

Legislative Council

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, MCA

The Legislative Council is a 12-member bi-partisan committee composed of four members of the Senate and four members of the House of Representatives as well as the Senate President, House Speaker, and minority leaders from each house.¹

The Legislative Council generally oversees the activities of the Legislative Services Division (LSD). Other statutory duties include:

- adopting rules governing personnel management for the Legislative Branch, including rules for employee classification and pay; with the concurrence of the Legislative Audit and Legislative Finance Committees;
- appointing the Executive Director of the LSD;
- providing general supervision of and policy direction to the Code Commissioner;
- selecting studies to be conducted during the interim and assigning the studies to the appropriate interim committees;
- establishing time schedules and deadlines for interim committees, including dates for requesting legislation and completing interim work;
- assisting the LSD in providing oversight of the state governmental broadcasting service;
- serving as the appropriate legislative committee for consultation with the Board of Land Commissioners regarding the disposal, sale, or exchange of certain state lands;
- serving as a long-range building committee to recommend to the Legislature and the Montana Department of Administration construction and remodeling priorities for the State Capitol;
- appointing legislators to serve as members of interstate, international, and intergovernmental entities, based on recommendations made by legislative leadership; and
- approving the biennial Legislative Branch information technology plan.

¹A member serving based on the member's leadership position who is in the last biennium of service because of term limits may appoint a legislator who is not term-limited to serve in his or her place.