

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on April 14, 2023 at 3:20 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Attorney
Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 196
HB 402
HB 580

15:21:14 Sen. Noland has left

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

15:21:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 196 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:21:55 Joe Carroll

15:23:59 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:26:52 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:27:22 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:27:29 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:28:13 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:28:26 Joe Carroll

15:29:06 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:29:18 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:32:10 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:33:42 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:35:24 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:36:51 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:37:37 Joe Carroll

15:38:03 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:38:10 Joe Carroll

15:38:27 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:38:36 Joe Carroll

15:38:44 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:39:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 196 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:40:11 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:39:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:41:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 196 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:41:39 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:41:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:43:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 196 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

15:43:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:43:03 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shelley Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 402 - Revise elector registration laws

15:44:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 402 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:44:15 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:44:36 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:44:41 **Motion:** Sen. Shelley Vance moved that **HB 402 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:44:57 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:45:22 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:46:07 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:47:04 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:47:34 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:47:53 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:48:36 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:50:37 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:50:57 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

15:51:50 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:52:38 Chair Mike Cuffe

- 15:54:19 Joe Carroll
- 15:54:30 Chair Mike Cuffe
- 15:44:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Manzella, Sen. Noland, Sen. Vance, voting yes.
Sen. Manzella, Sen. Noland, By Proxy
- 15:56:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 402 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 15:56:32 Sen. Shelley Vance
- 15:56:33 Joe Carroll
- 15:56:55 Chair Mike Cuffe
- 15:56:58 Sen. Shelley Vance
- 15:58:38 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
- 15:59:44 Chair Mike Cuffe
- 16:01:34 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
- 16:01:44 Chair Mike Cuffe
- 16:02:53 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
- 16:02:54 Chair Mike Cuffe
- 15:56:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.
Sen. Ellis, By Proxy
- 15:56:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 580 - Impose reporting requirements for state agencies and departments

- 16:03:38 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 580 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

- 16:03:50 Chair Mike Cuffe
- 16:03:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 580 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 16:04:13 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:04:23 Joe Carroll

16:06:00 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:06:06 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:06:38 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:03:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:07:12 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 580 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:08:42 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:07:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Cuffe, voting no.

16:07:12 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

16:09:06 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

16:09:30 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:09:37 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:10:47

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230414STSaad\)](#)