

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
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. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
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 396, 2/6/2019; HB 508, 2/18/2019; HB 510, 2/18/2019

09:01:16 Chair Mandeville

HEARING ON HB 508

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:08 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 508, Allow individual at least 16 years old to preregister to vote.

09:03:36 Rep. Shaw left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:55 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

09:13:19 Amara Reese-Hansell, Forward Montana Foundation

09:15:17 Geneva Zoltek, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:16:32 Stuart Fuller, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:16:55 Rep. Webb

09:17:20 Rep. Bachmeier

09:18:26 Rep. Webb

09:19:13 Rep. Bachmeier

09:20:05 Rep. Dooling

09:20:31 Rep. Bahr arrived.

09:20:38 Stuart Fuller, SOS

09:21:09 Rep. Karjala

09:21:52 Geneva Zoltek, ASMSU

09:23:05 Rep. Karjala

09:23:33 Geneva Zoltek, ASMSU

09:24:21 Rep. Karjala

09:25:06 Geneva Zoltek, ASMSU

09:25:47 Chair Mandeville

09:26:23 Stuart Fuller, SOS

09:27:12 Chair Mandeville

09:28:08 Stuart Fuller, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

09:29:06 Rep. Bachmeier

HEARING ON HB 510

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:33:19 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 510, Allow youth election judges.

09:35:03 Rep. Shaw returned to the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:36:41 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
 09:37:32 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR),
 Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 09:38:27 Eric Bryson, Self
 09:39:38 Amara Reese-Hansell, Forward Montana Foundation (FMF)
 09:41:31 Shelby Rogala, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: Stuart Fuller, Montana Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:43:33 Rep. Sweeney
 09:44:12 Amara Reese-Hansell, FMF
 09:44:24 Rep. Sweeney
 09:44:49 Rep. Bachmeier
 09:45:14 Rep. Custer
 09:45:38 Rep. Bachmeier
 09:45:46 Rep. Sales
 09:46:20 Rep. Bachmeier
 09:46:47 Rep. Sales
 09:47:04 Rep. Bachmeier
 09:47:27 Shantil Siaperas, MACR, MACo
 09:47:39 Chair Mandeville
 09:48:04 Shantil Siaperas, MACR, MACo
 09:48:25 Chair Mandeville
 09:48:30 Rep. McKamey arrived.
 09:48:34 Shantil Siaperas MACR, MACo
 09:49:16 Chair Mandeville
 09:49:28 Shantil Siaperas MACR, MACo
 09:49:45 Chair Mandeville
 09:50:05 Amara Reese-Hansell, FMF
 09:50:57 Chair Mandeville
 09:51:11 Amara Reese-Hansell, FMF
 09:51:35 Chair Mandeville
 09:52:13 Rep. Bachmeier
 09:52:23 Vice Chair McKamey
 09:53:03 Rep. Bachmeier
 09:53:14 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 09:53:31 Rep. Sweeney
 09:54:10 Shantil Siaperas, MACR, MACO
 09:54:20 Rep. Sweeney
 09:54:30 Shantil Siaperas, MACR, MACo
 09:54:57 Rep. Garner
 09:55:18 Eric Bryson, Self
 09:56:37 Rep. Garner

09:57:00 Rep. Winter arrived.
 09:57:34 Rep. Bachmeier
 09:59:21 Rep. Custer
 10:00:14 Eric Bryson, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

10:01:44 Rep. Bachmeier

 10:02:38 Recessed..
 10:07:41 Reconvened.

 10:07:43 Rep. Bachmeier

HEARING ON HB 396**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:08:30 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 396, Prohibit public employees from using position to support/oppose campaign.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:13:22 Erik Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
 10:19:14 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 10:21:00 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 10:24:16 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
 10:25:13 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association, Teamsters Union Local 190, Billings
 10:25:57 Brian Reed, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters (MSCOPFF)

Informational Testimony:

10:26:25 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:27:01 Rep. Hayman
 10:27:58 Eric Bryson, MACo
 10:28:40 Rep. Hayman
 10:29:21 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
 10:30:25 Rep. Hayman
 10:30:44 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
 10:31:42 Rep. Sales
 10:32:58 Rep. Regier
 10:33:45 Rep. Sales
 10:34:05 Rep. Regier
 10:34:48 Rep. McKamey
 10:35:07 Rep. Regier
 10:35:42 Rep. McKamey

10:36:49 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
10:37:44 Rep. Garner
10:38:13 Rep. Regier
10:38:25 Rep. Garner
10:39:08 Rep. Regier
10:39:56 Rep. Custer
10:40:22 Rep. Karjala
10:40:43 Rep. Regier
10:40:56 Rep. Karjala
10:41:27 Rep. Regier
10:42:04 Rep. Webb
10:42:51 Rep. Regier
10:43:57 Rep. Bachmeier
10:45:11 Rep. Regier
10:45:48 Rep. Bachmeier
10:46:23 Rep. Regier
10:46:55 Rep. Bachmeier
10:47:30 Rep. Regier
10:47:43 Rep. Bachmeier
10:47:53 Eric Burke, MFPE
10:47:37 Rep. Bachmeier
10:48:18 Eric Burke, MFPE
10:48:53 Rep. Bachmeier
10:49:10 Eric Burke, MFPE
10:49:14 Rep. Bahr
10:49:47 Rep. Regier
10:49:52 Rep. Custer
10:50:49 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
10:51:34 Rep. Custer
10:52:02 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
10:52:07 Vice Chair McKamey
10:52:38 Rep. Regier
10:53:01 Rep. Hayman left the meeting.
10:53:37 Rep. Bachmeier
10:54:28 Rep. Regier
10:55:10 Rep. Bachmeier
10:55:44 Rep. Regier
10:56:43 Chair Mandeville
10:57:12 Rep. Regier
10:57:37 Chair Mandeville
10:58:04 Rep. Karjala left the meeting.
10:58:15 Rep. Regier
10:58:19 Chair Mandeville
10:58:45 Rep. Regier
10:58:57 Chair Mandeville
10:59:43 Rep. Regier
10:59:59 Rep. Garner
11:00:08 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:00:19 Rep. Bachmeier

11:01:03 Rep. Regier

11:01:22 Rep. Bahr

11:01:44 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

11:02:15 Rep. Regier

11:03:23 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05:43

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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