

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on March 27, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
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. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 699, 3/25/2019; HB 766, 3/26/2019; HB 776, 3/26/2019
Executive Action: HB 647, HB 668, HB 676, HB 693, HB 738, HB 699, HB 766,
HB 776

08:01:20 Chair Mandeville

HEARING ON HB 776

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:00 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB776, Revise laws related to districting and apportionment commission.

08:05:59 Rep. Shaw arrived.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:06:27 Rep. Bahr

08:06:47 Rep. Tschida

Closing by Sponsor:

08:08:03 Rep. Tschida

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

08:09:35 Chair Mandeville

08:10:44 Rep. Custer

08:10:59 Chair Mandeville

08:11:37 Recessed.

08:15:13 Rep. Bachmeier arrived.

08:16:41 Rep. Winter arrived.

08:16:55 Reconvened.

HEARING ON HB 699

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:17:03 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB699, Allow online voter registration and electronic signature transfer.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:19:37 Dayna Causby, Missoula County Election Administrator, Missoula County

08:21:55 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACO) and Montana Association of Clerks and Records (MACR)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:22:53 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:24:53 Rep. Hayman
08:26:02 Dana Corson, SOS
08:27:11 Rep. Hayman
08:27:19 Dana Corson, SOS
08:27:42 Rep. Hayman
08:27:46 Dana Corson, SOS
08:28:09 Vice Chair Bachmeier
08:29:07 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Election Administrator, Ravalli County
08:30:30 Vice Chair Bachmeier
08:30:40 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County
08:30:59 Vice Chair Bachmeier
08:31:11 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County
08:31:22 Vice Chair McKamey
08:31:43 Dana Corson, SOS
08:32:03 Vice Chair McKamey
08:32:30 Dana Corson, SOS
08:33:32 Rep. Custer
08:34:12 Dana Corson, SOS
08:35:30 Rep. Custer
08:36:16 Dana Corson, SOS
08:37:11 Rep. Custer
08:37:49 Dana Corson, SOS
08:38:51 Rep. Custer
08:39:24 Dana Corson, SOS
08:39:58 Rep. Hayman
08:40:57 Dayna Causby, Missoula County
08:42:31 Rep. Custer
08:43:36 Dana Corson, SOS
08:44:22 Rep. Custer
08:44:33 Dana Corson, SOS
08:44:55 Rep. Custer
08:45:18 Dana Corson, SOS
08:46:11 Rep. Sales
08:46:46 Dana Corson, SOS
08:47:05 Rep. Sales
08:47:19 Dana Corson, SOS
08:47:47 Rep. Sweeney
08:48:03 Chair Mandeville
08:48:14 Rep. Sweeney
08:48:25 Dana Corson, SOS
08:48:59 Chair Mandeville
08:49:25 Rep. Winter
08:50:17 Chair Mandeville
08:50:26 Rep. Winter
08:50:57 Chair Mandeville
08:51:37 Rep. Winter

08:52:26 Chair Mandeville
08:52:35 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
08:54:15 Chair Mandeville
08:54:28 Rep. Winter
08:56:13 Rep. Runningwolf
08:57:29 Rep. Winter
08:58:04 Rep. Runningwolf
08:58:23 Rep. Winter
08:58:29 Vice Chair McKamey
08:58:55 Rep. Winter
08:59:29 Vice Chair McKamey
08:59:56 Rep. Winter
09:00:15 Vice Chair McKamey
09:00:41 Dana Corson, SOS
09:01:39 Vice Chair McKamey
09:01:57 Dana Corson, SOS
09:02:43 Rep. Hayman
09:03:08 Dayna Causby, Missoula County
09:04:52 Rep. Hayman
09:05:01 Dayna Causby, Missoula County
09:06:15 Rep. Custer
09:07:26 Dayna Causby, Missoula County
09:08:01 Rep. Webb
09:08:26 Dayna Causby, Missoula County

Closing by Sponsor:

09:10:00 Rep. Winter

09:10:25 Rep. Bachmeier left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 766

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:13:32 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB766, Create public commission on historical sites and monuments.

09:14:28 Rep. Mandeville ceded the gavel to Vice Chair McKamey and left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

09:18:49 Rep. Mandeville returned to the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

09:21:11 Denise King, Montana Historical Society (MHS)
09:21:23 Molly Kruckenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:21:54 Rep. Dooling
 09:22:09 Rep. Hamlett
 09:22:41 Rep. Mandeville
 09:23:03 Rep. Hamlett
 09:24:22 Rep. Sales
 09:24:49 Rep. Hamlett
 09:25:30 Rep. Garner
 09:25:59 Denise King, MHS
 09:26:56 Rep. Garner
 09:27:07 Denise King, MHS
 09:30:40 Rep. Garner
 09:31:00 Rep. Hamlett
 09:33:01 Chair McKamey
 09:33:15 Rep. Hamlett
 09:34:03 Chair McKamey
 09:34:21 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

09:34:56 Rep. Hamlett

 09:35:52 Chair Mandeville resumed as Chair.

 09:36:43 Recessed.
 10:07:42 Reconvened with Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw, Rep. Winter excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 647

10:08:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hayman moved that **HB 647 DO PASS**. Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Greef, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 668

10:10:06 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 668 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:10:29 Vice Chair Bachmeier
 10:10:44 Chair Mandeville
 10:10:59 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 10:11:14 Vice Chair McKamey
 10:12:21 Vice Chair Bachmeier

10:12:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Winter voting aye. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

10:14:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 668 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bachmeier voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 676

10:15:01 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 676 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:15:06 Sheri Scurr, LSD
 10:15:20 Rep. Garner
 10:15:41 Rep. Custer
 10:16:31 Rep. Sweeney
 10:17:22 Vice Chair Bachmeier
 10:18:26 Rep. Sweeney

10:18:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 693

10:19:17 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 693 DO PASS**.

10:19:40 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sth63a01\)](#)

Discussion:

10:20:01 Chair Mandeville
 10:20:33 Vice Chair Bachmeier
 10:21:09 Rep. Sweeney

10:21:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

10:22:28 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sth63a02\)](#)

Discussion:

10:22:51 Rep. Custer

10:23:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bachmeier voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

10:24:20 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 693 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:24:34 Rep. Hayman

10:25:32 Vice Chair Bachmeier

10:26:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Winter voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 738

10:27:32 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 738 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:27:51 Vice Chair Bachmeier

10:28:28 Rep. Custer

10:29:12 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Winter voting aye. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

10:30:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 738 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 699

10:30:47 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 699 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:31:26 Rep. Garner

[EXHIBIT\(sth63a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth63a04\)](#)

10:31:44 Rep. Bahr left the meeting.

10:31:52 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 699 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(sth63a05\)](#)

Discussion:

10:33:30 Rep. Garner

10:34:13 Chair Mandeville

10:34:37 Rep. Bachmeier

10:35:10 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:35:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bahr, Rep. Karjala
Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

10:35:39 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 699 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:35:56 Vice Chair McKamey
10:36:17 Rep. Sales
10:38:13 Rep. Sweeney
10:38:38 Dana Corson, SOS
10:39:03 Vice Chair Bachmeier
10:39:16 Rep. Garner
10:40:05 Chair Mandeville

10:41:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Garcia, Rep. Mandeville,
Rep. Mortensen and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Bahr, Rep. Karjala,
Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 766

10:42:20 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 766 DO PASS.**

10:42:56 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bachmeier made a substitute motion that **HB 766 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Garcia and Rep. McKamey voting no. Rep. Bahr, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 776

10:43:58 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 776 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:44:30 Rep. Custer
10:45:45 Chair Mandeville
10:46:05 Rep. Custer
10:46:10 Rep. Garner
10:46:22 Rep. Hayman
10:46:59 Rep. Sweeney
10:47:24 Vice Chair Bachmeier
10:47:35 Chair Mandeville
10:47:53 Sheri Scurr, LSD
10:48:36 Vice Chair Bachmeier
10:49:04 Rep. Garner
10:49:28 Sheri Scurr, LSD
10:52:22 Vice Chair Bachmeier
10:52:34 Chair Mandeville
10:52:58 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:53:43 Chair Mandeville
10:53:57 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:54:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Garner, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. W. Sales, Rep. Shaw and Rep. P. Webb voting aye. Rep. Bahr, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

10:55:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 776 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bahr, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

10:56:59 Chair Mandeville
10:57:06 Rep. Hayman
10:57:12 Chair Mandeville
10:59:15 Vice Chair Bachmeier
10:59:31 Chair Mandeville
10:59:52 Rep. Garner
11:00:25 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00:43

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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