

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on April 14, 2009 at  
2:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HJ 38

Executive Action: HJ 38

00:00:06 Call to order

**HEARING ON HJ 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:25 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HJ 38, Study sheriff qualifications.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:58 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:54 Rep. Ingraham

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 38**

00:05:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HJ 38 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Grinde, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Reichner and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

00:06:29 Rep. Reinhart

00:07:00 Rep. Becker

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:08:06 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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