 Rep. Sweeney  
09:37:53 Jim Brown, MFDA  
09:38:01 Rep. Shaw  
09:38:36 Jim Brown, MFDA

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

09:39:53 Rep. Custer

**HEARING ON HB 128****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:42:10 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 128, Revise funding provision for Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' retirement system.

09:42:17 Rep. Shaw left the meeting.

09:43:20 Rep. Karjala returned to the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:44:50 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

09:45:53 Rep. Shaw returned to the meeting.

09:46:40 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**EXHIBIT(sth08a02)**

09:51:32 Dave Harris, President, Local 4700, MFPE

09:54:29 Mark Morrison, Local 4700, MFPE

09:56:49 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

09:57:47 William Holahan, MPERA

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:58:20 Rep. Garner

09:59:29 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

10:00:02 Rep. Sales

10:01:31 Mark Morrison, MFPE

10:02:30 Chair Mandeville

10:03:24 Diane Fladmo, MFPE

10:04:25 Chair Mandeville

10:05:02 Rep. Custer

10:05:24 Vice Chair Bachmeier

10:07:36 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

10:08:30 Rep. Winter

10:10:24 Diane Fladmo, MFPE

10:11:02 Rep. Dooling

10:11:23 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

10:11:45 Rep. Bahr

10:12:05 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:12:43 Rep. Custer

10:14:32 Chair Mandeville

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:15:40

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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