

Bill Draft Requests Currently Considered by the Senate Special Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform
Highlighted bills are available for the committee's October 4, 2024, meeting

Draft Number	Description	Status	Drafter	Lead
PD0052_RW	Establish a judicial performance evaluation commission and system	Discussed at 9/16 meeting; Updated for 10/4 meeting	Rachel Weiss	McGillvray
PD0033_JJ	Revise original jurisdiction statutes	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julie Johnson	McGillvray
PD0107_JC	Open Supreme Court proceedings (model after Monforton 2015 bill)	Discussed at 9/27 meeting Available for 10/4 meeting	Jaret Coles	Fitzpatrick
PD0036_JCW	Attorney fees: establish what is reasonable and what is not	Available for 10/4 meeting	Jameson Walker	Fitzpatrick
PD0037_JCW	SB 442: prevailing party	Available for 10/4 meeting	Jameson Walker	Fitzpatrick
PD0110_JC	Enhance committee review of statewide ballot issues	Assigned during 9/27 meeting Available for 10/4 meeting	Jaret Coles	McKamey
PD0031_JJ	Writs (Speaker or President able to vacate)	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julie Johnson	Usher
PD0036_JJ	Deference to legislative acts and administrative rules	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julie Johnson	Usher
PD0057_RW	Amend constitution related to not being a member of the state bar to be attorney	Discussed at 9/16 meeting; Available for 10/4 meeting	Rachel Weiss	Vinton or Fuller
PD0108_JC (second version)	Prohibit retired judges from hearing constitutional cases	Discussed at 9/27 meeting Revised and available for 10/4 meeting	Jaret Coles	Noland/Ellsworth
PD0058_RW	Partisan judicial general elections	Discussed at 9/16 meeting; Available for 10/4 meeting	Rachel Weiss	Emrich/Hellegaard
PD0026_JB	Specialized Court	Emailed to Sen. McGillvray 9/24	Julianne Burkhardt	McGillvray
PD0037_JJ	Move the JSC to be administratively attached elsewhere or completely independent and physically separate from the S.Ct.	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julie Johnson	Nave
PD0029_JB	Audit State Bar of Montana, see SB 438 (2023)	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julianne Burkhardt	Usher
PD0028_JB	IOLTA bill, See SB 440 (2023)	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julianne Burkhardt	Usher

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PD0039_JCW	Adding definitions in statute relating to bias and other offenses under the JSC's purview, see also 45-7-401	Considering existing laws relating to powers of JSC and current definitions. 10/1: Sent questions to Rep. Hellegaard. 10/3: Revisions requested and sent to Rep. Hellegaard.	Jameson Walker	Nave/Mell/Hellegaard
PD0109_JC	Separation of powers definition	Working with Senator Emrich on preliminary draft	Jaret Coles	Emrich
PD0038_JJ	Legislative subpoena and contempt/fines	Emailed contacts for info 10/2	Julie Johnson	Mell/Noland
	Referendum or bill to make St. Bar not mandatory but optional	Consensus to wait on Legislative Referendum (PD 57 RW), no bill to draft here	Julie Johnson	Noland/Billstein
PD0111_JC	Revise court review of statewide ballot disputes	Assigned during 9/27 meeting. First draft completed. Working on revised 2 nd draft with Rep. Hellegaard.	Jaret Coles	Hellegaard
PD0038_JCW	Generally revise JSC complaint process	Approved in the 9/27 committee. 9/30: Senator Glimm is looking for a pared-down version of SB 366 (2021) – one that specifies only the complaint process and confidentiality requirements for the complainant. Draft sent for review.	Jameson Walker	Glimm
PD0030_JB	Audit Office of Disciplinary Counsel	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julianne Burkhardt	Usher

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