

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 19, 1987

The eighth meeting of the State Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Jack Haffey on January 19, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 331 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

The hearing opened on Senate Bill 82.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 82: Senator Cecil Weeding, Senate District 15, Jordan, was sponsor of this bill entitled, AN ACT TO COMPENSATE LEGISLATORS FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE INTERIM; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-2-302, MCA." This bill provides an additional level of interim compensation to legislators. He noted this would be primarily for those who have multi-counties to represent to help with travel expenses incurred while traveling in their districts. He distributed a list of those who have multi-county districts. (Exhibit 1)

PROPOSERS: There were none.

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON SENATE BILL 82: Senator Harding asked what type of functions this would be in reference to and was told meetings of county commissioners, school administration, assessors, etc. but not political functions. Senator Lynch was concerned about the timing of this in view of the present budget situation and whether or not the public felt this is necessary. Senator Weeding felt this was an area that needs to be addressed and could possibly have an effective date of four years from now. Senator Haffey asked the definition of a legislative business trip. This would be at the discretion of the legislator he was told. The final approval would be from the legislative council Senator Weeding stated.

Senator Weeding CLOSED on SB 82.

The hearing was then opened on Senate Bill 113.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 113: Senator Delwyn Gage, Senate District 5, Cut Bank, is the sponsor of SB 113 which is "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE STATUTES REGARDING PRESESSION ACTIVITIES OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 5-2-201 THROUGH 5-2-203 and 5-11-209, MCA." He stated after reviewing how the statute

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reads and what is actually done during pre-session caucuses it was felt it should be more clearly stated. He noted this could possibly have been included in Senator Lynch's SB 29 which was heard earlier last week.

PROPOSERS: There were none.

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON SENATE BILL 113: Senator Haffey noted for clarification that this bill would not change pre-session activities of the legislators but just more correctly define what is actually done.

Senator Gage CLOSED on SB 113.

The hearing was opened on Senate Bill 98.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 98: Senator J. D. Lynch, Senate District 34, Butte, is the sponsor of SB 98 entitled, "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PRINTING OF THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED IS SUBJECT TO THE RESIDENT BIDDER PREFERENCE FOR PUBLIC CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTION 18-7-107, MCA; AND PROVIDING A RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE." This would include in-state preference on printing of the codes. He noted our technology has now reached the point whereby a bid as close as 3%, he feels the in state printer should be given consideration. It would just take out the exception to our bidder preference and include it in business preference for printing in state.

PROPOSERS: Don Briebly, Administrator for Publishing and Graphics Division requested that Certificates of Appointment and Election to Office also be included in the language of the bill. Ken Dunham, representing the Associated Printers & Publishers of Montana, spoke in support of the measure because it would give an opportunity to our Montana printers to do this type of work.

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON SENATE BILL 98: Senator Haffey asked Senator Lynch if he had objections to including Certificates of Appointment and Election to Office into the bill and Sen. Lynch had no objections.

Senator Lynch CLOSED on SB 98.

The hearing was opened on Senate Bill 123.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 123: Senator Ethel Harding, Senate District 25, Polson, is the sponsor of this bill entitled, "AN ACT TO MAKE IT DISCRETIONARY RATHER THAN MANDATORY FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO KEEP A REGISTER OF CANDIDATES FOR PARTISAN AND NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-10-205 and 13-14-114, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE." This bill had been requested by the Clerk and Recorder's office. She noted when a candidate files, their name is recorded in a reception book and that an election records book is also kept which is a duplication of the same type of record. It would eliminate some unnecessary paperwork in their office.

PROPOSERS: Greg Jackson, representing the Montana Clerk and Recorder's Association, noted that SB 123, SB 124, and SB 125 were all passed unanimously at their convention in August. It would help simplify and cut down on expenses in their offices. Joe Tropila, President of the Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders, spoke in support of the bill which would simplify their duties and cut down on expense. (Exhibit 2)

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON SENATE BILL 123: There were none.

Senator Harding CLOSED on SB 123.

Senator Harding opened on Senate Bill 124.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 124: Senator Ethel Harding, Senate District 25, Polson, is the sponsor of the bill entitled, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING OF ELECTION RETURNS AT THE PLACE OF COUNTING RATHER THAN AT THE POLLING PLACE; AMENDING SECTION 13-15-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE." She noted that current law states you must post election returns at the polling places and this means the expense of taking these results back to the polling places after the count. The counting is usually done at a central place, usually the court house, and the results could be posted there.

PROPOSERS: Sue Bartlett, Clerk and Recorder for Lewis & Clark County, stated the current law reflects back to a time when most counting was done by hand but with the machine voting devices the counting is done in a central location. Joe Tropila, representing the Montana Clerk and Recorder's Association, spoke in support of the measure. (Exhibit 3)

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON SENATE BILL 124: There were none. Senator Harding CLOSED the hearing on SB 124.

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The hearing was opened on Senate Bill 125.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 125: Senator Ethel Harding, Senate District 25, Polson, is the sponsor of the bill entitled, "AN ACT REVISING PROCEDURES RELATING TO ACTIONS ON CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTY OFFICES TO CONFORM TO STATE ELECTION LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2302 THROUGH 7-4-2304, 7-4-2306, 7-4-2309, and 7-4-2310, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE." This bill is just a revision to conform with election laws.

PROPOSERS: Sue Bartlett, Lewis & Clark Clerk and Recorder, explained the intent is to move the deadlines for final action on a petition to consolidate in a county ahead of the filing period. She distributed a timetable of the various deadlines under the current statute. (Exhibit 4) Presently, a candidate could file for an office and then consolidation could occur and an office could be changed or even eliminated. The consolidations decisions could be made before an election occurred with this measure. Other changes are wording changes regarding qualified or registered electors and language regarding signatures which would affect petitions. Joe Tropila, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders, urged his support. Mickey Nelson, Lewis & Clark County Coroner and Treasurer of the Montana Coroner's Association noted in his 13 years of experience as a coroner there have been about 40 counties consolidated offices. He noted their organization would like to see this type of measure come back to the electorate before making a final decision.

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON SENATE BILL 125: Senator Lynch wondered if it would be possible to be qualified and not be registered. He feared this might be excluding people from signing a petition. Sue Bartlett stated people could sign the petitions but if they were not registered their signature would not be counted.

Senator Harding CLOSED on SB 125.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 123: Senator Lynch MOVED that SENATE BILL 123 DO PASS. Senator Farrell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 124: Senator Farrell MOVED that SENATE BILL 124 DO PASS. Senator Hofman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 125: Senator Harding MOVED that SENATE BILL 125 DO PASS. Senator Vaughn seconded the motion. Senator Haffey noted there had been a suggestion of an amendment by Mr. Nelson during consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

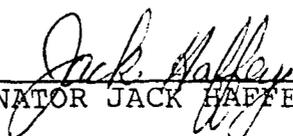
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 98: There is a fiscal note still coming on SB 98 so final consideration will be taken later. Senator Lynch MOVED to AMEND SB 98 to include the Certificates of Appointment and Election to Office in the language of the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 113: Senator Farrell MOVED that SENATE BILL 113 DO PASS. Senator Lynch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Haffey then informed the committee of the process that will be done concerning the Governor's nominees appointments and a committee simple resolution which will be used this session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

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SENATOR JACK HAFFEY, Chairman

ROLL CALL

SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date 1/19/87

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR JACK HAFHEY	X		
SENATOR WILLIAM FARRELL	X		
SENATOR LES HIRSCH	X		
SENATOR JOHN ANDERSON	X		
SENATOR J. D. LYNCH	X		
SENATOR ETHEL HARDING	X		
SENATOR ELEANOR VAUGHN	X		
SENATOR SAM HOFMAN	X		
SENATOR HUBERT ABRAMS	X		
SENATOR TOM RASMUSSEN	X		

Each day attach to minutes.



## HOUSE DISTRICT NUMBERS -- COUNTY/COUNTIES WITHIN

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|---|---|
| 1. Lincoln                                | 51. Lincoln, Sanders                          |
| 2. Lincoln                                | 52. Mineral, Missoula, Sanders                |
| 3. Flathead                               | 53. Lake                                      |
| 4. Flathead                               | 54. Missoula                                  |
| 5. Flathead                               | 55. Missoula                                  |
| 6. Flathead                               | 56. Missoula                                  |
| 7. Flathead                               | 57. Missoula                                  |
| 8. Flathead                               | 58. Missoula                                  |
| 9. Glacier                                | 59. Missoula                                  |
| 10. Glacier, Pondera                      | 60. Missoula                                  |
| 11. Pondera, Teton                        | 61. Missoula                                  |
| 12. Liberty, Toole                        | 62. Missoula, Ravalli                         |
| 13. Chouteau, Hill, Liberty               | 63. Ravalli                                   |
| 14. Hill                                  | 64. Ravalli                                   |
| 15. Hill                                  | 65. Missoula                                  |
| 16. Blaine, Hill                          | 66. Deer Lodge, Granite                       |
| 17. Phillips, Valley                      | 67. Deer Lodge                                |
| 18. Valley                                | 68. Silver Bow                                |
| 19. Daniels, Sheridan                     | 69. Silver Bow                                |
| 20. Roosevelt                             | 70. Silver Bow                                |
| 21. Richland, Roosevelt                   | 71. Silver Bow                                |
| 22. Richland                              | 72. Silver Bow                                |
| 23. Dawson                                | 73. Beaverhead                                |
| 24. Carter, Fallon, Powder River, Wibaux  | 74. Gallatin, Madison                         |
| 25. Custer, Prairie                       | 75. Broadwater, Jefferson                     |
| 26. Custer                                | 76. Gallatin                                  |
| 27. Rosebud, Treasure                     | 77. Gallatin                                  |
| 28. Dawson, Garfield, McCone              | 78. Gallatin, Yellowstone Nat'l Park          |
| 29. Fergus, Judith Basin, Petroleum       | 79. Gallatin                                  |
| 30. Fergus                                | 80. Gallatin                                  |
| 31. Golden Valley, Musselshell, Wheatland | 81. Park, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone Nat'l Park |
| 32. Broadwater, Cascade, Meagher          | 82. Park                                      |
| 33. Cascade                               | 83. Stillwater, Yellowstone                   |
| 34. Cascade                               | 84. Carbon                                    |
| 35. Cascade                               | 85. Yellowstone                               |
| 36. Cascade                               | 86. Yellowstone                               |
| 37. Cascade                               | 87. Yellowstone                               |
| 38. Cascade                               | 88. Yellowstone                               |
| 39. Cascade                               | 89. Yellowstone                               |
| 40. Cascade                               | 90. Yellowstone                               |
| 41. Cascade                               | 91. Yellowstone                               |
| 42. Cascade, Lewis & Clark                | 92. Yellowstone                               |
| 43. Lewis & Clark                         | 93. Yellowstone                               |
| 44. Lewis & Clark                         | 94. Yellowstone                               |
| 45. Lewis & Clark                         | 95. Yellowstone                               |
| 46. Lewis & Clark                         | 96. Yellowstone                               |
| 47. Lewis & Clark                         | 97. Yellowstone                               |
| 48. Lewis & Clark, Powell                 | 98. Yellowstone                               |
| 49. Flathead, Lake                        | 99. Big Horn                                  |
| 50. Lake                                  | 100. Big Horn, Powder River, Rosebud          |

SENATE DISTRICT NUMBERS -- COUNTY/COUNTIES WITHIN

1. Lincoln
2. Flathead
3. Flathead
4. Flathead
5. Glacier, Pondera
6. Liberty, Pondera, Teton, Toole
7. Chouteau, Hill, Liberty
8. Blaine, Hill
9. Phillips, Valley
10. Daniels, Roosevelt, Sheridan
11. Richland, Roosevelt
12. Carter, Dawson, Fallon, Powder River, Wibaux
13. Custer, Prairie
14. Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Rosebud, Treasure
15. Fergus, Judith Basin, Petroleum
16. Broadwater, Cascade, Golden Valley, Meagher, Musselshell, Wheatland
17. Cascade
18. Cascade
19. Cascade
20. Cascade
21. Cascade, Lewis & Clark
22. Lewis & Clark
23. Lewis & Clark
24. Lewis & Clark, Powell
25. Flathead, Lake
26. Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Sanders
27. Lake, Missoula
28. Missoula
29. Missoula
30. Missoula
31. Missoula, Ravalli
32. Ravalli
33. Deer Lodge, Granite, Missoula
34. Deer Lodge, Silver Bow
35. Silver Bow
36. Silver Bow
37. Beaverhead, Gallatin, Madison
38. Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson
39. Gallatin, Yellowstone Nat'l Park
40. Gallatin
41. Park, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone Nat'l Park
42. Carbon, Stillwater, Yellowstone
43. Yellowstone
44. Yellowstone
45. Yellowstone
46. Yellowstone
47. Yellowstone
48. Yellowstone
49. Yellowstone
50. Big Horn, Powder River, Rosebud

Sue Bartlett



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# LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Office of Clerk and Recorder

CONCERNING SENATE BILL 125

1986 Timetable for Actions to Consolidate County Offices

	<u>Current Statute</u>	<u>Senate Bill 125</u>
<b>-- CONSOLIDATION BY COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION:</b>		
Date nominations may first be filed	January 2, 1986	
Last day to file	March 20, 1986	
Candidate names certified	March 28, 1986	
Absentee voting for primary begins	April 19, 1986	
Deadline for Commission to order consolidation	<u>MAY 4, 1986</u>	<u>DECEMBER 26, 1985</u>
<b>-- CONSOLIDATION BY PEOPLE'S PETITION:</b>		
Date nominations may first be filed	January 2, 1986	
Last day to file	March 20, 1986	
Candidate names certified	March 28, 1986	
Deadline for consolidation petition to be filed with Co. Commission	April 4, 1986	November 18, 1985
Clerk verifies petition signatures	April 7-11, 1986	November 19-25, 1985
Commission sets date for hearing and passes resolution of intent	April 15, 1986	December 4, 1985
Absentee voting for primary begins	April 19, 1986	
Hearing on consolidation is held	May 5, 1986	December 23, 1985
Deadline for Commission to order consolidation	<u>MAY 9, 1986</u>	<u>DECEMBER 26, 1985</u>

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EXHIBIT NO. 2  
DATE 1-19-87  
FILE SB 125

NAME: Sue Bartlett DATE: 1/19/87

ADDRESS: Box 1721, Helena 59624

PHONE: 443-1018 - 4K 334

REPRESENTING WHOM? Jewell & Clark Co. Clerk & Recorder

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 123, 124, 125

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X-all AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAME: Joe Tropila DATE: 1/19/87

ADDRESS: 209-2 NW Genl Files Mt

PHONE: (406) 453-1124

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mt. Assoc. of Clerks & Records

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 123 124 125

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 19

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on..... **SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION**

having had under consideration..... **SENATE BILL** No. **113**

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**CLARIFYING THE STATUTES REGARDING PRESESSION ACTIVITIES OF THE  
LEGISLATURE**

**SENATE BILL** **113**

Respectfully report as follows: That..... No.....

DO PASS

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~~DO NOT PASS~~

.....  
Chairman.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 19

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MR. PRESIDENT

## SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on.....

having had under consideration.....

SENATE BILL

No. 123

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## REGISTER OF CANDIDATES OPTIONAL

SENATE BILL

123

Respectfully report as follows: That.....

No.....

~~DO PASS~~

~~DO NOT PASS~~

.....  
SENATOR JACK HAFLEY

Chairman.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

## SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on .....

having had under consideration..... **SENATE BILL** No. **124**

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### POST ELECTION RETURNS AT PLACE OF COUNTING RATHER THAN AT POLLING PLACE

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **SENATE BILL** No. **124**

DO PASS

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DO NOT PASS

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**Senator Jack Haffoy** Chairman.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

## SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on .....

SENATE BILL 125

having had under consideration..... No.....

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## CONFORM ACTIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTY OFFICES WITH ELECTION SCHEDULES

SENATE BILL 125

Respectfully report as follows: That..... No.....

DO PASS

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~~DO NOT PASS~~

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Chairman.