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AGENDA

as of 9/16/2013

SJR 14 Subcommittee on Combining Elections

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Room 102, Capitol Bldg., Helena

Please note: all times are approximate

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- 9:00 a.m. 1. Call to order, **Rep. Bryce Bennett**, Subcommittee Presiding Officer
 2. Welcome, overview of the Subcommittee's purpose, overview of agenda
- 9:15 a.m. 3. **Presentation on Election Dates and Deadlines**
 → Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
- 10:00 a.m. 4. **Roundtable Discussion with Stakeholders**, Rep. Bryce Bennett to moderate
 At the table:
 a. Secretary of State, Linda McCulloch and Lisa Kimmet, Deputy for Elections, Office of Secretary of State
 b. Nicole Thuotte, School Finance Specialist, Office of Public Instruction
 c. Linda Stoll, Montana Assoc. of Clerks and Recorders
 d. Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties
 e. Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association
 f. Denise Ulberg, Montana Association of School Business Officials
 g. Nicki Beyer, school district clerk, Sidney Schools
 h. Mary Beveridge, member of the general public, Helena
 i. Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns
 j. Marty Rehbein, Missoula Election Administrator
 k. Vicki Zeier, Missoula County Election Administrator
- Basic format and questions - subcommittee members will also have questions:*
- (1) *Please introduce yourself and explain your interest in the SJR 14 study*
- (2) *Based on the outline of dates and deadlines, is it administratively feasible from your perspective to combine primary and school elections? (The Association of Clerks and Recorders have been granted 1/2 hour to provide a hands-on exercise for Subcommittee members.)*
- (3) *Should the Subcommittee continue to examine the challenges, consider options, and potentially develop recommendations for how to combine these elections? Pros and cons.*
5. **Other public comment**
- 11:30 a.m. 6. **Subcommittee work session - next steps**
- 12 noon Adjournment