

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 17, 2023 at 3:46 PM, in 317

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Research Analyst  
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst  
Cy Walsh, 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 402 04/18/2023

Executive Action:

HB 402 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 722 TO TABLE  
HB 37 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 743 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 891 TO TABLE

**HEARING ON HB 402 - Revise elector registration laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:47:22 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 402, Revise elector registration laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:49:30 Sen. Mike Cuffe

15:49:49 Rep. David Bedey-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:51:10 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 402.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 402 - Revise elector registration laws**

15:51:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 402 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:52:12 **Motion:** Sen. Mike Cuffe moved that **HB 402 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:52:26 Sen. Mike Lang

15:52:53 Sen. Pat Flowers

15:53:40 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:55:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 17 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe, voting yes.

15:55:38 **Motion:** Chair John Esp moved that **HB 402 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:56:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, voting

no.  
Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Salomon, By Proxy

15:55:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:57:06 **Recessed**

16:18:07 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 722 - Generally revise district courts budget presentation in budget**

16:18:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 722 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:18:35 **Motion:** Sen. Mike Lang moved that **HB 722 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:18:36 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

16:18:36 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

16:18:36 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.

16:18:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Esp, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Cuffe, By Proxy

16:20:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 722 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:20:22 Sen. Pat Flowers

16:20:49 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:20:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Mandeville, voting yes.  
Sen. Bogner, Sen. Lenz, By Proxy

16:22:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 722 TO TABLE.**

16:22:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by voice vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Mandeville, voting no.  
Sen. Bogner, Sen. Lenz, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 37 - Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws**

16:22:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 37 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

- 16:22:34 Sen. Ellie Boldman
- 16:24:15 Chair John Esp
- 16:22:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Esp, Sen. Lang, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting no.  
Sen. Salomon, By Proxy
- 16:22:07 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Dennis Lenz

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 743 - Revising laws related to incest**

- 16:25:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 743 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

- 16:25:37 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.
- 16:25:56 Sen. Pat Flowers
- 16:27:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Esp, Sen. Lang, voting no.
- 16:25:37 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Keith Regier

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 891 - Provide one-time emergency stabilization payments to nursing homes**

- 16:28:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 891 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

- 16:28:20 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.
- 16:28:42 Chair John Esp
- 16:28:55 **Substitute Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 891 TO TABLE.**
- 16:28:55 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Lynch, By Proxy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:30:16

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

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