

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 26, 2023 at 8:00 AM, in 455

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Julie Dooling, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bob Phalen, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Denise Baum (D)  
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Gary Parry (R)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Staff Present:** Heather Kellum, Secretary  
Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

**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:

Executive Action:

SJ 8  
HB 206 DO PASS  
HB 186 DO PASS  
HB 190 DO PASS  
SB 18

SB 40  
SJ 4  
HB 173 DO PASS  
HB 196 TO PASS  
CONSIDERATION

08:01:44

**Committee Discussion:**

08:01:48 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:02:27 Rep. Brockman has arrived  
08:04:43 Rep. Stafman has arrived

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 8 - Joint resolution on redistricting**

08:13:56 **Motion:** Rep. Ed Stafman moved that **SJ 8 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

08:14:17 Rep. Bob Phalen  
08:14:22 Rep. Linda Reksten  
08:14:26 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:14:44 Rep. Ed Stafman  
08:18:28 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:18:33 Rep. Denise Baum  
08:18:46 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:19:20 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:19:29 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf  
08:19:57 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:13:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting yes.  
Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

08:02:18 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **SJ 8 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

08:02:50 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
08:04:37 Rep. Linda Reksten  
08:06:56 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:08:13 Rep. Denise Baum  
08:09:50 Rep. Bob Phalen  
08:11:13 Rep. Stafman  
08:13:12 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division, LSD  
08:02:18 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:16:48 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **SJ 8 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

08:16:53 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:16:59 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:17:06 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:17:23 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:17:32 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:17:42 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:18:05 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:18:11 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:18:31 Rep. Denise Baum  
08:18:42 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:18:55 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:18:59 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:19:14 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
08:19:22 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:19:28 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf  
08:19:53 Rep. Julie Dooling  
08:16:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no. Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy  
08:16:48 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Julie Dooling

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 206 - Generally revise mill levy election laws**

09:17:02 **Motion:** Rep. Kenneth Walsh moved that **HB 206 TO TABLE.**

09:17:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:16:10 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 206 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:51:23

09:16:51 Heather Kellum

09:16:59 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 186 - Revise dates for special purpose elections**

09:20:04 **Motion:** Rep. Gary Parry moved that **HB 186 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:20:22 Rebecca Power

09:20:57 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:20:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:22:01 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 186 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

09:22:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:19:17 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 186 DO PASS.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 190 - Provide for a state government performance and results act**

09:23:41 **Motion:** Rep. Gary Parry moved that **HB 190 TO TABLE.**

**Discussion:**

09:24:11 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:23:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:23:22 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 190 DO PASS.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 18 - Add benefit policy statement to pension systems**

09:24:59 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **SB 18 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:25:19 Rep. Bertoglio

09:25:29 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:24:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum, voting no.

09:24:59 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 40 - Generally revise laws related to Montana national guard duty status**

09:26:49 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **SB 40 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:26:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:26:49 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 4 - Provide for interim study of PERS and TRS**

09:27:46 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **SJ 4 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:28:11 Rep. Gregory Frazer

09:29:09 Rep. Denise Baum

09:29:39 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:27:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:27:46 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Julie Dooling

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 173 - Revise laws related to security of vote tabulating machines**

09:31:26 **Motion:** Rep. Michael Yakawich moved that **HB 173 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

08:21:47 Recessed

09:16:04 Reconvened

09:18:42 Rep. Brockman has left

09:19:01 Rep. Stafman has left

09:31:45 Rebecca Power

09:33:20 Rep. Stafman has arrived

09:33:28 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:34:07 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:35:41 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:36:09 Rep. Paul Green

09:36:24 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:36:41 Rep. Paul Green

09:37:10 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:37:34 Rep. Gregory Frazer

09:39:23 Rep. Denise Baum

09:40:29 Rep. Brockman has arrived

09:41:00 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:42:09 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:42:55 Rep. Gary Parry

09:43:41 Rep. Paul Green

09:44:09 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:44:30 Rebecca Power

09:45:20 Rep. Gary Parry

09:45:25 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:45:51 Rep. Denise Baum

09:46:00 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:31:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no.  
Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

09:47:59 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 173 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:49:57 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
09:47:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Smith, Rep. Wirth, voting no.  
09:30:54 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 173 DO PASS.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 196 - Revise election laws related to the counting of votes**

09:50:33 **Motion:** Rep. Courtenay Sprunger moved that **HB 196 TO PASS CONSIDERATION.**

**Discussion:**

08:01:44  
08:02:27 Rep. Brockman has arrived  
08:04:43 Rep. Stafman has arrived  
09:50:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:56:55

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Heather Kellum, Secretary

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