



State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

65th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

as of 7/16/2018

Meeting #6 - Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

Please note: all times are approximate

- 8:00 a.m. 1. **Sen. Sue Malek, Presiding Officer**
- a. Call to Order, Roll Call
 - b. Welcome and agenda overview
- 8:05 2. **Rule Review**
- ▶ Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Staff Attorney
 - ▶ Committee discussion and potential **action**
- 8:20 3. **Committee bills**
- **staff review, public comment, and committee discussion and action**
- a. LCsa01 - restricting the ability of the governor to appoint a U.S. House member in case of a vacancy (Drafter: Ginger Aldrich)
 - b. LCsa02 - adding voter registration to qualified elector provision for residents of water/sewer districts (Drafter: Sheri Scurr)
 - c. LCsa03 - study resolution for interim study of elector qualification provisions for all special purpose districts (Drafter: Sheri Scurr)
- 8:50 4. **Elections**
- a. **2018 HAVA Elections Funds** - information and recommendations related to \$3 million made available to Montana to "secure and improve election system"
 - (i) Overview of grant program
 - ▶ Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst, LSD
 - (ii) State and county activities/plans to date, recommendations for any needed legislative action, and next steps
 - ▶ Dana Corson, Elections Director, Office of the Secretary of State
 - ▶ Regina Plettenberg, Legislative Liaison, Montana Clerks and Recorders and Election Administrators Association
 - (iii) Public comment

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4. Elections (continued)

- 9:15 b. Voter information security and public access to information - recommendations for any potential legislation or administrative actions related to voter information file, state web page information with names and email addresses, security, and identity theft
- (i) Summary of related activities in other states
 - ▶ Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
 - (ii) Montana and public right to know
 - ▶ Ginger Aldrich, Staff Attorney
 - (iii) Panel:
 - ▶ Dana Corson, Elections Director, Secretary of State
 - ▶ Regina Plettenberg, Legislative Liaison, Montana Clerks and Recorders and Election Administrators Association
 - ▶ Nancy Leifer, President, League of Women Voters
 - (iv) Public comment
- 10:00 BREAK
- 10:15 c. Disabled electors and accessibility - updating Montana statutes, rules, and policies, to improve accessibility, including for school elections (after further review of staff report presented May 16)
- (i) Panel: Recommendations for potential legislation and/or administrative rule and policy updates, including for school elections
 - ▶ Office of Public Instruction and school election officials
 - Nicole Thuotte, School Finance Specialist, OPI
 - Kara Sperle, School Finance Division Administrator, OPI
 - Denise Williams, Montana School Boards Association
 - ▶ Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
 - ▶ Regina Plettenberg, Legislative Liaison, Montana Clerks and Recorders and Election Administrators Association
 - ▶ Dana Corson, Elections Director, Secretary of State
 - (ii) Public comment
- 11:15 d. Committee discussion and work session on elections
- (i) Additional committee questions and discussion
 - (ii) Any additional public comment
 - (iii) **Committee work session/actions**
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH

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- 1:15 p.m. 5. **Agency bill concepts - review and potential authorization for drafting**
- a. Secretary of State (other than for elections)
 - (i) Secretary of State staff (TBD)
 - (ii) Public comment
 - (iii) Committee discussion and **action**
- 1:45
- b. Commissioner of Political Practices
 - (i) Commissioner Jeff Mangan
 - including report on discussions with MACo and League of Cities and Towns on disclosure requirements for local government communications
 - (ii) Public comment
 - (iii) Committee discussion and **action**
- 2:15
- c. Department of Administration
 - (i) Director Lewis and/or designated staff (TBD)
 - (ii) Public comment
 - (iii) Committee discussion and **action**
- 2:45
6. **Teachers Retirement System - Experience Study**
- a. Shawn Graham, Executive Director, TRS
 - b. Public comment
- 3:15
7. **Public comment on any topic under the committee's jurisdiction**
- 3:30
8. **Wrap Up**
- a. Change meeting date from Aug. 23?
 - b. Agenda items for final meeting:
 - (i) Final action on committee bills requested to date
 - (ii) Agency legislative concepts - committee authorization for drafting
 - PER Board
 - TRS Board
 - Department of Military Affairs
 - Board of Veterans' Affairs
 - (iii) Informational briefing on Vet Choice II and comments by Montana Medical Association (health care for veterans)
 - (iv) Committee final reports
 - c. Any additional instructions to staff for next meeting

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