

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on April 07, 2023 at 2:38 PM, in Upon Adjournment of the Floor ~ 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Attorney
Daisy Rhodes, 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 360 04/05/2023

HB 402 04/05/2023

Executive Action:

HB 543 BE CONCURRED IN

14:39:34 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion on HB 543

14:39:34 Chair Mike Cuffe

14:39:55 Sen. Janet Ellis

14:40:05 Chair Mike Cuffe

14:40:53 Sen. Dan Bartel

14:41:16 Sen. Shelley Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 543 - Revise laws for ballot wording for bonds and levies

14:41:48 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 543 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:42:04 Sen. Janet Ellis

14:43:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Hayman,
voting no.
Sen. Hayman, By Proxy

Carrier Assigned: Sen. Shelley Vance

HEARING ON HB 402 - Revise elector registration laws

Opening Statement:

14:45:09 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 402, Revise
elector registration laws.

14:48:00 Vice Chair McKamey has arrived

Proponent Testimony:

14:49:11 Dana Corson, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State

14:50:18 Loy Chvilicek, self, opponent as bill is written

Opponent Testimony:

14:52:34 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU-MT)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

14:55:48	Sen. Mark Noland
14:58:40	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
14:59:09	Chair Mike Cuffe
14:59:34	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:01:16	Sen. Dan Bartel
15:02:43	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:03:49	Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:04:23	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:04:54	Chair Mike Cuffe
15:05:27	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:05:48	Sen. Mark Noland
15:06:08	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:06:58	Chair Mike Cuffe
15:07:06	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:07:11	Sen. Mike Cuffe-R
15:07:29	Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:08:08	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:08:19	Chair Mike Cuffe
15:08:31	Sen. Shelley Vance
15:13:08	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State
15:14:15	Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:16:12	Dana Corson, Office of the Secretary of State

Closing Statement:

15:17:12 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 402.

HEARING ON HB 360 - Revise election of county commissioners

Opening Statement:

15:21:23 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 360, Revise election of county commissioners.

Proponent Testimony:

15:24:33 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:25:37 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:26:05 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:28:09 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:29:32 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:30:13 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:30:28 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:31:03 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:31:09 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:31:21 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:31:47 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:33:48 Chair Mike Cuffe

Closing Statement:

15:36:11 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 360.

Discussion:

15:39:37 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:39:55 Rep. Steven Galloway

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:43:31

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230407STSaad\)](#)