

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on April 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Jacelyn Stewart, Committee Secretary

**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 512, 4/1/2019; HB 536, 4/1/2019; HB 612, 4/1/2019; HB 776, 4/1/2019; HJ 23, 4/1/2019

Executive Action: SJ 17, Be Tabled  
SJ 21, Do Pass  
SR 39, Be Adopted  
SR 40, Be Adopted  
SR 41, Be Adopted  
SR 42, Be Adopted  
SR 49, Be Adopted

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 17**

14:44:38 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SJ 17 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:44:41 Chair Brown

14:45:24 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

14:45:40 Sen. Ellis entered the meeting.

14:46:19 Chair Brown

14:46:45 Sen. Cuffe

14:47:34 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. F. Smith voting aye. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

14:48:08 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SJ 17 BE TABLED.**

14:48:14 Sen. Vance

14:48:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by voice vote with Sen. Bennett and Sen. Ellis voting no. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 21**

14:48:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SJ 21 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 39**

14:49:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 39 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 40**

14:51:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 40 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Kary voting no. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 41**

14:52:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 41 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 42**

14:53:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 42 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 49**

- 14:54:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 49 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.
- 14:55:05 Chair Brown turned the position and duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Kary and left the meeting.
- 14:55:36 Recess
- 15:01:09 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HJ 23****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 15:01:23 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HJ 23, Study resolution on improving Montana Veterans' Affairs Division.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 15:03:10 Bill Willing, member, Montana Veterans Affairs Board (VA)  
[EXHIBIT\(sts69a01\)](#)

- 15:10:15 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion, Montana National Guard Association  
15:11:57 Gary White, adjutant general, Montana American Legion

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

- 15:13:55 Kelly Ackerman, administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs Division (VA)  
15:14:18 Sen. Vance  
15:14:26 Ms. Ackerman, VA

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 15:14:47 Sen. Cuffe  
15:15:09 Ms. Ackerman  
15:15:49 Sen. Cuffe  
15:16:12 Rep. Dudik  
15:16:23 Sen. Ellis  
15:16:43 Mr. White, American Legion  
15:16:59 Sen. Smith  
15:18:18 Ms. Ackerman  
15:18:40 Chair Kary  
15:19:06 Mr. Willing, VA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

- 15:19:38 Rep. Dudik

**HEARING ON HB 512****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:20:57 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 512, Revise laws related to appointments to fill vacancies in elected county offices.

15:24:32 Sen. Brown returned to the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:25:18 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:26:52 Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:27:14 Sen. Ellis  
15:28:10 Rep. Bachmeier  
15:28:58 Ms. Siaperas, MACo  
15:29:17 Sen. Ellis  
15:30:26 Ms. Siaperas  
15:30:42 Rep. Bachmeier  
15:30:49 Sen. Ellis  
15:32:13 Rep. Bachmeier  
15:33:21 Sen. Ellis  
15:34:14 Sen. Cuffe  
15:34:33 Sen. Brown  
15:35:25 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division  
15:35:56 Sen. Brown  
15:36:14 Rep. Bachmeier  
15:37:00 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:37:36 Rep. Bachmeier

15:39:18 Sen. Brown resumed the position and duties of the Chair.

**HEARING ON HB 536****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:36 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 536, Secure voter registration when applying for Driver's License or ID card.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:41:44 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders  
15:44:50 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:45:53 Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)

[EXHIBIT\(sts69a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts69a03\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

15:49:29 Michele Snowberger, bureau chief, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), Department of Justice

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:50:01 Chair Brown

15:50:35 Ms. Snowberger, MVD

15:51:55 Chair Brown

15:52:18 Ms. Snowberger

15:53:05 Lisa Wanke, assistant business architect, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD),  
Department of Justice

15:54:37 Chair Brown

15:55:21 Ms. Wanke, MVD

15:56:09 Chair Brown

15:56:22 Ms. Wanke

15:56:36 Sen. Cuffe left the meeting.

15:57:26 Sen. Kary

15:57:42 Rep. Custer

15:58:17 Sen. Kary

15:58:34 Mr. Corson, SOS

15:59:31 Chair Brown

15:59:47 Mr. Corson

16:00:37 Sen. Kary

16:00:57 Mr. Corson

16:01:38 Sen. Ellis

16:03:43 Mr. Corson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:04:04 Rep. Custer

[EXHIBIT\(sts69a04\)](#)

16:07:58 Sen. Brown left the meeting and turned the position and duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Kary.

**HEARING ON HB 612****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:08:29 Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 612, Revising number of professional staff positions at the Board of Investments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:10:44 Dan Villa, executive director, Board of Investments (BOI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:13:19 Chair Kary  
16:14:14 Mr. Villa, BOI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:14:44 Rep. Bartel  
16:16:11 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

16:17:11 Recess  
16:22:51 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 776**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:22:59 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 776, Revise laws related to districting and apportionment commission.

16:24:08 Sen. Brown returned to the meeting and resumed the position and duties of the Chair.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:26:23 Dan Stusek, self  
[EXHIBIT\(sts69a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:28:42 Sen. Kary  
16:29:03 Rep. Tschida  
16:29:20 Sen. Kary  
16:29:31 Rep. Tschida  
16:30:05 Sen. Kary

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:30:18 Rep. Tschida

**Committee Business:**

16:30:57 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:32 PM

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Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts69aad.pdf](#))