

Proposed 2007 Session Legislation

Agency Name: Agency No:

Priority Number: Filename:

Short Title:

Agency Contact Person/Phone:

1. Purpose:
 Change 2-16-405, MCA to clarify the process used to calculate the Lieutenant Governor's salary. Option 1 would change the calculation method to be the average pay for those positions that would ascend to the governor's position in the four surrounding states. Option 2 would establish the rate of pay as a set percentage of the governor's salary.

2. Background:
 Current statute requires the department to survey the four surrounding states and calculate the rate of pay for the listed elected officials on the basis of the average salary paid in those four states and Montana. Presently, there is only one of the four surrounding states that employs a Lieutenant Governor (North Dakota). Idaho and South Dakota employ a lieutenant governor on a part-time basis, primarily during legislative sessions. Option 1 would identify the position in each of the four surrounding states that succeeds the governor in situations when the governor is unable to perform the duties and average the pay. The Second Option would establish the lieutenant governor's salary at 77% of the governor's

3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type: *This impact should be as specific as possible.*
 No additional financial impact.

4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--

Housekeeping Only Federal Requirement Audit Recommendation (Audit No.) Major Legislation

Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available)

Supports Submitted EPP Item Number: Local Government Fiscal Impact

Increases FTE, or Decreases FTE by

List FTE amount and program

Increases Existing Revenue Tax Fee Penalty [amount in #3]

Decreases Existing Revenue Tax Fee Penalty [amount in #3]

Establishes New Revenue Tax Fee Penalty [amount in #3]

Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions (list priority no, LC no, or bill no):

Legislation would affect other state agencies (list):

Special Interest Groups Affected (list):

Other: