

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on March 20, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., 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. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
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. Denise Hayman (D)
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: SB 115, 3/12/2019; SB 116, 3/12/2019; SB 130, 3/12/2019;
SB 154, 3/12/2019; SB 162, 3/12/2019

08:00:41 Chair Mandeville

HEARING ON SB 154

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:37 Sen. Scott Sales (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 154, Revise campaign practices vote disclosure requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:04:47 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

08:06:12 Vice Chair McKamey arrived.

Informational Testimony:

08:07:16 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:07:37 Rep. Hayman
08:08:01 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
08:08:53 Rep. Hayman
08:09:03 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
08:09:44 Rep. Custer
08:10:16 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

08:10:33 Sen. Sales

HEARING ON SB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:11:14 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 116, Generally revise irrigation district election laws.

08:12:01 Rep. Winter arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:13:45 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
08:17:29 John Crowley, Manager, Bitterroot Irrigation District
08:18:23 Susan Lake, Self
08:21:06 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
08:21:44 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:22:33 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

08:22:51 Rep. Webb
08:23:16 Mike Murphy, MWRA
08:23:42 Rep. Sales
08:24:13 Susan Lake, Self
08:26:41 Rep. Winter
08:27:10 Mike Murphy, MWRA
08:27:28 Rep. Winter
08:27:38 John Crowley, Bitterroot Irrigation District
08:28:42 Rep. Custer
08:29:18 Susan Lake, Self
08:30:51 Rep. Shaw
08:31:08 Sen. Salomon
08:31:20 Vice Chair McKamey
08:31:40 Susan lake, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

08:32:44 Sen. Salomon

08:33:03 Rep. Bahr arrived.

HEARING ON SB 130**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:33:25 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 130, Revise school election law.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:35:32 Kirk Miller, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
08:37:08 Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
08:38:43 Dayna Causby, Missoula County Election Administrator, Montana Association of Clerks and Records (MACR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:40:26 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)
08:40:39 Nicole Thuotte, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:41:05 Chair Mandeville
08:41:22 Dayna Causby, MACR
08:41:35 Chair Mandeville
08:41:44 Dayna Causby, MACR

Closing by Sponsor:

08:41:56 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 115**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:43:16 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 115, Repeal campaign finance provision on petty cash.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:45:53 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:48:04 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:48:31 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SB 162**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:49:11 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 162, Generally revise election laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:53:06 Bret Rutherford, Election Administrator, Yellowstone County

[EXHIBIT\(sth57a01\)](#)

08:55:43 Casey Hayes, Election Manager, Gallatin County

[EXHIBIT\(sth57a02\)](#)

09:00:25 Dayna Causby, Election Administrator, Missoula County

09:01:55 Rena Moore, Election Administrator, Cascade County

09:04:28 Regina Plettenberg, Election Administrator, Ravalli County; Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

09:07:15 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo), Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:09:45 Dana Corson, Director of Elections, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:10:54 Rep. Garner

09:11:26 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County; MACR Recorders (MACR)

09:13:57 Rep. Garner
09:14:16 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County, MACR
09:16:54 Vice Chair McKamey
09:17:35 Sen. Webb
09:17:39 Rep. Custer
09:18:13 Dana Corson, SOS
09:19:42 Rep. Custer
09:20:44 Dana Corson, SOS
09:21:43 Rep. Greef
09:22:28 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County, MACR
09:24:21 Rep. Winter
09:25:03 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County, MACR
09:25:46 Rep. Winter
09:26:02 Dana Corson, SOS
09:26:39 Rep. Garner
09:27:16 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County, MACR
09:27:56 Rep. Sales
09:28:46 Casey Hayes, Gallatin County
09:30:19 Rep. Sales
09:31:08 Casey Hayes, Gallatin County
09:32:51 Vice Chair McKamey
09:33:26 Casey Hayes, Gallatin County
09:34:10 Vice Chair McKamey
09:34:39 Rena Moore, Cascade County
09:36:52 Vice Chair McKamey
09:37:02 Rena Moore, Cascade County
09:37:43 Vice Chair McKamey
09:38:05 Rena Moore, Cascade County
09:39:44 Vice Chair McKamey
09:40:57 Rena Moore, Cascade County
09:42:50 Rep. Custer
09:44:10 Rena Moore, Cascade County
09:46:36 Rep. Custer
09:46:52 Rena Moore, Cascade County
09:48:08 Rep. Custer
09:48:42 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County, MACR
09:49:34 Rep. Winter
09:50:59 Sen. Webb
09:52:15 Rep. Karjala
09:53:06 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
09:54:30 Rep. Sweeney
09:55:02 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County, MACR
09:55:44 Rep. Custer
09:56:27 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
09:57:10 Rep. Custer
09:57:32 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
09:57:45 Chair Mandeville
09:58:13 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
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10:00:28 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
10:00:52 Chair Mandeville
10:01:09 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
10:01:33 Chair Mandeville
10:01:47 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
10:02:34 Chair Mandeville
10:02:47 Sen. Webb

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10:07:23 Chair Mandeville
10:08:06 Sen. Webb
10:08:12 Chair Mandeville
10:08:44 Dana Corson, SOS
10:09:05 Rep. Hayman left the meeting.
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10:09:18 Dana Corson, SOS
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10:10:06 Sen. Webb
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10:14:41 Rep. Winter
10:15:10 Dana Corson, SOS
10:15:42 Rep. Karjala
10:16:16 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
10:17:51 Rep. Bachmeier
10:18:24 Chair Mandeville
10:18:31 Rep. Sweeney
10:18:49 Rep. Shaw left the meeting.
10:19:24 Casey Hayes, Gallatin County
10:19:47 Rep. Webb left the meeting.
10:20:49 Rep. Custer
10:21:48 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County
10:22:27 Rep. Custer
10:22:37 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County

Closing by Sponsor:

10:22:54 Sen. Webb

10:25:07 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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