

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on April 2, 2019 at 8:00 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. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (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: SB 254, 3/29/2019; SB 291, 3/27/2019, SJ 9, 3/27/2019  
Executive Action: SB 162, SB 231, SSB 232, SB 257, SB 258, SB 285, SJ 10

08:00:29 Chair Mandeville  
08:02:08 Rep. Sweeney arrived.  
08:02:52 Rep. Hayman and Vice Chair McKamey arrived.

### HEARING ON SB 254

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:37 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB254, Revise laws regarding chief municipal judges.

08:07:47 Rep. Weatherwax arrived.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

08:04:32 John MacDonald, City of Missoula, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

08:06:04 Greg Dorrington, City of Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:07:24 Rep. Sales  
08:07:51 Sen. Sands  
08:08:20 Rep. Sales  
08:08:26 Sen. Sands  
08:08:32 Chair Mandeville  
08:09:20 Sen. Sands  
08:09:48 Chair Mandeville  
08:09:56 Sen. Sands  
08:10:02 Chair Mandeville  
08:10:19 John MacDonald, City of Missoula, MLCT  
08:10:36 Chair Mandeville  
08:10:55 John MacDonald, City of Missoula, MLCT

#### Closing by Sponsor:

08:12:42 Sen. Sands  
  
08:13:37 Chair Mandeville  
08:15:24 Rep. Shaw  
08:15:38 Rep. Garner  
08:15:31 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
08:16:12 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
08:16:46 Chair Mandeville  
08:16:56 Rep. Bahr arrived  
08:17:06 Rep. Hayman  
08:17:27 Chair Mandeville  
08:17:47 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
08:17:59 Chair Mandeville  
08:18:25 Rep. Sales

08:18:29 Chair Mandeville  
08:19:03 Rep. Shaw  
  
08:19:31 Recessed.  
08:26:12 Reconvened.

### **HEARING ON SJ 9**

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

08:26:28 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SJ9, Joint resolution supporting Taiwan relations.

08:28:39 Rep. Shaw arrived

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

08:29:25 Rep. Bachmeier  
08:29:55 Sen. Pomnichowski  
08:32:06 Rep. Bachmeier  
08:32:11 Rep. Sweeney  
08:32:37 Sen. Pomnichowski  
08:33:48 Chair Mandeville  
08:34:08 Sen. Pomnichowski  
08:34:40 Chair Mandeville  
08:35:12 Sen. Pomnichowski

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

08:35:35 Sen. Pomnichowski

### **HEARING ON SB 291**

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

08:36:11 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB291, Revise laws on voting systems and ballot form.

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

08:38:52 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)  
08:39:37 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)  
08:42:24 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living  
08:45:26 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)  
08:49:36 Stephanie Verhasselt, MACR  
08:50:41 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and MACR

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:52:01 Rep. Hayman  
08:52:28 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
08:52:57 Rep. Hayman  
08:53:07 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
08:53:48 Vice Chair McKamey  
08:54:49 Beth Brenneman, DRM  
08:55:40 Vice Chair McKamey  
08:56:17 Dana Corson, SOS  
08:57:38 Rep. Garcia  
08:58:04 Sen. Thomas  
08:59:00 Rep. Garcia  
08:59:09 Rep. Greef  
08:59:19 Rep. Winter arrived.  
08:59:29 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:01:07 Rep. Dooling  
09:01:35 Stephanie Verhasselt, MACR  
09:02:08 Rep. Custer  
09:02:37 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:03:25 Rep. Custer  
09:03:53 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:04:35 Rep. Sales  
09:04:57 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:07:33 Rep. Sales  
09:08:03 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:09:20 Vice Chair McKamey  
09:10:44 Sen. Thomas  
09:12:25 Vice Chair McKamey  
09:13:07 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:15:09 Rep. Custer  
09:15:56 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:16:49 Chair Mandeville  
09:17:42 Beth Brenneman, DRM  
09:18:26 Chair Mandeville  
09:18:32 Beth Brenneman, DRM  
09:19:04 Chair Mandeville  
09:19:20 Beth Brenneman, DRM  
09:19:58 Rep. Custer  
09:20:19 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:21:28 Sen. Thomas

09:23:11 Chair Mandeville

09:23:51 Recessed.  
10:01:14 Reconvened with Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 162**

10:01:29 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 162 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:02:05 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 162 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sth68a01)**

**Discussion:**

10:02:16 Chair Mandeville  
10:03:27 Rep. Hayman  
10:03:45 Chair Mandeville

10:06:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

10:06:21 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 162 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:06:39 Chair Mandeville  
10:07:01 Rep. Custer

10:08:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Mandeville will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 231**

10:08:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 231 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Bachmeier will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232**

10:10:34 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 232 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:11:01 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **SB 232 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sth68a02)**

**Discussion:**

10:11:36 Rep. Custer  
10:11:50 Chair Mandeville  
10:11:57 Rep. Custer

10:12:04 Chair Mandeville  
 10:12:17 Rep. Custer  
 10:12:43 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:13:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

10:13:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 232 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Dooling will carry the bill.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 257

10:14:46 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 257 BE CONCURRED IN**.

#### Discussion:

10:14:56 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
 10:15:20 Chair Mandeville  
 10:16:02 Rep. Sweeney

10:17:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Winter voting aye. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

10:18:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 257 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

10:18:44 Rep. Garner

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 258

10:18:52 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 258 BE CONCURRED IN**.

10:19:17 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 258 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(sth68a03\)](#)

#### Discussion:

10:19:28 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
 10:20:19 Chair Mandeville  
 10:21:10 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
 10:21:32 Chair Mandeville  
 10:21:54 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:22:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

10:23:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 258 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 17-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Mandeville and Rep. Mortensen voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Webb will carry the bill.

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 285

10:25:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 285 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Hayman will carry the bill.

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 10

10:26:03 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SJ 10 BE CONCURRED IN**.

#### Discussion:

10:26:12 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:26:33 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SJ 10 BE AMENDED**.

#### Discussion:

10:26:48 Chair Mandeville

10:26:55 Vice Chair McKamey **WITHDREW THE MOTION TO AMEND**.

10:27:09 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SJ 10 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(sth68a04\)](#)

#### Discussion:

10:27:30 Chair Mandeville

10:27:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

10:28:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SJ 10 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Dooling will carry the bill.

10:30:44 Chair Mandeville

10:31:31 Rep. Shaw

10:34:54 Chair Mandeville

10:35:51 Rep. Shaw

10:36:34 Chair Mandeville

10:36:51 Rep. Shaw

10:37:56 Chair Mandeville

10:38:06 Vice Chair McKamey

10:38:35 Rep. Shaw

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:40:02

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth68aad.pdf](#))