

Bill Draft Requests Currently Considered by the Senate Special Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform
Highlighted bills are available for the committee's October 25, 2024, meeting

Audit state Bar of Montana Draft Number	Approved by Committee	Description	Status	Drafter	Lead
PD0052_RW	10/4: Yes.	Establish a judicial performance evaluation commission and system	Updated; available for 10/25	Rachel Weiss	McGillvray
PD0033_JJ		Revise original jurisdiction statutes	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julie Johnson	McGillvray
PD0107_JC	10/4: Yes. LC0614	Open Supreme Court proceedings (model after Monforton 2015 bill)	Discussed at 9/27 meeting Available for 10/4 meeting	Jaret Coles	Fitzpatrick
PD0036_JCW	10/4: Yes. LC0613	Attorney fees: establish what is reasonable and what is not	Available for 10/4 meeting	Jameson Walker	Fitzpatrick
PD0037_JCW	10/4: Yes. LC0612	SB 442: prevailing party	Available for 10/4 meeting	Jameson Walker	Fitzpatrick
PD0110_JC	10/4: Yes. LC0615	Enhance committee review of statewide ballot issues	Assigned during 9/27 meeting Available for 10/4 meeting	Jaret Coles	McKamey
PD0031_JJ	10/4: Yes. LC 618	Writs (Speaker or President able to vacate)	Available for 10/4 meeting.	Julie Johnson	Usher
PD0036_JJ	10/4: Yes. LC 617	Deference to legislative acts and administrative rules	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julie Johnson	Usher

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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)	10/4: Yes. LC0616	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	10/4: Yes. LC 0522	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	10/4: Yes. LC0619	Audit State Bar of Montana, see SB 438 (2023)	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julianne Burkhardt	Usher
PD0028_JB	10/4: Yes. LC0621	IOLTA bill, See SB 440 (2023)	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julianne Burkhardt	Usher
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. 10/16: Revised draft mailed to Rep. Hellegaard. 10/21: Revised Draft sent.	Jameson Walker	Nave/Mell/Hellegaard

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PD0109_JC		Separation of powers definition	Working with Senator Emrich on preliminary draft	Jaret Coles	Emrich
PD0039_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	10/4: Yes.	Generally revise JSC complaint process LC0611	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. 10/4: Available for 10/4 Committee.	Jameson Walker	Glimm
PD0030_JB	10/4: Yes LC0620	Audit Office of Disciplinary Counsel	Available for 10/4 meeting	Julianne Burkhardt	Usher

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PD0038_JJ		10/4 Cmte. Meeting: have a bill addressing substitution of judges and the random draw. Account for jurisdictions where there only is one judge. <i>See 3-1-804</i>	Requested 10/4 by the committee. Ready for 10/25 committee review.	Julie Johnson	Emrich
PD0041_JCW		10/4 Cmte. Meeting: Agency deference in MAPA. <i>See 2-4-612(7)</i> as a starting point. Also has to do with federal agencies influencing Montana agencies.	Requested by 10/4 by the committee. Draft emailed to Rep. Hellegaard on 10/16. Updated draft sent 10/21. Available 10/25 committee.	Jameson Walker	Hellegaard
PD0031_JB		10/4 Cmte. Meeting: Rule of Necessity	Requested at 10/4 committee meeting.	Julianne Burkhardt	McGilvray
PD0034_JJ		Exempt Attorney General from disciplinary measure by Office of Disciplinary Counsel while in office.	10/24 requested. Draft sent to Senator Usher 10/24. Ready for 10/25 committee.	Julie Johnson	Usher

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