

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Montana citizens have an inherent right and responsibility to watch and listen to their government at work. MPAN programming is designed to provide the type of civic education that is vital to public understanding of the laws, rules, and policies that affect the lives and livelihoods of all Montanans.

MPAN is reality television. The gavel-to-gavel approach provides a window on the inner works of government. Viewers can see how laws are made and administered without having to rely on selective sound bites, political spin, and other distortions found in more conventional media.

By televising legislative, executive, and judicial branch proceedings, MPAN brings transparency to state government. This, in turn, boosts the legitimacy of elected officials by making their activities more measurable and their performance more accountable to the people.

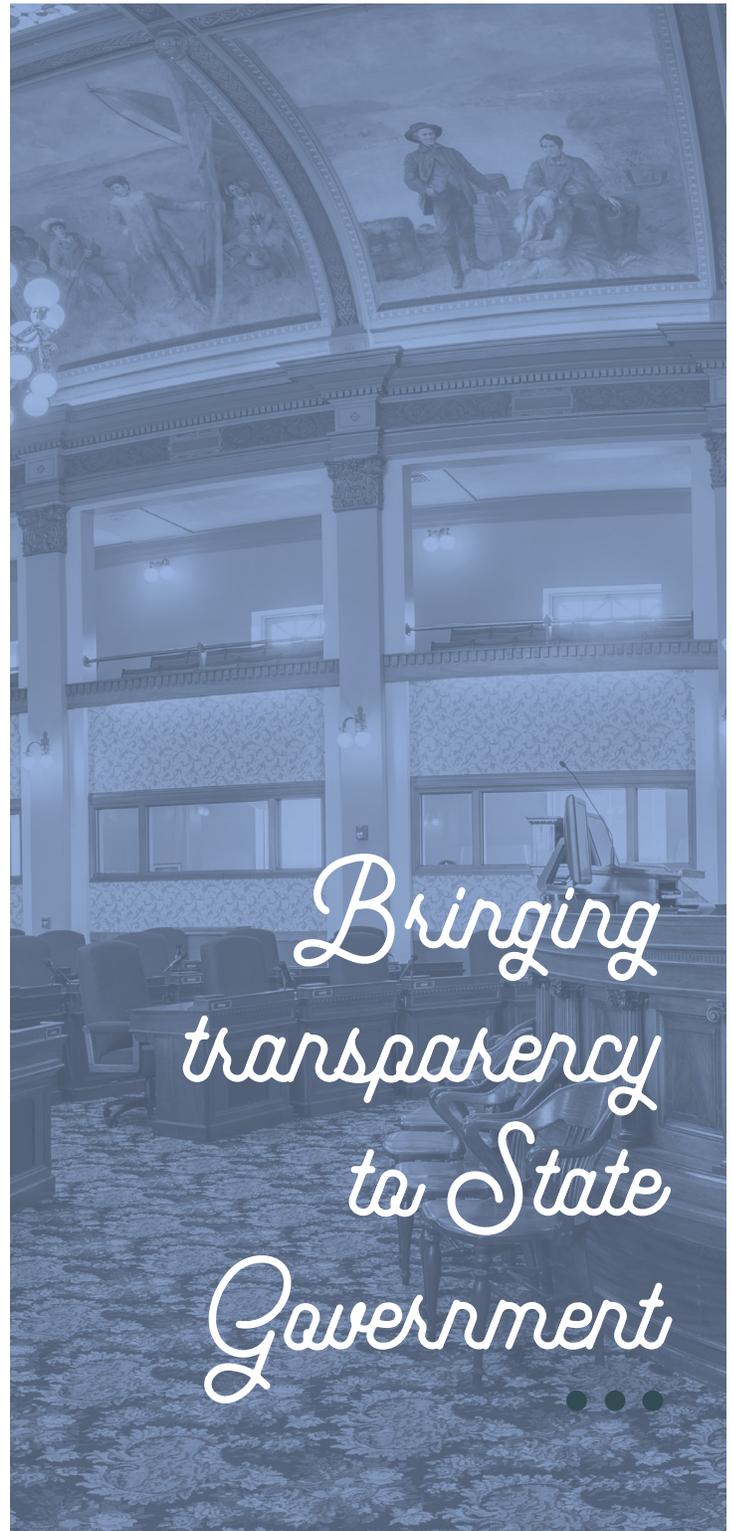
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