

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on January 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary

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 & Date Posted: HB 172, 1/19/2015; HB 187, 1/19/2015; HB 193, 1/19/2015

00:01:28 Chair Greef

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 172, Revise delinquent tax laws related to sale of tax lien.

[EXHIBIT\(loh12a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:40 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

00:14:53 Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

00:17:03 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:44 Rep. Custer

00:18:22 Stuart Doggett, MLTA

00:19:25 Chair Greef

00:19:49 Rep. Kelker

00:20:26 Rhonda Wiggers, MCTA

00:22:30 Rep. Garner

00:23:32 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92

[EXHIBIT\(loh12a02\)](#)

00:25:19 Rep. Garner

00:25:41 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92

00:26:20 Rep. McConnell

00:27:02 Rhonda Wiggers, MCTA

00:27:16 Rep. McConnell

00:27:22 Rhonda Wiggers, MCTA

00:27:47 Rep. McConnell

00:27:59 Rhonda Wiggers, MCTA

00:28:30 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:29:35 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92

00:29:56 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:30:16 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92

00:30:45 Rep. Funk

00:31:54 Rhonda Wiggers, MCTA

00:33:30 Rep. Funk

00:33:54 Rhonda Wiggers, MCTA

00:35:11 Rep. Ricci

00:35:40 Rhonda Wiggers, MCTA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:06 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92

00:37:34 Chair Greef

HEARING ON HB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:56 Rep. Tom Steenberg (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 187, Clarify laws pertaining to assignment of road/street addresses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:39 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(lah12a03\)](#)

00:42:08 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:01 Rep. Mandeville

00:47:42 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:48:28 Rep. Garner

00:49:25 Rep. Steenberg

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:44 Rep. Steenberg

00:51:20 Chair Greef

HEARING ON HB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:45 Rep. Daniel Salomon (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 193, Revise board of adjustment appeal process related to county zoning.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:22 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:58:32 Ann Brower, Lake County

00:59:43 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

01:00:39 Ed Bartlett, Yellowstone County Commissioners

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:14 Rep. Lamm
01:01:52 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:02:26 Rep. Mandeville
01:02:40 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:02:52 Rep. Pope
01:03:18 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:03:51 Rep. Pope
01:04:11 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:05:00 Rep. Garner
01:05:24 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:06:03 Rep. Garner
01:06:24 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:06:53 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:07:32 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:08:37 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:09:06 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:09:24 Rep. Schwaderer left
01:09:48 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:10:09 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:10:59 Chair Greef
01:11:04 Rep. Schwaderer returned
01:11:20 Tara DePuy, MACo
01:12:45 Chair Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:09 Rep. Salomon

01:13:43 Chair Greef

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182

01:14:30 Chair Greef

01:14:38 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 182 DO PASS.**

01:14:57 Rep. Custer
01:16:12 Rep. Swanson
01:17:04 Rep. Hayman
01:18:00 Rep. Schwaderer
01:18:26 Rep. Mandeville
01:18:59 Chair Greef

01:20:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Pope, Rep. Steenberg, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Wilson voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 183

- 01:22:21 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 183 DO PASS.**
- 01:22:27 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 183 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh12a04)
- 01:23:36 Chair Greef
01:23:55 Rep. Garner
01:24:37 Chair Greef
01:24:42 Ginger Aldrich, LSD
01:25:14 Chair Greef
- 01:25:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Zolnikov
voted by proxy.
- 01:25:56 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 183 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 01:26:11 Rep. Pope
01:27:02 Chair Greef
01:27:07 Rep. Mandeville
01:27:38 Rep. McConnell
01:28:15 Chair Greef
01:28:22 Rep. Garner
01:29:34 Chair Greef
- 01:29:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Funk, Rep. Hayman, Rep.
Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Pope, Rep. Steenberg, Rep. Swanson and Rep.
Wilson voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:31:05

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh12aad.pdf](#))