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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on February 8, 2021 at 2:59 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Chair (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrancesco, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 175, 2/3/2021; SJ 4, 2/3/2021

Executive Action: SR 22 Be Adopted; SR 25 Be Adopted; SB 113 Do Pass; SB 169 Do Pass as Amended

14:59:56 Chair Kary gave the duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Vance.

HEARING ON SB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:06 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB175, Generally revise contributions to the judges' retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:01:07 Ed Bartlett, Montana Judges Association

15:05:41 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:08:11 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement System

15:08:22 Sen. Fox entered the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:47 Sen. Ellis

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:15 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SJ 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:09:42 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SJ4, Interim study on electioneering.

15:10:21 Sen. Kary left the meeting.

15:10:34 Sen. Osmundson left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:07 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

15:15:55 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

15:16:47 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:18:07 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:18:31 Sen. Ellis

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 22

15:19:43 Chair Vance

15:20:09 Sen. Osmundson returned to the meeting.

15:20:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SR 22 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kary was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 25

15:20:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SR 25 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kary was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 113

15:21:26 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SB 113 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:21:30 Chair Vance

15:21:54 Sen. Bennett

15:22:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 169

15:23:45 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SB 169 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:24:00 Chair Vance

15:24:09 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

15:24:47 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:26:57 Chair Vance

15:27:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

15:28:00 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 169 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

15:28:22 Sen. Bennett

15:30:12 Sen. Ellis

15:30:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:31 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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