

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on February 08, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 455

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
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:

HB 335 02/02/2023

Executive Action:

HB 309 POSTPONE
CONSIDERATION
HB 348 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 377 DO PASS

09:02:19

Committee Discussion:

09:02:27 Rep. Bob Phalen

10:13:45 Rep. Bob Phalen

10:58:53

Committee Discussion:

10:58:56 Rebecca Power

HEARING ON HB 335 - Generally revise election laws related to absentee ballot list procedures

Opening Statement:

09:02:43 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 335, Generally revise election laws related to absentee ballot list procedures.

Discussion:

09:02:49 Rep. David Bedey-R

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:06:34 Eric Bryson, Montana Association Clerks and Recorders, MACR

09:09:27 Steve Turkiewicz, Lobbyist, Secure Democracy USA

09:10:52 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees, MFPE

09:13:58 Amanda Frickle, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, MT AF-CIO

09:16:09 Regina Plettenberg, Election Administrator, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders, MACR

09:21:53 Pam Walzer, Private Citizen

09:25:11 Patti Steinmuller, Private Citizen

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:29:10	Rep. Denise Baum
09:29:51	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:30:16	Rep. Denise Baum
09:30:50	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:31:38	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:35:05	Rep. Denise Baum
09:35:37	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:35:59	Rep. Marta Bertoglio
09:36:29	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:37:21	Rep. Marta Bertoglio
09:37:58	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:38:51	Rep. Zack Wirth
09:39:16	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:40:22	Rep. Tony Brockman
09:41:18	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:41:47	Rep. Tony Brockman
09:42:35	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:44:49	Rep. Tony Brockman
09:44:57	Rep. Gary Parry
09:45:40	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:46:12	Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:46:22	Rep. David Bedey-R

09:48:53	Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:49:16	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:49:44	Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:50:23	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:50:52	Rep. Ed Stafman
09:51:50	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:53:35	Rep. Ed Stafman
09:54:48	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:56:34	Rep. Ed Stafman
09:57:56	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:58:27	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:58:50	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
10:00:26	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:00:29	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
10:02:47	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:03:12	Regina Plettenberg, MACR
10:03:28	Rep. Gary Parry
10:04:01	Rep. David Bedey-R
10:04:29	Rep. Bob Phalen
10:04:41	Eric Bryson, MACR
10:04:54	Rep. Bob Phalen
10:05:29	Eric Bryson, MACR
10:05:45	Rep. Bob Phalen
10:06:11	Lauren Caldwell, MFPE

10:06:41 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:07:15 Amanda Frickle, MT AFL-CIO
10:08:23 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:08:47 Rep. David Bedey-R
10:09:37 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:09:52 Rep. David Bedey-R

Closing Statement:

10:11:31 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 335.

Discussion:

10:11:34 Rep. David Bedey-R

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 309 - Revise voting requirements of quasi-judicial boards

10:45:21 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 309 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:15:32 Recessed
10:45:08 Reconvened
10:45:48 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:46:35 Rep. Tony Brockman
10:47:12 Rep. Gary Parry
10:47:54 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:48:26 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:49:04 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:49:35 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:49:40 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:49:42 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 309 POSTPONE CONSIDERATION.**

10:49:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 348 - Revise laws related to state government employee directories

10:50:38 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 348 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:50:52 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:50:57 **Motion:** Rep. Kenneth Walsh moved that **HB 348 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:51:10 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:51:45 Rep. Ed Stafman

10:52:37 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:53:36 Rep. Gary Parry

10:54:05 Rep. Gregory Frazer

10:50:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:56:58 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 348 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:56:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 377 - Create a 250th commission for Montana

10:57:42 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 377 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:02:19

10:58:53

10:57:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:59:19

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230208STHaad\)](#)