

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Greef, on March 5, 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. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (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 430, 3/5/2015

**HEARING ON HB 430**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:41 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 430, Provide for an interim judicial redistricting commission.

[EXHIBIT\(loh46a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:40 Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator

[EXHIBIT\(loh46a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh46a03\)](#)

00:11:22 John Larson, District Judge, 4th Judicial District

[EXHIBIT\(loh46a04\)](#)

00:16:41 Mark Parker, Montana State Bar

00:17:45 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:20:34 Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

00:21:48 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:40 Rep. Hayman

00:26:21 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:26:36 Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator

00:26:49 Rep. Hayman

00:26:58 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:27:12 Rep. Schwaderer

00:28:23 John Larson, District Judge, 4th Judicial District

00:29:26 Rep. McConnell

00:30:07 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:30:48 Rep. Kelker

00:31:32 John Larson, District Judge, 4th Judicial District

00:32:25 Chair Greef

00:33:12 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:34:07 Chair Greef

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:21 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:35:12 Chair Greef

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:36:14

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh46aad.pdf](#))**