



## State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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### 65th Montana Legislature

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## DRAFT AGENDA

as of 2/10/2018

### Meeting #4 - Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Room 102, Capitol Bldg., Helena

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- 8:00 a.m.      1. **Sen. Sue Malek, Presiding Officer**
- a. Call to Order, Roll Call
  - b. Welcome and agenda overview
- 8:05            2. **Voting Technology and Options for Disabled Electors**
- a. Wendy Underhill, Program Director, Elections and Redistricting, National Conference for State Legislatures (NCSL)
    - i. Overview of available technologies
    - ii. Other states - uniform ballot laws and what other states laws provide
    - iii. Utah study and findings
    - iv. Issues and options for Montana
  - b. Susan Greenhalgh, Election Specialist, National Election Defense Coalition
    - i. Election security and voting systems
    - ii. Best practice recommendations
  - c. Michelle Bishop, Disability Advocacy Specialist for Voting Rights, National Disability Rights Network
    - i. Overview of relevant laws related to voting technology for disabled electors (e.g., HAVA and ADA requirements, other)
    - ii. Legal experiences in other states, potential pitfalls
- 9:45            BREAK
- 10:00           d. Lori Mommaerts, Election Systems & Software (ES&S), Montana rep
- i. Current systems county-by-county, AutoMark maintenance process, replacement options
  - ii. ExpressVote machines, costs, ballot tabulation options for counties
  - iii. Other alternatives
  - iv. Demonstrations - hands on
- 10:45           e. Secretary of State's Office - current certification process, next steps if uniform ballot statute changes
- 11:15           f. County election administrator comments and any **public comment** on voting system technologies for disabled electors
- 11:30           g. All speakers at the table, including county election administrator representative, for roundup discussion, questions, and answers with the committee

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- 12:00 noon LUNCH
3. **Public Pension Plans**
- 1:00 p.m. a. Luke Martel, Group Director, Employment, Labor & Retirement, NCSL
- i. Overview of pension legislation and actions in other states to recover from pension fund investment losses
  - ii. How do Montana's benefit reductions and contribution increases compare
  - iii. Committee questions
- 1:30 b. Keith Brainard, Research Director, National Association for State Retirement Plan Administrators (NASRA)
- i. How do Montana's DB plans compare with selected peer states
  - ii. Committee questions
- 2:00 c. Josh Franzel, President/CEO, Center for State and Local Government Excellence
- i. Overview of the SLGE's guide for elected officials
  - ii. Best practice recommendations and trends in costs and funding
  - iii. Key take-a-ways: why certain pension plans are better off than others
  - iv. Committee questions
- 2:30 d. **Public comment** on the pension plans
- 2:45 e. All speakers at the table for roundup discussion, questions, and answers with the committee
- 3:15 BREAK
- 3:30 4. **Rule Review**
- Ginger Aldrich, staff attorney, overview of rule review activities, any questions from committee members
- 3:45 5. **Public comment** on any topic under the committee's jurisdiction
- 4:00 6. **Next meeting agenda - May 17**
- a. Voting systems - any follow up
  - b. Info. briefings
    - i. Overseas and Military Voters - Common Access Cards
    - ii. Interstate compact for Military Children - OPI
    - iii. State employee pay plan
    - iv. Disaster and emergency services - state and local planning, preparedness

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