

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

1981 Legislature

Bill No.	Subject matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 28	"An act to clarify and expand the authority of Municipalities and counties in adopting and enforcing local building codes"	Jan. 7	Keyser	Jan. 8	DO PASS AS AMENDED Referred to com. DO PASS AS AMENDED	1/8/81 2nd time 1/20/81
HB 33	To provide for municipal annexation of high-density land under certain conditions	Jan. 7	Azzara	Jan. 31 SRS Bldg. 1:30 p.m. <i>Feb. 3rd 81</i>	DO PASS AS AMENDED (Vote 15 to 4) <i>2/5/81</i>	2/9
HB 53	To provide that county commissioners in counties of 50,000 or more be nominated and elected at large.	Jan. 7	Manning	Thursday 2/5	Killed 2/9/81 DO NOT PASS	2/11
HB 54	To allow municipalities to select the appropriate annexation procedure.	Jan. 7	Hurwitz	Jan. 15	DO PASS	1/20/81
HB 55	Prescribing conditions under which land is presumed to be annexed and may be so recorded.	Jan. 7	Fabrega	Jan. 15	DO PASS	1/15/81
HB 56	Deleting restrictions on annexation of land used for industrial, manufacturing, and other purposes	Jan. 7	Kessler	Jan. 20	DO NOT PASS	1/27/81

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HB 57	To delete certain restrictions on the annexation of wholly surrounded land.	Jan. 7	Azzara	Tues. 2/3 SRS Auditorium 12:30 p.m.	DO PASS AS AMENDED 2/10	2/11
HB 58	Relating to provision of services by municipalities to newly annexed areas.	Jan. 7	Kessler	Jan. 15	<i>Do Pass As Amended</i>	<i>1-15-81</i>
HB 59	To eliminate the distinction between rights of resident and non-resident freeholders in matters of annexation.	Jan. 7	Fabrega	Jan. 15	DO PASS	1/20/81
HB 111	To Increase the permissible levied amount available for fire protection	Jan. 8	Lund	<i>Jan. 13</i>	<i>Do Pass</i>	<i>1-15-81</i>
HB 112	Providing for broadened statutory methods by which cities, towns, and counties can assess tax for payment of bonds.	Jan. 8	Lund	<i>Jan. 13</i>	As Amended DO PASS	1/20/81
HB 14b	A bill for an Act Entitled: "An act to adopt procedures for Local Government Initiatives; to require approval as to form of petitions and preparation of ballot statements."	Jan. 12	Eudaily	Jan. 20	DO PASS	1/20/81

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HB 143	Revising the procedures for adoption of zoning regulations and boundaries	Jan. 12	Kitselman	<i>No hearing</i>	<i>Heard in Com.</i>	
HB 150	Allowing counties of the first and second class to award separate printing contracts	Jan. 12	Lory	Jan. 20	As Amended DO PASS	1/22/81
HB 179	To increase the lot fees charged for services rendered in the review of sub-divisions.	Jan. 14	Donaldson	Feb. 7	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/1/81
HB 184	To require a volunteer fire-fighter completing his years of service after July 1, 1981, to complete a course of instruction and pass a test, etc., to be eligible for pension benefits.	Jan. 14	Brown, Quillici, et al	Jan. 12	DO NOT PASS	1/22/81
HB 191	To allow counties of the first and second class the option of using a 55-mill all purpose levy	Jan. 14	Waldron Bertelsen Bennett et al	Jan. 27	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/9

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SB 28	A bill for an act entitled: "An act to revise the procedure for declaring an offense forfeited by reason of cash shortage found in an audit by the Department of Community Affairs amending Section 2-7-511, MCA."	Jan. 13	Mazurek	March 3	BE CONCURRED IN	3/4
SB 35	To amend the Montana subdivision and platting act to provide for joint annexation hearings	1/17	S. Brown	March 3, 1981	BE CONCURRED IN	3/6
HB 192	To modify and define Public interest criteria for local government review of subdivisions	Jan. 14	Moore	Sat. 2/7	AS AMENDED DO PASS 2/16 (unan.)	2/17
HB 227	To eliminate the Board of County Printing and its functions	Jan. 15	Sales	Jan. 29	DO PASS AS AMENDED 2/9	2/10
HB 228	To remove the liability of taxable property in a city or town for payment of principal and interest on SID bonds issued after June 30, 1981...	Jan. 15	Sales	Jan. 29	DO NOT PASS 2/10	2/11

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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 229	To remove the liability of taxable property in a county for the payment of principal and interest on rural improvement district bonds issued after June 30, 1981	Jan. 15	Sales	Jan. 29	DO NOT PASS 2/10	2/11
HB 256	Increasing certain limits of discretionary authority of County Officials to act in fiscal matters	Jan. 16	Vinger	Jan. 27	1/27/81 DO PASS	1/27/81
HB 278	To promote energy planning by local governments through grants	Jan. 17	Azzara	2/17	DO PASS AS AMENDED with statement of intent	2/21/81
HB 279	To provide a graduated tax for certain class four property	Jan. 17	Azzara		<i>Exemption Bill</i>	
HB 280	To permit a local governing body to adopt building regulations requiring stricter insulation standards than those of the State Building Code	Jan. 17	Azzara	2/17	DO NOT PASS 12 to 5 vote	2/21/81
HB 295	To clarify the petition requirements for abandoning the commission-manager form of government	Jan. 17	Pistoria	1/31	DO PASS AS AMENDED 2/9	2/11

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HB 297	To provide that the county governing body shall contract for the services of the county superintendent of schools of another county.	Jan. 17	Underdal	Thurs. 2/5	DO NOT PASS 2/9	2/10
HB 304	To clarify the qualifications that a newspaper must have in to be eligible to bid on county printing	1/19	Moore	Jan. 29	DO PASS (unan.) 2/5	2/7
HB 307	Providing for grants of front-end implementation funds for solid waste management capital equipment	1/19	Yardley	Thurs. 2/5 2/21 - - -	DO NOT PASS 2/9 DO PASS with statement of intent attached	2/10 2/21
HB 351	To clarify the authority of municipal and county governing bodies	1/20	Kessler	Jan. 31	DO PASS 1/31/81	2/2/81
HB 352	To authorize a municipality to assume administrative and financial responsibility for services performed by a county	1/20	Kessler	Jan. 31	DO NOT PASS 2/5 (15 to 4)	2/7
HB 353	To require 25 signatures for the nominating petition for a transportation district board member.	1/20	Kemmis	Jan. 27	DO PASS 1/27/81	1/27/81

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HB 354	To provide alternative sources of revenue for local government.	1/20	Kessler			
HB 357	To clarify the state fire marshal's authority concerning the alteration, repair, or demolition of buildings declared to be a public nuisance.	1/20	Manning	Thurs. 2/5	DO PASS 2/5 Vote 1 NO	2/7
HB 358	To clarify who may authorize a public display of fireworks.	1/20	Manning	Thurs. 2/5	DO PASS 2/5 (unanimous)	2/7
HB 375	To make it clear that trustees of fire districts, etc., may enter into leases and purchase contracts....	1/20	Anderson	Sat. 2/7	DO PASS 2/9 Unanimous	2/10
HB 381	To reduce the percentage of registered electors required to petition for disincorporation of municipalities	1/20	Gould	Sat. 2/7	DO NOT PASS 2/9 (vote 9 to 5)	2/10
HB 382	To allow a first-class city to supplement its paid fire department with volunteer firefighters.	1/20	Gould	Sat. 2/7	DO NOT PASS 2/9 (Vote 10 to 6)	2/10

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HB 383	To eliminate the mileage allowance for certain county commissioners for travel between the county seat and their place of business	1/20	Pistoria	Tues. 2/10	DO NOT PASS 2/10 (vote 8 to 3)	2/11
HB 393	To remove the requirement that boards of county commissioners must publish a detailed list of their expended claims	1/20	Vinger	Tues. 2/10	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/21/81
HB 413	To allow a county officer who is paid on a per-day basis to be paid on his per-day rate of pay for attendance at conventions, meetings, or other gatherings of public officers	1/23	Bertelsen	Tues. 2/10	DO PASS 2/10 (Unanimous)	2/10
HB 422	To create the positions of city and municipal constable	1/23	Matsko	never heard	—	—
HB 424	To raise the ceiling on rates charged by metropolitan sanitary and/or storm sewer districts	1/23	D. Brown, et al	Thurs. 2/12	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/13
HB 425	To permit a municipality to grant a franchise without submitting the application therefor to the electors.	1/23	Meyer, etc.	Thurs. 2/12	DO PASS AS AMENDED 2/13	2/14

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SB 69	Amending 7013-2273 to increase compensation for water district board members	1/23	Hager Blaylock Kitselman	March 3	BE CONCURRED IN	3/4
HB 438	To amend local government alternative forms law by allowing an alternative form of local government to be proposed only by petition	1/23	Andreason Matsko Sales, etc.	Thurs. 2/12	Tabled 2/16	—
HB 447	Providing additional alternative for the assessment of costs for improvement districts	1/23	O'Hara Andreason Winslow	Wed. 2/11	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/13
HB 394	To permit a county governing body to adopt an ordinance regulating, restraining, or prohibiting the public display or consumption of beer or liquor	1/23	Asay	Tues., 2/10	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/13
HB 461	To allow municipalities to contract with rural fire districts for fire protection services	1/24	Gould Donaldson Underdal	Wed. 2/11	No action	
HB 473	To allow municipalities to destroy old records after a period of 3 years; amending section 7-5-4124, MCA	1/24	Fabrega Berg Sivertsen	Wed. 2/11	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/13

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HB 498	To increase the minimum contract amount above which municipal contracts must be advertised and let for bid and may be paid in installments	1/27	Oberg	Wed. 2/11	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Feb. 13
HB 507	To allow the remaining transportation board members to fill vacancies on the transportation board; to remove the 2-week waiting period requirement after the requirement of notice of vacancy has been met	1/27	Azzara	Tues. 2/10	DO PASS (2/10)	2/11
HB 508	To revise certain penalties relating to size, weight, and load standards for motor vehicles	1/27	Yardley	Mon. 2/9	DO PASS (2/9)	2/10
HB 516	To provide for payments by the state of Montana to local governments that furnish fire and police services to state-owned buildings and facilities; and providing an effective date.	1/27	Nordtvedt	Thurs. 2/12	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/21
HB 527	To permit the governing body of a municipality to sell municipal park land after notice and a public hearing without obtaining voter approval	1/28	Fabrega & Blaylock	Tues. 2/9	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/10
HB 562	To revise and simplify the process of adding contiguous land in an unincorporated area to a sewer district when the board of directors determines there is excess capacity	1/29	B. Thoft	Thurs. 2/12	DO PASS	2/13

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HB 575	An act to generally clarify the powers of county commissioners relating to planning and zoning and to create a citizen advisory committee to advise the county commissioners on proposed amendments to zoning regulations	1/30/81	Kitzelman	Tues. 2/9	DO PASS AS AMENDED 2/9/81 (unan)	2/11
HB 581	An act to clarify the provisions of Chapter 165, laws of 1979, relating to special improvement district assessments and installments; providing for semiannual assessments	1/30/81	Donaldson	Tues. 2/9	DO PASS 2/10	2/10
HB 594	An act requiring land development and use by governmental agencies to conform to the local zoning regulations.	1/31	Kenmis	Tues. 2/10	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/13
HB 622	To increase the permissive county road levy	2/3/81	Neuman	Tues. 2/10	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/13
HB 624	To increase the fees charged by the county clerks for recording, filing, and copying services; removing provisions that are outdated	2/3/81	Williams	Tues. 2/10	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/13
HB 643	An Act to remove the limitation on the number of deputies that may be hired by a county sheriff in any county of the state	2/4	Matsko	Tues. 2/10	DO PASS 2/10	2/11

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SB 170	To remove the filing fee for filing the complete corner record under the corner recordation act	2/4	Towe	<i>Transferred to Judiciary</i>		
SB 171	To prohibit an entry in the margin of the record as a method to record the release of a real estate mortgage	2/4	Towe	<i>Transferred to Judiciary</i>		
HB 651	To authorize the application of proceeds of the general fund will levy to other county funds when considered necessary by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners	2/6	Shontz	2/12 (Thurs.)	DO NOT PASS (two voted no) Holiday Vinger	2/17
HB 661	An act allowing for an extended approval period of more than 1 year for a preliminary plat under the Montana subdivision and platting act	2/7	D. O'Hara	2/12 (Thurs.)	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/13
HB 673	To exempt planned unit development districts from application of the protest provision of the statute governing alteration of zoning regulations	2/7	Lory	2/12 (Thurs.)	DO NOT PASS	2/13
HB 675	To exempt cities and counties from contributing to the traffic education account	2/9	Harper	2/12 (Thurs.)	DO PASS	2/13

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HB 679	To increase maximum amount per contract from \$4,000 to \$10,000 for permitting a city or town to negotiate certain purchase and construction contracts with advertising for bid.	2/7/81	FEDA	2/12 (Thurs.)	<i>Tabled</i>	
SB 97	Concerning annual elections of irrigation and drainage districts	2/7/81	Etchart	(Died in Committee)		
SB 115	Amending 7-13-231 to establish notice and hearing procedures relating to fees for refuse disposal districts.	2/9/81	MacCallum	March 5	BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED	3/14
HJR 28	Urging local governing bodies to exercise restraint and sound business judgment in the consolidation and approval of industrial development revenue bonds	2/9/81	Sales, Fabrega etc.	2/13 (Friday)	DO PASS 2/13	2/14
HB 704	To permit the establishment of bus stops in places in which stopping, standing, and parking a vehicle are otherwise prohibited	2/10/81	Dussault	2/13 (Friday)	DO PASS 2/13	2/14
SB 152	To allow municipalities greater flexibility in assessing the costs of installing and maintaining a lighting system to those who benefit from a special lighting district	2/10	Mazurek	March 5	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/21

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SB 236	To clarify the law relating to joint and consolidated planning boards and to authorize any governing body which has the power to create a planning board to form a joint or consolidated board	2/10	Conover	March 7	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	3/3
HB 712	To require that a vacancy in municipal elected office be filled by the city or town council	2/10	Hurwitz	Tues. 2/17	DO PASS 2/17	2/17
HB 715	To revise the Montana Sub-division and platting act and related land use statutes	2/10	Lory	2/19	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/21
HB 737	To authorize the establishment of municipal facilities districts by petition, hearing, and election; etc.	2/12	DUSSAULT	2/19	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/21
HB 760	To provide procedures for the electors of local governments to consolidate or transfer the administrative responsibility for services between or among municipal	2/13	Waldron	2/19 (Feb.)	DO PASS	2/21

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HB 765	To provide for municipal regulation of municipally owned utilities; to establish maximum increases allowed; to require reporting to the	2/14	Donaldson	2/19	DO PASS	2/21
HB 769	To provide for an election in a county with a commission form of government on a proposition for filling the position of county sheriff through appointment by a sheriff commission; to allow the creation of a sheriff commission to appoint such sheriff.	2/14	Hurwitz	2/19	DO NOT PASS	2/21
HB 770	To reconcile conflicts regarding municipal ordinance resolution, and initiative and referendum procedures by specifying the applicability of title 7, Chapter 5, part 42.	2/14	Lory	2/19	DO PASS	2/21
HB 771	Authorizing municipal regulation of public utilities owned by municipalities; removing authority of the PSC over utilities owned, operated, and regulated by municipalities	2/14	Shontz	2/19	TABLED 2/21	

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SB 256	To reduce the population prerequisite for municipal incorporation; and providing an immediate effective date	2/14	Hammond Etchart	March 7	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/19
HB 781	Authorizing a local governing body to contract with a financial institution for a repurchase agreement; providing for bid procedures	2/16	Harper	2/20	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/21
HB 790	to replace metropolitan sanitary and/or storm sewer districts under the regulatory authority of the Public Service Commission	2/16	Daily	2/20	DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/21
HB 805	To simplify and economize the provision of public services	2/18	Kitselman	2/20	DO PASS	2/21
SB 133	Requiring landowner approval before zoning measures are adopted by county commissioners	2/23	John Manley	March 10	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	3/23
SB 328	Revising provisions on municipal vacancy in office	2/19	Bill Thomas	March 7	BE CONCURRED IN	3/14

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SB 50	Establishing salaries for elected county officials	3/2	G. McCallum	March 12	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/26
SB 84	Amending 3-5-602 to increase the salary of District Court Reporters	3/2	B. Brown	March 14	BE CONCURRED IN	3/26
SB 115	Amending 7-13-231 to establish notice and hearing procedures relating to fees for refuse disposal districts.	3/2	McCallum	March 5	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/21
SB 131	Amending 76-3-501 to require subdividers to construct and maintain fences	3/2	Paul Boylan	March 5	BE NOT CON- CURRED IN	3/21
SB 175	Amending 3-5-604 to increase the costs of copies of court proceedings	3/2	Don Oshsner	March 14	BE CONCURRED IN	3/26
SB 215	Amend 7-32-2141 to increase fees charged by the sheriff for services of documents	3/2	Joe Mazurek	March 14	BE CONCURRED IN	3/14

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SB 353	Providing that counties may auction junk vehicles	3/2	Max Conover	March 12	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	3/21
SB 368	Requiring certification that there are no delinquent taxes on property to be subdivided.	3/2	Roger Elliott	March 12	BE CONCURRED IN	3/14
SB 399	Requiring voter approval of a land-use master plan	3/2	John Manley	March 10	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/23
HB 820	To clarify conditions for exceeding certain statutory mill levy limitations.	3/2	Schultz	Died in Committee		
SB 343	Revising the law on creation of refuse disposal districts to provide for creation by election after submission of petitions by residents of the area; Providing for a board of directors and their election; revising procedures for creation of a joint refuse disposal district, etc.	3/3	Akelstad	March 19	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	3/19

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SB 362	To revise the method of disincorporation of a municipality; providing for a disincorporation election upon 2/3 vote of the city governing body; providing that undistributed proceeds of a disincorporated municipality shall be distributed to the taxpayers in the former municipality; etc.	3/3	Fred Van Valkenburg	March 19	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/26
SB 442	To provide for county and municipal regulation of boxing and wrestling matches; requiring permits therefor; requiring safety rules; collection of taxes,	3/3	Steve Brown	TRANSFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION		
SB 465	To be known as the Fire Territory Act of 1981"; providing procedures for organizing and administering fire protection in unincorporated areas not in a fire district;	3/3	Don Ochsner	March 19	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	3/19
SB 345	To Allow rural and city SIDs to extend within or outside city boundaries	3/7	Michael Halligan	March 19	BE CONCURRED IN	3/19
SB 221	To revise and clarify the laws relating to special improvement districts; amending certain sections	3/14	Fred Van Valkenburg	March 24	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/24

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SB 96	To provide funds for special improvement district revolving funds by	3/18	Fred Van Valkenburg	3/24	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/26
SB 382	Clarifying and revising the issuance and payment of special improvement district and rural special improvement district bonds	3/18	Jean Turnage	3/24	BE CONCURRED IN	3/24
SB 291	To authorize loans from rural special improvement district revolving fund to fund emergency repairs in a rural special improvement district.	3/21	Tom Hager	3/26	BE CONCURRED IN	3/26
HJR 60	A joint resolution of the Senate and the House requesting an Interim committee study of possible resolutions to the problems of large urban areas without infringing on rural interests	3/30	James Azzara	April 2	DO PASS	4/2
HJR 61		3/30	Steve Waldron	TRANSFERRED TO	TAXATION COMMITTEE	