

# PROPERTY TAX

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## Background Materials and Research

**Topic Summary:** Property taxes are levied by the state of Montana, counties, cities, school districts, and special districts. The [Montana Constitution](#) requires the state to appraise, assess, and equalize the valuation of property.

Except for agricultural and forest land, property in Montana is valued based on market value. Agricultural property and forest property are valued based on productivity. A tax rate is applied to the market value or productivity value to determine taxable value. There are 15 classes of property in Montana and tax rates vary by property class. The taxable value is multiplied by the mill levies of all taxing jurisdictions in which the property is located to determine taxes due.

Most property is valued on a 2-year appraisal cycle. Exceptions are centrally assessed property, industrial property, and business equipment, which are valued annually, and forest land, which is valued every 6 years.

There are four statewide mill levies:

- 33 mills for county elementary equalization provided for in section [20-9-331](#), MCA;
- 22 mills for county high school equalization provided for in section [20-9-333](#), MCA;
- 40 mills for state equalization provided for in section [20-9-360](#), MCA; and
- 6 mills for the state university system provided for in [15-10-108](#), MCA.

The first three levies are commonly referred to as the “95 mills” and revenue from the levy is deposited in the state general fund. Revenue from the 6-mill university levy is deposited in the state special revenue fund and used for the university system. There is also a [1.5-mill vocational-technical education levy](#) on property in the following counties: Cascade, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Silver Bow, and Yellowstone. The revenue is deposited in the general fund.

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Mills vary considerably across the state and depend on the school district, city, county, and special districts in which a property is located. In 2016, the average mill levy was 573.83.

This primer includes a summary of legislation related to property tax administration, reappraisal, property classes, and tax rates. Other primers will focus on more specific property tax issues, such as property tax exemptions, property tax assistance programs, tax liens and tax deeds, and tax increment financing.

### Legislative Services Division Materials:

[Residential Property Tax brochure](#), September 2022

[HJ 36: Study of Residential Property Taxes](#), 2021-2022 Interim

[HJ 35: Study of State and Local Tax Policy](#), 2019-2020 Interim

[House Joint Resolution No. 22: Study of Agricultural Property Valuation](#), 2017-2018 Interim

[Senate Joint Resolution No. 23: Study Property Taxation of Utility Property](#), 2017-2018 Interim

[Treatment of Intangible Property study](#), 2015-2016 Interim

[Property Taxable Value Neutrality study](#), 2015-2016 Interim

[Tax Liens and Tax Deeds study](#), 2015-2016 Interim

[Senate Joint Resolution No. 17: Valuation of Centrally Assessed Property and Industrial Property for Tax Purposes](#), 2011-2012 Interim

[2009-2010 Interim Materials](#) for study of Taxation of Oil and Natural Gas Property, Residential and Commercial Property Reappraisal Subcommittee, and Agricultural Land and Forest Land Property Reappraisal Subcommittee

[House Bill No. 488: Study of Property Taxes and Periodic Reappraisal](#), 2007-2008 Interim

[Constitutional Property Tax Parameters](#) -- Greg Petesch and Lee Heiman, January 2004

[Recipes for Change: A Menu of Property Tax Alternatives](#) -- Interim Property Tax Committee, November 1998

### Other Materials:

#### Department of Revenue

[Biennial Reports](#) (2006-2008 biennium to present)

[Property Assessment Division](#)

[Measuring the Quality of Reappraisal](#) -- September 2019

#### Other

[50-State Property Tax Comparison Study](#), Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Minnesota Center for Fiscal Excellence, June 2017

## Introduced Legislation

### 2021

[House Bill 23](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE TAX LIEN AND TAX DEED PROCESS LAWS; PROVIDING THAT PROPERTY WITH A RESIDENCE IS SUBJECT TO A TAX DEED AUCTION ONLY IF THE OWNER OCCUPIES THE RESIDENCE; CLARIFYING TIMELINES FOR NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING THE HIGH BIDDER TO PAY AUCTION COSTS; PROVIDING FOR CANCELLATION OF AN ASSIGNMENT IF THE AUCTION DOES NOT RESULT IN PURCHASE OF THE TAX DEED; PROVIDING THAT THE COUNTY TREASURER DISTRIBUTES SURPLUS AUCTION PROCEEDS TO THE LEGAL TITLEHOLDER; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-18-112, 15-18-212, 15-18-215, 15-18-216, 15-18-217, 15-18-219, 15-18-220, 15-18-221, AND 70-9-803, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 52](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAXATION ADMINISTRATION AND CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; REVISING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FARM IMPLEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN A PURCHASE INCENTIVE RENTAL TO ANNUAL REPORTING; CLARIFYING THE NAME OF THE DIVISION OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT MAKES THE DETERMINATION OF THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF ANIMAL UNIT MONTHS OF CARRYING CAPACITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-202 AND 15-7-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill 107](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING MILL LEVY ELECTION LAWS; REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO APPROVE A MILL LEVY ELECTION; REVISING THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO VOTERS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-4431, 7-14-1134, 7-16-2102, 7-16-2109, 7-22-2142, 7-32-235, 15-10-425, 20-9-353, 20-9-502, AND 20-9-533, MCA.

[House Bill 127](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS; ALLOWING THE PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES WHEN CURRENT YEAR TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID; ALLOWING PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-16-102 AND 15-18-112, MCA.

[House Bill 132](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING THE PROPERTY TAX BILL TO INCLUDE A COMPARISON WITH PRIOR YEAR TAXES DUE; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-16-101, MCA.

[House Bill 148](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROPERTY TAX LAWS; PROVIDING FOR A 6-YEAR REAPPRAISAL CYCLE FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT INCREASED CLASS THREE AND CLASS FOUR PROPERTY VALUES ARE PHASED IN; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-101, 15-6-240, 15-7-102, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-8-111, 15-24-3202, AND 15-24-3203, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-7-110, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 165](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES; INCREASING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES AND REQUIRING A

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COUNTY TO USE THE REVENUE TO PROVIDE A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION FOR COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-321, 61-3-562, AND 61-6-158, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 179](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES; CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AND FUNDING FOR A NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT; REVISING THE ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT; REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE FUNDING SOURCES AND ACCOUNTING STRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES; CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES INTO ONE OPERATING LEVY FOR A NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT; REVISING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-9-212, 17-7-102, 19-20-605, 20-7-702, 20-7-704, 20-7-705, 20-9-134, 20-15-103, 20-15-105, 20-15-201, 20-15-202, 20-15-203, 20-15-204, 20-15-208, 20-15-209, 20-15-305, 20-15-309, 20-15-310, 20-15-311, 20-15-312, 20-15-313, AND 20-15-321, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill 190](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR GOLF COURSES; PROVIDING THAT GOLF COURSES ARE TAXED AT THE SAME RATE AS OTHER COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-134, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 191](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM CREDIT THAT MAY BE CLAIMED; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-2337 AND 15-30-2340, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND TERMINATION DATES.

[House Bill 261](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY TAXES OTHER THAN AN INCOME TAX, A PROPERTY TAX, AND A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX; PROVIDING THAT ONLY TWO OF THE THREE ALLOWABLE TAX TYPES MAY BE IMPOSED AT THE SAME TIME; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill 288](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PROVIDING FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR A BUSINESS WHEN A GOVERNMENT ENTITY IMPOSES A CURFEW OR OCCUPANCY REDUCTION DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER; PROVIDING FOR PERCENTAGE-BASED REDUCTIONS IN CLASS FOUR AND CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS MADE BY A BUSINESS AGAINST THE BUDGET OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY AND THE STATE; PROVIDING PROPERTY TAX INTEREST AND PENALTY WAIVERS FOR AN IMPACTED BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR A REDUCTION IN SPENDING BY GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; SUPERSEDING THE UNFUNDED MANDATE LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3-302, 10-3-303, 10-3-405, AND 15-16-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 298](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED ON A PROPERTY VALUATION STATEMENT; REQUIRING INCLUSION OF THE PRIOR MARKET VALUE AND AN EXPLANATION FOR CERTAIN INCREASES IN VALUE; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-7-102, MCA.

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[House Bill 303](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PROGRAM, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR THE LOSS OF REVENUE; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121, 15-1-123, 15-6-138, AND 20-9-366, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, APPLICABILITY DATES, AND TERMINATION DATES.

[House Bill 357](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT FOR INCOME USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-301, 15-6-305, AND 15-6-311, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 372](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX ON CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX; INCREASING THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR 8 YEARS AND THEN REPEALING THE PROPERTY TAX ON CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PROGRAM, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR THE LOSS OF REVENUE; REVISING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-101, 15-1-121, 15-1-123, 15-6-138, 15-6-141, 15-6-156, 15-6-158, 15-6-202, 15-6-207, 15-6-219, 15-6-228, 15-8-301, 15-23-101, 15-24-301, 15-24-303, 15-24-3001, 20-9-366, 30-20-204, AND 76-6-109, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-6-138 AND 15-6-220, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill 394](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND CARBON CAPTURE EQUIPMENT FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-6-135, MCA.

[House Bill 431](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NO LONGER EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY"; PROVIDING A TRANSITION SECTION FOR DETERMINING WHEN CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IS TREATED AS NEWLY TAXABLE PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-218, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 432](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OWNED BY A NONPROFIT CORPORATION AND CONSTRUCTED USING FEDERAL GRANTS; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-221, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 516](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO ENTRY ON PROPERTY BY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PROPERTY VALUATION STAFF; PROVIDING THAT DEPARTMENT STAFF MAY ENTER PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING THAT IF THE CONDITIONS DO NOT APPLY, DEPARTMENT STAFF MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO ENTER THE PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-7-139, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill 526](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ALLOWING A COUNTY TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REVIEW A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; ALLOWING A COUNTY TO APPEAL A REQUESTED REVIEW OF AN EXEMPTION TO THE STATE TAX APPEAL BOARD; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-2-302, MCA.

[House Bill 532](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PROPERTY TAX BILLS; REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO VOTERS FOR VOTED MILL LEVIES; REQUIRING PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION REGARDING HOME VALUES BE ADDED TO THE TAX BILL; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-10-425 AND 15-16-101, MCA.

[House Bill 615](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAWS RELATED TO BONDING; PROVIDING THAT REFINANCED BONDS MAY NOT HAVE A MATURITY DATE LATER THAN 25 YEARS FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4292 AND 7-15-4324, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 616](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT AMENDING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAWS TO REQUIRE A GOVERNING BODY TO APPROVE A TAX INCREMENT PROVISION; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4206, 7-15-4233, AND 7-15-4282, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 619](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN HOSPITALS; PROVIDING THAT HOSPITALS LOCATED IN CITIES MUST PROVIDE FREE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO RETAIN THEIR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 636](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX RATES; REVISING THE TAX RATE FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY AND CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF REVALUATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-133 AND 15-6-134, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 638](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS CREDIT; PROVIDING THAT THE CREDIT IS A REFUNDABLE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAX BILLED OR RENT-EQUIVALENT TAX PAID; PROVIDING THAT THE CREDIT IS FUNDED WITH LODGING SALES TAX REVENUE AND REVENUE FROM SALES OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-16-101, 15-17-125, 15-30-2303, 15-30-2341, 15-68-820, 22-3-1303, 22-3-1304, 22-3-1307, AND 70-9-813, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 639](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAWS; PROVIDING THAT AN URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT MAY NOT ADOPT A TAX INCREMENT PROVISION IF THE TOTAL INCREMENTAL VALUE FOR ALL DISTRICTS WITH TAX INCREMENT PROVISIONS IN THE TAXING JURISDICTION EXCEEDS 5% OF THE TAXING JURISDICTION'S TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 7-15-4282, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 663](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING SCHOOL FUNDING LAWS; INCREASING THE GTB MULTIPLIER AND LINKING ADDITIONAL INCREASES TO REVENUE GENERATED

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BY MARIJUANA TAXES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-366, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill 672](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX CREDIT TO PROVIDE FOR A PROPERTY TAX CIRCUIT BREAKER CREDIT; REDUCING THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX CREDIT FOR THOSE WITH ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME ABOVE \$750,000; USING THE REVENUE FROM THE CHANGE IN THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX CREDIT TO FUND A PROPERTY TAX AND RENT-EQUIVALENT PROPERTY TAX CIRCUIT BREAKER CREDIT; PROVIDING THAT A TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM EITHER THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT OR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE DISABLED VETERAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR RECEIVE THE INTANGIBLE LAND VALUE PROPERTY EXEMPTION; PROVIDING THAT THE CREDIT BE ADJUSTED IF THE REVENUE FROM THE CAPITAL GAINS CREDIT REDUCTION IS INSUFFICIENT TO FUND THE CREDITS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO REPORT THE STATUS OF THE CREDIT TO THE REVENUE INTERIM COMMITTEE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-240, 15-6-302, 15-7-102, 15-16-101, 15-17-125, 15-30-2301, 15-30-2303, AND 15-30-2341, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill 682](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY TAX RELIEF CREDIT; PROVIDING THAT THE CREDIT IS FOR A PORTION OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON CERTAIN RESIDENCES FOR SCHOOL EQUALIZATION MILLS; PROVIDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CREDIT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-16-101, 15-17-125, 15-30-2303, AND 15-30-2341, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 690](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY THE OWNER AS A PRIMARY RESIDENCE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Joint Resolution 36](#) – (H) Filed with Secretary of State -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES.

[House Joint Resolution 46](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF HOW TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY OF LIMITING CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY VALUES TO ALLOW ONLY AN INFLATIONARY INCREASE.

[Senate Bill 10](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT CREATING A CIRCUIT BREAKER INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES PAID AND RENT-EQUIVALENT PROPERTY TAXES PAID; REPEALING THE LOW-INCOME PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE DISABLED VETERAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY, AND THE INTANGIBLE LAND VALUE PROPERTY EXEMPTION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-201, 15-7-102, 15-16-101, 15-16-102, 15-17-125, 15-18-112, 15-30-2303, 15-30-2338, AND 53-4-1103, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-6-240, 15-6-301, 15-6-302, 15-6-305, 15-6-311, 15-6-312, 15-30-2337, 15-30-2338, 15-30-2339, 15-30-2340, AND 15-30-2341, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[Senate Bill 35](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REPEALING THE EXPIRED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND DELIVERY FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-24-3004, 15-24-3005, 15-24-3006, 15-24-3007, 75-20-104, 75-20-201, 75-20-207, 75-20-208, 75-20-211, 75-20-301, 75-20-303, 75-20-304, AND 75-20-1202, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 15-24-3001 AND 15-24-3002, MCA.

[Senate Bill 51](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN FIBER OPTIC OR COAXIAL CABLE FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-135, 15-6-156, AND 15-6-219, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 73](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SALES TAX ON LODGING TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OR COUNTY IN WHICH THE REVENUE IS COLLECTED; REQUIRING A PORTION OF THE REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO CITIES AND COUNTIES TO BE USED FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-10-420, 15-16-101, 15-68-502, 15-68-820, 22-3-1303, 22-3-1304, AND 22-3-1307, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 126](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY VALUATION APPEALS LAWS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS PRESUME TO PROVIDE THE PROPERTY VALUE UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF ANOTHER VALUE; AMENDING SECTION 15-2-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 133](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX APPRAISAL PROCESS AND PROPERTY TAX APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHEN CERTAIN TAXPAYERS PREVAIL IN A PROPERTY TAX DISPUTE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO JUSTIFY USAGE OF THE COST APPROACH WHEN VALUING RESIDENTIAL CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; CLARIFYING THAT A TAXPAYER MAY REFUSE TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN STRUCTURES DURING AN APPRAISAL; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-222, 15-2-201, [15-2-303](#), 15-2-306, 15-7-102, 15-7-139, AND 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 138](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REPEALING THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES DURING THE FEDERAL TRUST APPLICATION PERIOD FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-230, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill 154](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT COAL GROSS PROCEEDS PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENT COAL GROSS PROCEEDS PROPERTY TAXES, INTEREST, AND PENALTIES BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY; AUTHORIZING GROSS PROCEEDS OBLIGATIONS TO BE SECURED BY REVENUE FROM INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-1101, 7-6-1102, 7-6-1103, 7-6-1105, 7-6-1111, 7-6-1112, 7-6-1115, 15-16-102, 15-16-119, 15-16-301, 15-16-303, 15-16-401, 15-16-402, 15-16-404, 15-16-801, 15-17-122, 15-17-911, AND 15-23-704, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[Senate Bill 205](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE NAME OF THE STATE TAX APPEAL BOARD; CHANGING THE NAME OF THE STATE TAX APPEAL BOARD TO THE MONTANA TAX

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APPEAL BOARD; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-6-1007, 2-15-1015, 5-5-227, 5-5-228, 10-4-212, 15-1-101, 15-1-212, 15-1-213, 15-1-222, 15-1-303, 15-1-402, 15-2-101, 15-2-102, 15-2-103, 15-2-104, 15-2-106, 15-2-201, 15-2-301, 15-2-302, 15-2-303, 15-2-304, 15-2-305, 15-2-306, 15-6-135, 15-6-158, 15-6-231, 15-7-102, 15-7-139, 15-8-112, 15-8-113, 15-8-115, 15-8-202, 15-15-101, 15-15-103, 15-15-104, 15-15-201, 15-16-603, 15-23-102, 15-30-2607, 15-30-2608, 15-30-3113, 15-68-405, 15-68-805, 15-70-111, 16-11-149, 53-19-319, AND 61-11-510, MCA.

[Senate Bill 212](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PROPERTY TAX BILLS; REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX BILL TO BE ITEMIZED BY MILL LEVY AND INDICATE WHICH LEVIES ARE VOTED LEVIES; REQUIRING PROPERTY TAX COMPARISON INFORMATION FOR THE COUNTY TO BE PROVIDED WITH NOTICES OF REAPPRAISAL AND PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-111 AND 15-16-101, MCA.

[Senate Bill 214](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TRIBAL PROPERTY; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED OF THE EXEMPTION APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR RECAPTURE OF TAXES IF THE TRUST APPLICATION IS DENIED OR NOT APPROVED WITHIN 5 YEARS; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-230, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 262](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING CLASS 10 PROPERTY TAXATION OF FOREST LANDS; REVISING THE COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR FULL REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF CHANGES TO APPRAISAL METHODOLOGY AND VALUATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 15-44-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill 263](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING CLASS 10 PROPERTY TAXATION OF FOREST LANDS; REVISING THE TAX RATE ON FOREST PRODUCTIVITY VALUE; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-143, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 288](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING FACILITIES; EXPANDING THE EXEMPTION TO ALL TYPES OF OILSEED PROCESSING FACILITIES; REMOVING THE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-220, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 375](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE LAWS; PROVIDING A TAX RATE REDUCTION FOR CERTAIN PRIMARY RESIDENCES OWNED BY INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE AT LEAST 80 YEARS OLD; REVISING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-301, 15-6-302, AND 15-6-312, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 385](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROPERTY TAX AND ASSESSMENT LAWS; REVISING SPECIAL DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING FUNDING LIMITATIONS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS THAT ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE JURISDICTION OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; LIMITING THE DURATION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL DISTRICTS; ALLOWING A

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REFERENDUM TO EXTEND THE DURATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT; REVISING THE PETITION THRESHOLD REQUIRED TO CREATE A SPECIAL DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-11-1003, 7-11-1007, AND 7-11-1011, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 386](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX BASED CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXPAYERS AND RENTERS THAT IS FUNDED BY A TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE; CREATING A CIRCUIT BREAKER INCOME TAX CREDIT; PROVIDING THAT A TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM EITHER THE CIRCUIT BREAKER INCOME TAX CREDIT OR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE MONTANA DISABLED VETERAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR RECEIVE THE INTANGIBLE LAND VALUE PROPERTY EXEMPTION; REVISING THE RATE STRUCTURE TO INCLUDE A TOP MARGINAL RATE OF 8.9% FOR INCOME IN EXCESS OF \$500,000; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-240, 15-6-302, 15-7-102, 15-16-101, 15-17-125, 15-30-2103, 15-30-2303, AND 15-30-2341, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[Senate Bill 388](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROPERTY TAX LAWS; REVISING TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; PROVIDING THE TAX INCREMENT MAY NOT INCLUDE CERTAIN STATE EQUALIZATION MILLS FOR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION; LIMITING THE DURATION OF A FUTURE TAX INCREMENT PROVISION; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4279, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4286, 7-15-4288, AND 7-15-4292, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill 390](#) – (S) Died in Process -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY FEES FOR THE USE OF MONTANA'S WATER; CREATING THE WATER SEVERANCE BENEFICIAL USE ACT; IMPOSING A PER MEGAWATT-HOUR WATER SEVERANCE BENEFICIAL USE FEE ON THE TRANSMISSION OF CERTAIN ELECTRICITY; PROVIDING FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE FEE FOR WATER USE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF COAL GROSS PROCEEDS TAX IMPOSED ON COAL THAT GENERATES AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY; PROVING THE FEE MAY BE IMPOSED ON ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY A FEDERAL HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY CERTAIN FACILITIES OR DISTRIBUTED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEE REVENUE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR OFFSETTING MILL LEVY REDUCTIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-9-331, 20-9-333, AND 20-9-360, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill 394](#) – (S) Died in Process -- AN ACT PROVIDING INCREASED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR TAXPAYERS AND RENTERS THAT IS FUNDED BY A REVISION TO THE CAPITAL GAINS INCOME TAX CREDIT; ELIMINATING THE CAPITAL GAINS INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR INCOME ABOVE A CERTAIN LEVEL; REVISING THE ELDERLY HOMEOWNER AND RENTER INCOME TAX CREDIT; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT IS USED TO PHASE OUT THE EXEMPTION AND THE AMOUNT OF INCOME CONSIDERED EXEMPT BEFORE THE ELDERLY HOMEOWNER AND RENTER INCOME TAX CREDIT AMOUNT IS REDUCED; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE ELDERLY HOMEOWNER AND RENTER INCOME TAX CREDIT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-2301, 15-30-2337, AND 15-30-2340, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill No. 24](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING ALLOWABLE WATER COSTS USED FOR VALUING IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-7-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 195](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPALITY, A CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY, A COUNTY, OR A LOCAL OPTION INFRASTRUCTURE TAX DISTRICT, BY VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE, TO ADOPT A LOCAL OPTION INFRASTRUCTURE TAX ON LUXURY GOODS AND LUXURY SERVICES; PROVIDING THAT LOCAL OPTION INFRASTRUCTURE TAX REVENUE MAY BE USED FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; DEFINING "LUXURY GOODS" AND "LUXURY SERVICES" THAT MAY BE TAXED; PROVIDING THAT AN EXISTING RESORT TAX IMPOSED BY A RESORT COMMUNITY, RESORT AREA, OR RESORT AREA DISTRICT MAY REMAIN IN EFFECT OR MAY BE DISCONTINUED; PROVIDING FOR A PORTION OF LOCAL OPTION INFRASTRUCTURE TAX REVENUE TO BE USED FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR CLASS FOUR PROPERTY TAXPAYERS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-7-4424 AND 7-7-4428, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 200](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX LAWS RELATED TO THE TAXATION OF MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOMES, AND HOUSETRAILERS; STANDARDIZING LANGUAGE RELATED TO MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOMES, AND HOUSETRAILERS FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-24-202, 15-24-206, 15-24-208, 15-24-210, AND 15-24-211, MCA.

[House Bill No. 201](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING TAX LIEN LAWS; REVISING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS FOR PROPERTY TAX LIENS; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-17-323, MCA.

[House Bill No. 226](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY A NONPROFIT SHOOTING RANGE IS EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES; ALLOWING A SHOOTING RANGE TO RECOVER COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-1203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 232](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE ASSESSMENT OF TAXES DURING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS; ESTABLISHING TAX RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENT ENTITIES DURING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-201, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 70-30-315, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 269](#) -- (H) Failed on Second Reading -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY TAXES OTHER THAN AN INCOME TAX, PROPERTY TAX, AND A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX; PROVIDING THAT ONLY TWO OF THE THREE ALLOWABLE TAX TYPES MAY BE IMPOSED AT THE SAME TIME; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 300](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX REVENUE WHILE PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF PROPERTY

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TAXES FOR CLASS 3, CLASS 4, AND CLASS 10 PROPERTY; ENACTING A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX AND USE TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SALES TAXES FROM CERTAIN REMOTE SELLERS; ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAX LEVY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS; REPLACING CERTAIN STATE MILL LEVIES WITH A STATE MILL LEVY ON CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL FUNDING; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CLOSE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE STATE MILL LEVY FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY; REVISING GASOLINE TAX ALLOCATIONS TO PROVIDE MORE MONEY TO THE HIGHWAY RESTRICTED ACCOUNT, THE HIGHWAY PATROL ADMINISTRATION STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT, AND THE BRIDGE AND ROAD SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY RESTRICTED ACCOUNT; REVISING SCHOOL FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ENTER INTO THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; ALLOWING VARIOUS SALES TAX AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS, INCLUDING FOOD AND MEDICAL; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM SALES AND USE TAXES FOR A CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY TAXPAYER; PROVIDING A GENERAL SALES TAX AND USE TAX EXEMPTION DURING A CERTAIN STATUTORY TIME PERIOD; ELIMINATING THE RESALE EXEMPTION IN THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY AND SERVICES; PROVIDING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND FOR PAYMENT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL BONDS; PROVIDING RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BONDS; ESTABLISHING THE CRITICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS; PROVIDING FOR A 100% STATE-FUNDED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET; APPLYING INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA COMPONENTS; PROVIDING STATE FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND RETIREMENT; ESTABLISHING THE EDUCATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS; CREATING A SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL CONTROL AND EFFICIENCY FUND FOR DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF NONLEVY REVENUE TO LOCAL CONTROL AND EFFICIENCY FUNDS OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR A STUDY BY THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING TRANSITION SECTIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 340](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM CREDIT THAT MAY BE CLAIMED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 367](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REQUIRING AN URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT THAT APPROVES A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROVISION TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MUNICIPALITY ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT AND THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROVISION; AMENDING SECTION 7-15-4282, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 372](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT INCREASING THE RATE OF INFLATION LIMITATION IMPOSED ON GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR CALCULATING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES; INCREASING THE RATE OF INFLATION LIMIT FROM ONE-HALF THE AVERAGE RATE OF INFLATION TO THE AVERAGE RATE OF INFLATION; ALLOWING A GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO

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IMPOSE ADDITIONAL MILLS WHEN THERE IS INFLATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 377](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; IMPOSING A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF WAGES, SALARY, OR OTHER COMPENSATION THAT A TAX-EXEMPT EMPLOYER MAY PAY CURRENT AND FORMER OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, OR KEY EMPLOYEES WHILE RECEIVING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-10-420 AND 15-16-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 386](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROVISIONS FOR SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-1701, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 394](#) -- Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX APPRAISAL PROCESS AND PROPERTY TAX APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHEN CERTAIN TAXPAYERS PREVAIL IN A PROPERTY TAX DISPUTE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO JUSTIFY USAGE OF THE COST APPROACH WHEN VALUING RESIDENTIAL CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; CLARIFYING THAT A TAXPAYER MAY REFUSE TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN STRUCTURES DURING AN APPRAISAL; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-222, 15-2-201, 15-2-306, 15-7-102, 15-7-139, AND 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 401](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REPEALING THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES DURING THE FEDERAL TRUST APPLICATION PERIOD FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-230, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 462](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING ADMINISTRATION OF URBAN RENEWAL AND TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS WITH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT PROVISIONS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ADMINISTER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE INTERNET AND THE BIENNIAL REPORT; REQUIRING AN IMPACT ANALYSIS IF THE ADOPTION OR EXPANSION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROVISION WILL RESULT IN A BASE TAXABLE VALUE WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF GREATER THAN 35% OF THE JURISDICTION'S CERTIFIED TAXABLE VALUE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4282, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4285, 7-15-4292, AND 15-1-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 507](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAXATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS AND RELATED PROPERTY; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF A QUALIFIED DATA CENTER; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-162, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 514](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL PROCESS; PROVIDING A TAXPAYER WITH THE OPTION TO REQUEST INFORMAL CLASSIFICATION

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AND APPRAISAL REVIEW FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BY CHECKING A BOX ON A CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISAL NOTICE; AMENDING SECTION 15-7-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 527](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING THAT QUALIFIED PROPERTY MAY BE OWNED BY CERTAIN SINGLE-MEMBER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES; REMOVING LANGUAGE THAT RESTATES FEDERAL REGULATIONS TO ENSURE FUTURE COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTIES AND OWNERS; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-221, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 630](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT EXEMPTING VIRTUAL CURRENCIES FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 636](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX LAWS RELATED TO PROTESTED TAXES; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR A PORTION OF PROTESTED TAXES IF THE FINAL ASSESSED VALUE IS LESS THAN 75% OF THE ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 651](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NO LONGER EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING A TRANSITION SECTION FOR DETERMINING WHEN CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IS TREATED AS NEWLY TAXABLE PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-218, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 673](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 7, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO ENABLE THE LEGISLATURE TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX INCREASE BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE INDEPENDENT APPEAL PROCEDURE, OR BY A COURT BEYOND THE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE STATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 675](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TAX ON SECONDARY HOUSING WITH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR OWNERS OF HOMESTEADS; PROVIDING THAT THE SECONDARY HOUSING TAX IS IMPOSED BASED ON A GRADUATED RATE OF MARKET VALUE; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION, ASSESSMENT, AND COLLECTION OF THE TAX ON SECONDARY HOUSING; PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS THAT LIVE IN A HOMESTEAD; PROVIDING THAT THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT IS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE DEPOSITED IN THE STATE GENERAL FUND FROM A TAX ON SECONDARY HOUSING; PROVIDING LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

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[House Bill No. 692](#) -- (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER WHO IS NOT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; PROVIDING THAT THE EXEMPTION MAY ONLY BE CLAIMED ON A PRIMARY RESIDENCE; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 733](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR RECAPTURE OF TAXES IF THE TRUST APPLICATION IS DENIED OR NOT APPROVED WITHIN 5 YEARS; PROVIDING THAT A COUNTY MAY REQUEST THAT THE STATE TAX APPEAL BOARD REVIEW THE DECISION TO GRANT A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FOR TRIBAL PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-2-302 AND 15-6-230, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 740](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPALITY OR A CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT, BY VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE, TO ADOPT A LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX; PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF THE REVENUE BE USED FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR CLASS FOUR PROPERTY TAXPAYERS AND FOR REBATES FOR ADULTS WHO DO NOT OWN PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-7-4424 AND 7-7-4428, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 742](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING INCOME TAX LAWS TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES THAT FUND EDUCATION; REVISING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES; REVISING THE TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME; MODIFYING THE FEDERAL CALCULATION FOR TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ON A STATE RETURN; REDUCING THE STATE EQUALIZATION AID LEVY; INCREASING GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS; INCREASING SCHOOL RETIREMENT GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID; INCREASING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENTS; INCREASING FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL FACILITY AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-2103, 15-30-2110, 20-9-360, 20-9-366, 20-10-141, 20-10-144, 20-10-145, AND 20-10-146, MCA; AND PROVIDING APPLICABILITY DATES.

[Senate Bill No. 69](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION LAWS; PROVIDING PROVISIONAL AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS, AND CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS; REQUIRING APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-202 AND 15-7-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 135](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAWS TO EXCLUDE SCHOOL DISTRICT MILL LEVIES FROM THE CALCULATION OF THE TAX INCREMENT AFTER THE 15TH YEAR FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE TAX INCREMENT PROVISION; AMENDING SECTION 7-15-4286, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 152](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REPEALING THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE TAX LEVY FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; AND REPEALING SECTION 4, CHAPTER 73, LAWS OF 2017.

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[Senate Bill No. 165](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAXES ON CERTAIN DESTROYED PROPERTY AND ABANDONED MOVABLE HOUSING; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR UNINHABITABLE MOVABLE HOUSING; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-219, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 170](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE ELDERLY HOMEOWNER AND RENTER INCOME TAX CREDIT; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT IS USED TO CALCULATE THE PHASEOUT OF THE EXEMPTION; AMENDING SECTION 15-30-2340, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 189](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION, INCLUDING PROPERTY AND ENERGY TAX LAWS; REVISING THE REGULATION AND TAXATION OF LARGE ELECTRICAL GENERATING EMISSION SOURCES IN MONTANA; ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA CLIMATE ACTION ACT; REQUIRING THE REPORTING AND MONITORING OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT EMISSIONS; ALLOWING FOR CARBON OFFSETS; GRANTING THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW THE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES AND FEES FOR QUANTIFICATION OF CARBON AND RULES FOR REPORTING AND DOCUMENTING CARBON OFFSETS; ESTABLISHING A CARBON TAX; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO COLLECT THE TAX; GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; ALLOWING A TAX REDUCTION; CREATING A TAX CREDIT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES; ALLOWING A CARRYFORWARD OF REDUCTIONS AND CREDITS; CREATING A CIRCUIT BREAKER INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES PAID AND RENT-EQUIVALENT PROPERTY TAXES PAID; REPEALING THE LOW-INCOME PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE DISABLED VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY, AND THE INTANGIBLE LAND VALUE PROPERTY EXEMPTION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-201, 15-7-102, 15-16-101, 15-16-102, 15-17-125, 15-18-112, 47-1-111, 53-4-1103, 75-2-111, AND 75-2-221, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-6-240, 15-6-301, 15-6-302, 15-6-305, 15-6-311, 15-6-312, 15-30-2337, 15-30-2338, 15-30-2339, 15-30-2340, AND 15-30-2341, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[Senate Bill No. 200](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS MAY NOT BE CLASSIFIED BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AS A MOBILE HOME.

[Senate Bill No. 204](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOMES, OR HOUSETRAILERS; PROVIDING EXEMPTION CRITERIA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 211](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A HOLDING PERIOD BEFORE CERTAIN NEWLY APPROVED REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-201, 15-6-203, 15-6-205, 15-6-209, AND 15-6-221, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 239](#) -- (S) Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN FIBER OPTIC OR COAXIAL CABLE FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; PROVIDING A DEFINITION; PROVIDING

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[Senate Bill No. 253](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAX LIEN AND TAX DEED LAWS; REVISING THE TAX LIEN AND TAX DEED PROCESS FOR RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND FOREST PROPERTY WITH A DWELLING; REQUIRING THE ASSIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR A TAX DEED; PROVIDING THAT UPON APPLICATION FOR A TAX DEED, THE TAX DEED BE AUCTIONED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER; PROVIDING A REQUIRED OPENING BID AT TAX DEED AUCTION THAT INCLUDES HALF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT THE TRUE PROPERTY OWNER AND LIENHOLDERS OF A TAX DEED AUCTIONED PROPERTY CAN REQUEST FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SALE PRICE AND THE OPENING BID; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-17-121, 15-18-112, 15-18-211, 15-18-212, 15-18-213, 15-18-214, 15-18-215, 15-18-216, 15-18-217, 15-18-411, 15-18-412, 15-18-413, AND 70-9-803, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 318](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AN ABATEMENT FOR NEW OR EXPANDING INDUSTRY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-24-1401 AND 15-24-1402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 321](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING THAT THE TAX INCREMENT THAT IS NOT UTILIZED TO PAY COSTS OR BONDS BY A TARGETED ECONOMIC DISTRICT THAT HAS ISSUED BONDS MUST BE REMITTED TO TAXING JURISDICTIONS IN THE SAME MANNER AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4286, 7-15-4291, 20-9-104, AND 20-9-141, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 334](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR CERTAIN AIRPORTS; PROVIDING THAT AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MILL LEVY CAP WHEN A MAXIMUM LEVY AMOUNT WAS ESTABLISHED IN A RESOLUTION CREATING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 340](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT CREATING THE STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT DISTRICTS ACT; PROVIDING FOR THE FORMATION OF STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT DISTRICTS BY LOCAL AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF DISTRICTS IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY; ALLOWING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT ARE APPROVED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THAT CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM STATE PROCUREMENT LAWS; PROVIDING FOR RESIDENT CONTRACTOR PREFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR STATE GRANTS TO COVER CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS WHEN A DISTRICT HAS CERTAIN LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT COSTS; REQUIRING A LOCAL FUNDING MATCH OF CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS AS A CONDITION TO RECEIVING STATE GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PRIOR TO RECEIVING GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING

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SECTIONS 7-15-4288, 15-6-201, 18-4-132, AND 18-8-210, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill No. 18](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROCESS FOR THE SALE OF A TAX LIEN AND ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED FOR DELINQUENT TAXES; ELIMINATING THE TAX LIEN SALE; REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO ASSIGN A TAX LIEN TO AN ASSIGNEE WHO PAYS DELINQUENT TAXES; REVISING NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE ATTACHMENT OF A TAX LIEN AND ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED; REQUIRING A DELINQUENT TAXPAYER TO ONLY PAY THE PROPERTY TAXES CURRENTLY DUE BEFORE PAYING DELINQUENT TAXES; ALLOWING AN ASSIGNEE TO PAY SUBSEQUENT YEAR DELINQUENT TAXES ONLY AFTER THE TAXES ARE DELINQUENT; ALLOWING CANCELLATION OF A TAX LIEN ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED IN ERROR; REVISING THE TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH REAL PROPERTY TAXES MUST BE DELINQUENT BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER CANCELLATION; REPEALING COUNTY TREASURER DUTIES RELATED TO COUNTY CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR SEED GRAIN, FEED, OR OTHER RELIEF; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-16-101, 15-16-102, 15-16-701, 15-17-121, 15-17-122, 15-17-123, 15-17-124, 15-17-131, 15-17-212, 15-17-317, 15-17-318, 15-17-320, 15-17-323, 15-17-324, 15-17-325, 15-17-326, 15-18-111, 15-18-112, 15-18-113, 15-18-114, 15-18-211, 15-18-212, 15-18-213, 15-18-214, 15-18-215, 15-18-216, 15-18-217, 15-18-218, 15-18-411, 15-18-412, 15-18-413, 39-3-501, 85-7-2136, 85-7-2152, 85-7-2155, 85-7-2156, 85-7-2157, 85-7-2158, 85-7-2159, 85-7-2162, 85-7-2163, AND 85-8-601, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-16-305, 15-17-211, 15-17-213, 15-17-214, AND 15-17-321, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[House Bill No. 27](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE CLASSIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY BENEATH A RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND; PROVIDING THAT 1 ACRE OF REAL PROPERTY BENEATH A RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT IS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS FOUR PROPERTY AND VALUED AT MARKET VALUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-133, 15-6-134, 15-6-229, 15-6-305, 15-7-202, AND 15-7-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 28](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AS AGRICULTURAL FOR PROPERTY VALUATION PURPOSES; REVISING THE ANNUAL GROSS INCOME THAT MUST BE MARKETED FROM PARCELS OF LESS THAN 160 ACRES TO QUALIFY FOR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-133, 15-7-202, AND 15-7-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 29](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AS AGRICULTURAL FOR PROPERTY VALUATION PURPOSES; REQUIRING A PARCEL TO BE 1 ACRE OR MORE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR VALUATION AS AGRICULTURAL LAND; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-133, 15-7-202, AND 15-7-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 74](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS TO PROPERTY TAX LAWS ENACTED BY THE 64TH LEGISLATURE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-301, 15-6-302, 15-6-305, 15-6-311, AND 15-7-102, MCA.

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[House Bill No. 75](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AS AGRICULTURAL FOR PROPERTY VALUATION PURPOSES; REMOVING THE NONQUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY DESIGNATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-133, 15-6-134, 15-6-229, 15-6-305, 15-7-202, 15-7-206, AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 115](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO WHICH GUIDES MUST BE USED FOR VALUING AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 516](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT ALLOWING FOR A CIVIL ACTION TO COLLECT DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES; SPECIFYING WHO CAN BRING THE ACTION; ALLOWING FOR THE AWARDED OF ATTORNEY FEES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 558](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX RATES; ALLOWING FOR AN INCREASE OF THE ABATEMENT FOR NEW OR EXPANDING INDUSTRY; REPEALING THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND CARBON CAPTURE EQUIPMENT AND FOR THE REDUCTION IN VALUE FOR CARBON TRANSPORTATION AND SEQUESTRATION EQUIPMENT; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-1402, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 4 AND 7, CHAPTER 407, LAWS OF 2015; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 583](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT, CLASSIFICATION, AND VALUATION OF CERTAIN LAND THAT IS NOT USED AS FOREST LAND; REQUIRING ANY SEPARATION OF PROPERTY FROM FOREST LAND FOR OTHER PURPOSES TO BE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO USE; CLASSIFYING THE 1 ACRE BENEATH A RESIDENCE ON FOREST LAND AS CLASS FOUR PROPERTY THAT IS VALUED AT MARKET VALUE; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-134, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 606](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES; PROVIDING THAT MILLS BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDREDTH; AMENDING SECTION 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 615](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO REIMBURSE TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR TAXES THAT WOULD BE ASSESSED ON PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST FOR A MONTANA INDIAN TRIBE OR EXEMPT BECAUSE OF OWNERSHIP BY AN INDIAN TRIBE; SPECIFYING PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE REIMBURSEMENT IS REQUIRED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 620](#) – (H) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Not Passed -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX REVENUE; ENACTING A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX AND USE TAX; ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAX LEVY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS; REPLACING CERTAIN STATE MILL LEVIES WITH A STATE MILL LEVY ON CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL FUNDING; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CLOSE

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[House Bill No. 633](#) – (S) Died in Process -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INTERSTATE PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION IMPACT FEE; PROVIDING THAT THE IMPACT FEE MAY BE LEVIED SUBJECT TO AN IMPACT FEE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE FEE IS TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE IMPACT FEE IS A CREDIT TOWARD FUTURE PROPERTY TAXES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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[House Bill No. 640](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION; REPEALING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES; ENACTING A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX AND USE TAX; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ENTER INTO THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; ALLOWING VARIOUS SALES TAX AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS; ELIMINATING THE STATEWIDE 40-MILL LEVY FOR SCHOOL FUNDING; ELIMINATING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE FEES; PROVIDING FOR A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE OF \$50 FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-1312, 5-12-303, 7-14-1133, 7-14-1636, 7-21-3710, 7-34-2416, 10-1-1303, 15-1-101, 15-1-102, 15-1-110, 15-1-121, 15-1-205, 15-1-211, 15-1-216, 15-1-302, 15-1-503, 15-2-201, 15-6-224, 15-6-301, 15-7-102, 15-10-420, 15-16-101, 15-24-1402, 15-24-1410, 15-38-109, 15-39-110, 15-68-101, 15-68-102, 15-68-110, 15-68-201, 15-68-202, 15-68-207, 15-68-401, 15-68-402, 15-68-405, 15-68-501, 15-68-502, 15-68-505, 15-68-510, 15-68-520, 15-68-801, 15-68-815, 17-5-1102, 17-6-311, 17-6-316, 17-6-602, 17-7-111, 17-7-502, 19-2-303, 19-2-1004, 19-17-407, 19-18-612, 19-19-504, 19-20-101, 19-20-706, 19-21-212, 19-50-101, 20-9-543, 20-25-503, 20-25-504, 25-13-402, 27-1-732, 30-20-204, 32-3-401, 33-22-2002, 33-22-2004, 33-22-2005, 33-22-2006, 33-22-2007, 33-22-2008, 33-22-2009, 33-27-101, 33-27-102, 33-27-103, 35-1-944, 35-2-1401, 37-4-104, 45-6-301, 47-1-111, 50-5-117, 53-2-211, 53-4-1103, 53-6-1201, 53-6-1317, 61-3-321, 61-3-562, 61-6-158, 67-11-303, 70-9-803, 75-2-103, 75-5-103, 75-25-101, 87-2-102, 87-2-105, 87-5-121, 90-4-602, 90-4-1005, AND 90-4-1202, MCA; 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[Senate Bill No. 10](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REPEALING THE REFUNDABLE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR STATEWIDE EQUALIZATION PROPERTY TAX LEVIES ON A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE; AND REPEALING SECTION 15-30-2336, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 85](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT SUBMITTING A 6-MILL LEVY FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO THE ELECTORATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 132](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REPEALING THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND CARBON CAPTURE EQUIPMENT AND FOR THE REDUCTION IN VALUE FOR CARBON TRANSPORTATION AND SEQUESTRATION EQUIPMENT; REPEALING SECTIONS 4 AND 7, CHAPTER 407, LAWS OF 2015.

[Senate Bill No. 180](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT CLARIFYING WHICH AIRLINES ARE REGULARLY SCHEDULED AIRLINES FOR PURPOSES OF CENTRAL ASSESSMENT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-23-401 AND 15-23-403, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 181](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAX RATES; REVISING THE TAX RATE FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY AND CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF REVALUATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-133 AND 15-6-134, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 327](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO THE COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT FUND AND THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-123 AND 15-6-138, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 349](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CITY OR COUNTY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LAND ON OR ADJACENT TO INDIAN RESERVATIONS; PROVIDING FOR EMPOWERMENT ZONES ON OR ADJACENT TO INDIAN RESERVATIONS BASED ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT DETERMINATIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 7-21-3703, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 359](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROPERTY TAXATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS AND RELATED PROPERTY; CREATING A CLASS SEVENTEEN PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR

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LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS AND CENTRAL ASSESSMENT OF DEDICATED COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING A REDUCED TAX RATE FOR DEDICATED COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A 15-YEAR PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR NEW OR EXPANDING INDUSTRY PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-156, 15-23-101, AND 15-24-1401, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill No. 56](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE VALUATION OF CERTAIN CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-7-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 156](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND CARBON CAPTURE EQUIPMENT FROM PROPERTY TAXATION AND REDUCING PROPERTY TAXES FOR CARBON TRANSPORTATION AND SEQUESTRATION EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF CARBON SEQUESTRATION EQUIPMENT; ALLOWING A CARRYFORWARD OF AN EXEMPTION OR RATE REDUCTION AFTER TAX YEAR 2025 FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING PROPERTY; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-135, 15-6-158, AND 15-6-219, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 169](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE TAXATION OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME; CREATING A TAX CREDIT FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES PAID FOR TAX YEAR 2016; DECREASING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES LEVIED BY A TOTAL OF 5% FOR TAX YEARS 2015 AND 2016; PROVIDING THAT THE DECREASE DOES NOT APPLY IN A TAX YEAR WITH A PROJECTED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DEFICIT; AMENDING SECTION 15-30-2103, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, APPLICABILITY DATES, AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 201](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REDUCING THE STATE EQUALIZATION AID LEVY; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-360, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 213](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO THE COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT FUND AND THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-123 AND 15-6-138, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 323](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE TAXATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT; MOVING AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT FROM CLASS FIVE TO CLASS EIGHT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-135 AND 15-6-138, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill No. 361](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT CREATING AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES PAID; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 368](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT LIMITING THE DURATION OF VOTER-APPROVED PROPERTY TAX LEVIES; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FOR LEVIES THAT ARE UTILIZED FOR BONDING AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER LOANS; AMENDING SECTION 15-10-425, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 389](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REQUIRING PERIODIC REAPPLICATION BY AN OWNER OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES; REQUIRING A PUBLIC LISTING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION; ESTABLISHING A DUTY FOR AN OWNER OF TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY TO REPORT A CHANGE IN USE; ESTABLISHING A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ESTABLISH A FEE TO OFFSET REVIEW COSTS; WAIVING THE FEE FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-16-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 471](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT ALLOWED FOR ENTITIES THAT IMPOSE MILL LEVIES; ALLOWING AN INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF INFLATION FOR THE PRIOR 3 YEARS; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-10-420, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 17](#) – (S) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Pass As Amended Motion Failed -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; REMOVING PROVISIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CAN CHANGE THE CAPITALIZATION RATE, BASE WATER COST, BASE PERIOD, AND AVERAGING METHOD ONLY WITH A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; REQUIRING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATORS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS NONVOTING MEMBERS; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-7-201, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 24](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING CONDOMINIUM, TOWNHOME, AND TOWNHOUSE LAWS; PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FROM REQUIRING A PERCENTAGE OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT REQUIRED BY THE CONDOMINIUM'S DECLARATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF CONDOMINIUMS TO TOWNHOMES OR TOWNHOUSES; REQUIRING A DECLARATION TO STATE THE APPORTIONED SIZE OF THE TOTAL ORIGINAL PARCEL; REQUIRING A DECLARATION TO STATE THE PERCENTAGE OF OWNERS ALLOWED TO AMEND THE DECLARATION IF LESS THAN 100%; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-8-111 AND 70-23-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 54](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE REALTY TRANSFER ACT; PROVIDING TAXPAYERS WITH ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL SALES PRICE INFORMATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102 AND 15-7-308, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 156](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING TAX PROTEST LAWS RELATED TO CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT THE STATE SHARE OF PROTESTED PROPERTY TAXES MAY NOT BE ACCESSED BEFORE THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROTEST; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-402 AND 15-1-409, MCA.

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[Senate Bill No. 157](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROPERTY TAX LAWS; REVISING THE PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL PROCESS AND THE TAXATION OF PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A 2-YEAR REAPPRAISAL CYCLE FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; REVISING PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING FOR DISABLED VETERANS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-122, 5-2-301, 15-1-101, 15-2-301, 15-6-133, 15-6-134, 15-6-138, 15-6-143, 15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-7-131, 15-7-139, 15-7-201, 15-8-111, 15-10-420, 15-15-102, 15-15-103, 15-16-101, 15-16-102, 15-24-3202, 15-24-3203, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-6-193, 15-6-211, 15-6-222, 15-24-2101, 15-24-2102, AND 15-24-2103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 394](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION AND UNIT VALUATION METHODOLOGY; EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY"; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM A CENTRALLY ASSESSED TAXPAYER'S UNIT VALUATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-218, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill No. 35](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT CERTAIN CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENTS ARE BASED ON CORPORATION LICENSE TAX COLLECTIONS RATHER THAN CORPORATION INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-138, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 111](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REPEALING THE TAXABLE VALUE DECREASE FOR EXPANDING INDUSTRIES THAT PROCESS MONTANA RAW MATERIALS OR USE MONTANA SEMIFINISHED PRODUCTS IN MANUFACTURING; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-24-2401, 15-24-2402, 15-24-2403, 15-24-2404, AND 15-24-2405, MCA.

[House Bill No. 121](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN PARCELS OF GROWING TIMBER TO QUALIFY AS AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-143 AND 15-7-202, MCA.

[House Bill No. 152](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING DEADLINES FOR GOVERNING BODIES TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE VARIOUS PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS AND PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING DEADLINES FOR GOVERNING BODIES TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS, NOTICE PUBLIC MEETINGS, CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ISSUE DECISIONS; PROVIDING THAT AN APPLICANT MAY APPEAL TO DISTRICT COURT FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS IF A GOVERNING BODY DOES NOT MAKE A TIMELY DECISION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-24-1402, 15-24-1501, 15-24-1502, 15-24-1603, 15-24-1605, 15-24-1802, 15-24-1902, AND 15-24-2002, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 192](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING MOBILE HOME TAX LAWS; REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OR CANCELLATION OF TAXES PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IN A MOBILE HOME OR HOUSETRAILER; ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CANCEL

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DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON A MOBILE HOME OR HOUSETRAILER TO BE MOVED FOR THE PURPOSES OF DESTRUCTION OR RECYCLING; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 195](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT CLASSIFYING CERTAIN PARCELS OF GROWING TIMBER AS CLASS TEN PROPERTY FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-6-143, MCA.

[House Bill No. 230](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION; REDUCING THE STATE EQUALIZATION AID LEVY; AMENDING 20-9-360, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 332](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REDUCING THE TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT OWNED BY A TAXPAYER BY INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION THRESHOLD; CHANGING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; PROHIBITING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY FROM BEING SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE EXEMPTION IS EXCEEDED; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-123, 15-6-138, AND 15-8-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 361](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING A REFUND OF UP TO \$400 OF 2012 MONTANA PROPERTY TAXES PAID BY A TAXPAYER ON A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNED AND OCCUPIED FOR AT LEAST 7 MONTHS DURING 2012 AND OF CERTAIN 2011 AND 2010 MONTANA PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING THE PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING ENTITLEMENT TO THE REFUND AND THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE ENTITLEMENT MUST BE ESTABLISHED; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 373](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE CALCULATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, AND VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS; AMENDING SECTION 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 408](#) – Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT REDUCING THE TAX RATE FOR CERTAIN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

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INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS FIVE REVENUE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121, 15-6-135, 20-9-501, AND 20-10-146, MCA.

[House Bill No. 472](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REDUCING CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAXES BY INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING THAT THE EXEMPTION APPLIES TO CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY THAT EXCEEDS THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-123 AND 15-6-138, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 593](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT IS CONSIDERED IN THE CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISAL OF AGRICULTURAL LAND OR FOREST LAND FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES; REQUIRING THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE METHODS FOR ADJUSTING PRODUCTIVITY VALUES; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-103 AND 15-7-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 624](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN UNDEVELOPED RECREATIONAL LAND MUST BE VALUED IN THE SAME MANNER AS NONQUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL LAND; INCREASING THE TAXABLE VALUE OF CERTAIN UNDEVELOPED RECREATIONAL LAND BY SEVEN TIMES THE TAXABLE PERCENTAGE RATE FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND; DEFINING "UNDEVELOPED RECREATIONAL LAND"; PROVIDING THAT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE MILLS MAY REQUEST A REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF AGRICULTURAL LAND SHOULD BE VALUED AS NONQUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL LAND; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-101, 15-6-133, AND 15-7-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 4](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ONE 2-YEAR REVALUATION CYCLE BEGINNING IN 2015 TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL REVALUATION THEREAFTER FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL LAND, CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND CLASS TEN FOREST LAND FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; CLARIFYING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOREST LAND TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE NEW REAPPRAISAL PROCESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-222, 15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-7-131, 15-7-139, 15-7-201, 15-8-111, 15-10-420, 15-15-102, 15-16-101, 15-24-3202, 15-24-3203, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-193, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[Senate Bill No. 96](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REDUCING THE TAX RATE FOR A PORTION OF THE TAXABLE MARKET VALUE OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT OWNED BY A TAXPAYER; INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING THAT THE EXEMPTION APPLIES TO CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY THAT EXCEEDS THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT; CHANGING CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; REMOVING A CONTINGENCY REGARDING FUTURE TAX REDUCTIONS BASED ON INCREASES IN

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STATE COLLECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND CORPORATION LICENSE TAX; PROVIDING A PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; PROVIDING CONTINGENT INCREASES AND DECREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-123, 15-6-138, 15-6-141, AND 15-23-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 138](#) – Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT EXTENDING CLASS FOURTEEN PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION TO ALL FUTURE ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND FUEL AND GAS PRODUCTION FACILITIES; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-137, 15-6-141, 15-6-156, 15-6-157, 75-20-104, AND 75-20-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 240](#) – Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT FROM PROPERTY TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-135 AND 15-6-219, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 382](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL FINANCE LAWS BY EQUALIZING MILL LEVIES FOR K-12 EDUCATION; INCREASING THE STATE EQUALIZATION AID LEVY; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-9-306, 20-9-360, AND 20-9-366, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[Senate Bill No. 398](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION PROCESS AND THE TAXATION OF PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A 2-YEAR REVALUATION CYCLE BEGINNING IN 2015 FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL LAND, CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, AND CLASS TEN FOREST LAND; DEFINING "MARKET VALUE" AND "TAXABLE VALUE"; PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT REVIEW DURING THE BIENNIAL CYCLE; CLARIFYING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOREST LAND TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE NEW REAPPRAISAL PROCESS; PROVIDING FIXED CAPITALIZATION RATES SUBJECT TO INCREASES BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOREST LAND TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-101, 15-6-133, 15-6-134, 15-6-211, 15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-7-131, 15-7-139, 15-7-201, 15-7-202, 15-8-111, 15-15-102, 15-16-101, 15-24-3202, 15-24-3203, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-6-193 AND 15-6-222, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE.

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[House Bill No. 16](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ALLOWING FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATES FOR CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-7-308, MCA.

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[House Bill No. 46](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT CLARIFYING THE VALIDITY OF DEEDS; PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FROM REQUIRING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OR FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ON REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATES; REMOVING OUTDATED PROVISIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-7-305, MCA.

[House Bill No. 132](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT SIMPLIFYING CLASSIFICATION AND REPORTING OF VALUES ASSIGNED TO TAXABLE PROPERTY; UPDATING THE DEFINITION OF "ANIMAL UNIT MONTHS" TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT GRAZING PRACTICES; ELIMINATING OBSOLETE LANGUAGE RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST LAND; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-101, 15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-139, 15-7-201, AND 15-44-103, MCA.

[House Bill No. 308](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX VALUATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNED BY INDIVIDUALS TO BE BASED ON ACQUISITION VALUE; LIMITING VALUATION INCREASES TO 2% OR THE RATE OF INFLATION, WHICHEVER IS LESS; PROVIDING THAT RESIDENTS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY CARRY FORWARD THE VALUATION OF THEIR PRIOR RESIDENCE TO A NEW RESIDENCE; PROVIDING A LIMIT ON THE VALUATION ON RESIDENCES OF FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS; REQUIRING THAT VALUATIONS DECREASE WHEN PROPERTY VALUES DECREASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 325](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REPEALING THE TAX ON CERTAIN BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; EXEMPTING FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAT PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED AS CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY; ADJUSTING THE APPROPRIATE TAXABLE VALUE DETERMINATION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-6-141, 15-6-156, 15-6-158, 15-6-202, 15-6-207, 15-6-219, 15-6-228, 15-8-301, 15-23-101, 15-24-301, 15-24-303, 15-24-2101, 15-24-2102, 15-24-3001, AND 76-6-109, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-1-112, 15-6-138, 15-6-220, 15-24-2401, 15-24-2402, 15-24-2403, 15-24-2404, AND 15-24-2405, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 333](#) – Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO INCLUDE SALES OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN SOLD BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT OF MORTGAGE WHEN USING THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD OF DETERMINING MARKET VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUDING THE SALES IN THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-307 AND 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 340](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL REAPPRAISAL OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOREST LAND BEGINNING IN 2016; PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF CLASS FOUR PROPERTY IS REAPPRAISED EACH YEAR; PROVIDING THAT THE VALUE OF CLASS FOUR PROPERTY THAT IS NOT REAPPRAISED IN A YEAR IS ADJUSTED BY USING STANDARD MARKET MODELING, INCOME, OR COST METHODS TO ESTIMATE CURRENT YEAR MARKET VALUE FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES; CLARIFYING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS; REVISING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-222,

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15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-7-131, 15-7-139, 15-7-201, 15-8-111, 15-10-420, 15-15-102, 15-16-101, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-193, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[House Bill No. 353](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN CLASS FOURTEEN PROPERTY AS CLASS NINE PROPERTY FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES; ELIMINATING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN TRANSMISSION LINES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-157 AND 15-24-3111, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 460](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ESTABLISH BY RULE A METHOD FOR VALUING TOWNHOUSES; DEFINING "TOWNHOUSE" AND "TOWNHOME"; PROVIDING THAT THE UNIT OWNERSHIP ACT MAY APPLY TO TOWNHOUSES; CONFORMING PROVISIONS OF THE UNIT OWNERSHIP ACT WITH THE DEFINITIONS OF "TOWNHOUSE" AND "TOWNHOME"; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-8-111, 70-23-102, 70-23-103, 70-23-301, AND 76-3-203, MCA; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 595](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE REAPPRAISAL OF CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL LAND, CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND CLASS TEN FOREST LAND FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; REQUIRING THAT THE PERIODIC REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY CLASSES THREE, FOUR, AND TEN BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, 2014; DELAYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REAPPRAISAL VALUES FOR THE REAPPRAISAL COMPLETED JANUARY 1, 2014; PROVIDING THAT CLASS FOUR PROPERTY BE REAPPRAISED EVERY 2 YEARS; DELAYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REAPPRAISAL VALUES FOR CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING MEETING SCHEDULES FOR THE FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO REPORT TO THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON THE RESULTS OF THE REAPPRAISAL CYCLE COMPLETED JANUARY 1, 2014, AND ON THE RESULTS OF THE REAPPRAISAL OF CLASS FOUR PROPERTY IN SUCCEEDING YEARS; REQUIRING THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO THE 64TH LEGISLATURE PROPERTY TAX MITIGATION MEASURES FOR TAX YEAR 2015; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-222, 15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-7-131, , 15-7-206, 15-8-111, 15-15-102, 15-16-101, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-193, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[House Bill No. 616](#) – Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT CREATING AN AGRICULTURAL LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ON IMPROVING THE VALUATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND; DIRECTING THE AGRICULTURAL LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REPORT TO THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE; REQUIRING THAT THE AGRICULTURAL LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE VALUATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND; AMENDING SECTION 15-7-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 641](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW OF TAX EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT CERTAIN TAX EXPENDITURES IN THE BIENNIAL REPORT AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; ALLOWING A FEE FOR PUBLISHING COSTS OF THE BIENNIAL REPORT; ENCOURAGING A STATEMENT

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OF PURPOSE IN TAX EXPENDITURE LEGISLATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 12](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REPEALING AN OBSOLETE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXING JURISDICTIONS; REPEALING SECTION 15-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 22](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ALLOWING FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATES FOR CLASS FOUR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-7-308, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 75](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE OFFICE HOURS; AMENDING SECTION 2-16-117, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 98](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ALLOWING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR NONPRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LAND; REQUIRING AN APPLICATION FOR THE EXEMPTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 172](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT CLASSIFYING CERTAIN ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES AS CLASS FOURTEEN PROPERTY; EXEMPTING CLASS FOURTEEN ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE MAJOR FACILITY SITING ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-137, 15-6-141, 15-6-156, 15-6-157, 75-20-104, AND 75-20-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 219](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO ACCESS TO PROTESTED PROPERTY TAXES; REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ELECTION ON WHETHER TO WAIVE THE DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF THE PROTESTED TAXES UPON SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX PROTEST; PROVIDING THAT THE ELECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY THAT IS ASSESSED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT; ALLOWING LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS TO ACCESS PROTESTED TAXES OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY; REVISING THE CALCULATION OF GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID FOR A DISTRICT THAT ELECTS TO WAIVE ITS RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROTESTED TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-402, 15-1-409, AND 20-9-366, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[Senate Bill No. 248](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT A COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OVER THREE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT IN COUNTIES WITH BOARDS OF MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS, ONLY THREE OF THE MEMBERS HEAR EACH APPEAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-15-101, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 274](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT A COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OVER THREE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT IN COUNTIES WITH BOARDS OF MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS, ONLY THREE OF THE MEMBERS HEAR EACH APPEAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-15-101, MCA.

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[Senate Bill No. 281](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee-- AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY A TAX, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN A HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR A COUNTY HEALTH CARE FACILITY; AMENDING SECTION 7-6-2512, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 295](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE MANNER OF APPRAISING CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; ALLOWING ANNUAL INFORMAL REVIEWS OF CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISAL FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, AND FOREST PROPERTY; REQUIRING CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO AN OBJECTOR FOR USE IN INFORMAL REVIEWS; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF PROPERTY THROUGH AN INFORMAL REVIEW EXCEPT DUE TO A PHYSICAL CHANGE IN A PROPERTY OR A MISTAKE IN A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING THAT THE CONSIDERATION PAID ON A MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE MUST BE DISCLOSED IN A REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE; REQUIRING THE USE OF THE UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL PRACTICE; REQUIRING THAT ERRONEOUS CALCULATION ERRORS MUST BE CORRECTED FOR ALL AFFECTED PROPERTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-7-307, 15-8-111, AND 15-8-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 299](#) – Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE OWNERSHIP OF THE CHANNEL AND FORMER CHANNEL OF A NAVIGABLE RIVER OR STREAM; PROVIDING THAT A FORMER CHANNEL IS OWNED BY THE ADJACENT LANDOWNER AND THE LAND UNDER THE NEW CHANNEL IS OWNED BY THE STATE; DEFINING THE TERM "NAVIGABLE"; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-102, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 70-18-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 372](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REDUCING THE TAXATION FOR A PORTION OF THE TAXABLE MARKET VALUE OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT OWNED BY A TAXPAYER; PROVIDING FUTURE TAX REDUCTIONS CONTINGENT ON INCREASES IN STATE COLLECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND CORPORATION LICENSE TAX; CHANGING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; PROVIDING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121, 15-6-138, 15-6-141, 15-10-420, 15-23-101, 17-7-502, 20-9-501, 20-9-630, AND 20-10-146, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 392](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATED TO THE TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT; INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AGGREGATE TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS; PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF TAXABLE VALUE IN TAX YEAR 2012; PROVIDING A GROWTH PROXY FOR TAXABLE VALUE RELATED TO COUNTY CLASSIFICATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDING DEBT LIMITS; USING THE GROWTH PROXY FOR MARKET VALUE RELATED TO OTHER BONDING DEBT LIMITS; PROHIBITING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY FROM BEING SEPARATED INTO

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DIFFERENT BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE AGGREGATE EXEMPTION AMOUNT IS EXCEEDED; LIMITING DISCLOSURE OF TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OBTAINED IN ADMINISTERING THE EXEMPTION THRESHOLD; PROVIDING THAT THE INCREASE IN THE AGGREGATE EXEMPTION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY DOES NOT OCCUR IF AN APPROPRIATION IS NOT ENACTED; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-6-138, AND 20-9-406, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 395](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT EXTENDING CLASS FOURTEEN PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION TO ALL FUTURE ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND FUEL AND GAS PRODUCTION FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-137, 15-6-141, 15-6-156, 15-6-157, 15-24-3001, 75-20-104, 75-20-201, 75-20-207, 75-20-208, 75-20-211, 75-20-301, 75-20-303, 75-20-304, AND 75-20-1202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 407](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT LIMITING ANNUAL INCREASES IN THE VALUATION OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY THAT IS ANNUALLY ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO 1% TO FACILITATE POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE VALUATION PROCESS FOR CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FOR NEW PROPERTY AND PROPERTY OF MERGED OR ACQUIRED COMPANIES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-8-111 AND 15-23-101, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 428](#) – (S) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL FINANCE LAWS BY EQUALIZING MILL LEVIES; ELIMINATING THE SPECIFIC COUNTY MILL LEVIES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND RETIREMENT; INCREASING THE MILL LEVIES FOR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL EQUALIZATION AID; PROVIDING FOR STATE REIMBURSEMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FOR RETIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR A STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS; ELIMINATING SCHOOL DISTRICT BLOCK GRANTS AND CERTAIN GUARANTEED TAX BASE DISTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-112, 15-24-1802, 15-24-1902, 15-24-2002, 17-3-213, 20-3-106, 20-3-205, 20-3-209, 20-3-324, 20-6-326, 20-6-702, 20-7-102, 20-9-104, 20-9-141, 20-9-212, 20-9-306, 20-9-308, 20-9-331, 20-9-332, 20-9-333, 20-9-335, 20-9-343, 20-9-344, 20-9-346, 20-9-347, 20-9-348, 20-9-351, 20-9-361, 20-9-366, 20-9-367, 20-9-369, 20-9-406, 20-9-501, 20-9-502, 20-9-506, 20-9-515, 20-10-104, 20-10-141, 20-10-142, 20-10-143, 20-10-144, 20-10-145, 20-10-147, 69-11-202, 90-6-309, AND 90-6-403, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 20-9-368, 20-9-630, AND 20-10-146, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill No. 113](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING NEW BUSINESS PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES; CREATING PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES FOR NEW AND EXPANDING BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROPERTY; ALLOWING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX ABATEMENTS FOR NEW AND EXPANDING BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROPERTY; REMOVING NEW INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY FROM CLASS FIVE PROPERTY; ELIMINATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITY; RESTRICTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY; ELIMINATING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE FOR VALUE-ADDED MANUFACTURING; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-2-302, 15-6-134, 15-6-135, 15-10-420, 15-24-1401, 20-1-208, AND 20-15-404, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-6-192, 15-24-2401, 15-24-2402, 15-24-2403, 15-24-2404, 15-24-2405,

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AND 20-9-407, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 240](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND RELATED LAWS; REDUCING THE TAX RATE ON CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT; INCREASING THE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION TO THE FIRST \$100,000 OF MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY; EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY WITH A MARKET VALUE OF LESS THAN \$100; PROHIBITING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY FROM BEING SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE \$100,000 EXEMPTION IS EXCEEDED; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF EXEMPT CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY BY LOCATION; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT; CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BLOCK GRANTS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION AND STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-1-121, 15-6-138, 15-6-219, 15-8-301, 15-10-420, 17-7-502, 20-9-406, 20-9-407, AND 20-9-630, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[House Bill No. 249](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS THAT ARE GRANTED IN PERPETUITY ARE TAXABLE CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED IN PERPETUITY ARE TAXABLE EVEN IF OWNED BY THE STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES, WHETHER OR NOT OPERATED FOR PROFIT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-201, AND 76-6-208, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 487](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT FARM IMPLEMENTS OR CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT THAT IS RENTED UNDER A PURCHASE INCENTIVE RENTAL PROGRAM IS CONSIDERED BUSINESS INVENTORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING THAT PROPERTY MUST MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO QUALIFY AS PURCHASE INCENTIVE RENTAL PROGRAM PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-138, 15-6-202, AND 15-24-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 562](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT ALLOWING A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PENDING PROPERTY TAX PROTESTS TO WAIVE THE DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF THE PROTESTED TAXES UPON SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX PROTEST; PROVIDING THAT A DISTRICT THAT HAS WAIVED ITS RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF PROTESTED PROPERTY TAXES WILL HAVE ITS GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID DETERMINED ON PROPERTY VALUE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE VALUE OF THE PROTESTED PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 642](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT AMENDING CLASS NINE PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS TO CONFIRM THAT ALLOCATIONS OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES, OIL PIPELINES, CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINES, LIQUID PIPELINES, AND PRODUCT PIPELINES

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REMAIN AS CLASS NINE PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-141, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 649](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND REVISING RELATED LAWS; INCREASING THE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION THRESHOLD TO \$150,000 OF MARKET VALUE; PROHIBITING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY FROM BEING SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE \$150,000 THRESHOLD IS EXCEEDED; LIMITING DISCLOSURE OF TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OBTAINED IN ADMINISTERING THE EXEMPTION THRESHOLD; PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS, AND THE 6-MILL UNIVERSITY LEVY FOR LOSS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; REVISING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT; REVISING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BLOCK GRANTS; PROVIDING THAT THE INCREASE IN THE EXEMPTION THRESHOLD OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY DOES NOT OCCUR IF CERTAIN LEGISLATION IS NOT ENACTED; REPEALING AN OBSOLETE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXING JURISDICTIONS; PROVIDING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-1-121, 15-6-138, 15-10-420, 17-7-502, 20-9-406, 20-9-407, AND 20-9-630, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 658](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAX LAWS; MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF PROPERTY TAX REAPPRAISAL; PHASING IN CHANGES TO THE TAX RATES FOR CLASS THREE AND FOUR PROPERTY; PHASING IN CHANGES TO THE TAX RATES OF CLASS TEN PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING EXEMPTION RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; REVISING THE LOW-INCOME PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; REVISING THE EXTENDED PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; CHANGING THE WAY THE VALUE OF CERTAIN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PROPERTY IS DETERMINED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MILL LEVY AUTHORITY; REVISING THE METHOD FOR VALUING AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY BY INCREASING WATER LABOR COSTS FOR IRRIGATED LAND AND PROVIDING THAT ALFALFA HAY ADJUSTED TO 80 PERCENT OF THE SALES PRICE IS THE BASE CROP FOR NONIRRIGATED LAND; REVISING THE DETERMINATION OF THE CAPITALIZATION RATE FOR THE VALUATION OF FOREST LANDS; ESTABLISHING A FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN ITS DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF FOREST LANDS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE; REQUIRING NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ON CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISAL NOTICES AND PROPERTY TAX BILLS; EXTENDING APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE LOW-INCOME PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE DISABLED OR DECEASED VETERANS' RESIDENCE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM; CHANGING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; REQUESTING THAT THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE REVIEW PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE TO TAXPAYERS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4285, 15-6-134, 15-6-143, 15-6-193, 15-6-222, 15-7-102, 15-7-111, 15-7-201, 15-10-420, 15-16-101, AND 15-44-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 663](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION; MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF PROPERTY TAX REAPPRAISAL; PHASING IN CHANGES TO THE TAX RATES OF CLASS FOUR AND CLASS TEN PROPERTY; INCREASING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING EXEMPTION RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; INCREASING THE ELIGIBILITY INCOME REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFIT AMOUNTS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY; ESTABLISHING A FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN ITS DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF FOREST LANDS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-143, 15-6-193, 15-6-222, 15-7-111, 15-30-171, 15-30-172, 15-30-176, AND 15-44-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 666](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING PROPERTY TAXATION; ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX CIRCUIT BREAKER INCOME TAX CREDIT BASED UPON A PROPERTY TAXPAYER'S INCOME AND PROPERTY TAXES PAID; PROVIDING AN INCREASED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ELDERLY PROPERTY TAXPAYERS WITH CERTAIN INCOME QUALIFICATIONS; PROVIDING AN INCREASED PROPERTY TAX INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS; CHANGING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; INCREASING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXTENDED PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PHASING OUT THE EXEMPTION FACTORS FOR CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND CLASS FOUR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; REQUIRING CYCLICAL REAPPRAISAL ON CLASS THREE, FOUR, AND TEN PROPERTIES DONE ON A 4-YEAR CYCLE; ELIMINATING THE LOW-INCOME PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND REPEALING THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL GROSS INCOME NECESSARY TO QUALIFY LAND FOR VALUATION AS AGRICULTURAL; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE ON SALES ASSESSMENT RATIOS TO MONITOR TRENDS IN PROPERTY VALUATION; REVISING THE METHOD FOR VALUING AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY BY INCREASING WATER LABOR COSTS FOR IRRIGATED LAND AND CLARIFYING THAT SPRING WHEAT FROM SUMMER FALLOW FARMLAND IS THE BASE CROP FOR NONIRRIGATED LAND; ESTABLISHING A FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN ITS DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF FOREST LANDS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-122, 5-2-301, 15-6-134, 15-6-193, 15-6-222, 15-7-111, 15-7-201, 15-7-202, 15-10-420, 15-16-102, 15-44-103, 47-1-111, 53-4-1103, AND 53-6-1001, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-6-191, 15-30-171, 15-30-172, 15-30-173, 15-30-174, 15-30-175, 15-30-176, 15-30-177, 15-30-178, AND 15-30-179, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 668](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE METHODS USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO VALUE RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION PROPERTY FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-8-111, 15-23-204, AND 15-23-205, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-23-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 670](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL DISTRICT DISCRETION TO ABATE PROPERTY TAXES ON CERTAIN COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO FACILITATE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS USING THE PROPERTY; REQUIRING JOINT APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT BY AFFECTED GOVERNING BODIES; PROVIDING FOR THE RECAPTURE OF THE TAX BENEFIT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134 AND 15-6-138, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

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[House Bill No. 672](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION LIMITING ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASES ON OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCES TO THE LESSER OF 3 PERCENT OR THE RATE OF INFLATION; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 673](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF PROPERTY TAX REAPPRAISAL; PHASING IN CHANGES TO THE TAX RATES OF CLASS FOUR AND CLASS TEN PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING EXEMPTION RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CLASS FOUR PROPERTY; REVISING THE METHOD FOR VALUING AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY BY INCREASING WATER LABOR COSTS FOR IRRIGATED LAND AND PROVIDING THAT SPRING WHEAT FROM SUMMER FALLOW LAND IS THE BASE CROP FOR IRRIGATED LAND; INCREASING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR ELIGIBILITY OF SMALL PARCELS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR VALUATION AS AGRICULTURAL; ESTABLISHING A FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN ITS DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF FOREST LANDS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-143, 15-6-193, 15-6-222, 15-7-111, 15-7-201, 15-7-202, AND 15-44-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 675](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY EDUCATION TRUST FUND TO SUPPLANT STATEWIDE SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES; PROVIDING THAT THE TRUST FUND RECEIVES REVENUE FROM ABOLISHING OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX HOLIDAYS AND A PORTION OF THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX; PROVIDING FOR A DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTIES OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX REVENUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-10-420, 15-36-303, 15-35-108, 15-36-304, 15-36-331, 15-36-332, 20-9-308, 20-9-331, 20-9-333, AND 20-9-360, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 78](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT CLARIFYING THE MILL LEVY LIMIT FOR SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 76-15-515, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 198](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT CLASSIFYING CERTAIN BIOMASS GENERATION FACILITIES UP TO 25 MEGAWATTS IN NAMEPLATE CAPACITY AS CLASS FOURTEEN PROPERTY; INCLUDING CLASS FOURTEEN BIOMASS GENERATION FACILITIES WITH WIND GENERATION FACILITIES RELATING TO CERTAIN TRANSMISSION LINES AS FACILITIES UNDER THE MAJOR FACILITY SITING ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-137, 15-6-141, 15-6-156, 15-6-157, AND 75-20-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 274](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES TO BE BASED ON PRODUCTIVE OR ACQUISITION VALUE; LIMITING VALUATION INCREASES TO 2 PERCENT OR THE RATE OF INFLATION, WHICHEVER IS LESS; PROVIDING THAT RESIDENTS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY CARRY FORWARD THE VALUATION OF THEIR PRIOR RESIDENCE TO A NEW RESIDENCE; PROVIDING A LIMIT ON THE VALUATION ON RESIDENCES OF FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS; REQUIRING THAT VALUATIONS DECREASE WHEN PROPERTY VALUES DECREASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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[Senate Bill No. 315](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND RELATED LAWS; INCREASING THE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION TO THE FIRST \$200,000 OR LESS OF MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY; PROHIBITING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY FROM BEING SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE \$200,000 EXEMPTION IS EXCEEDED; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF EXEMPT CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY BY LOCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF REIMBURSABLE AMOUNTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS, AND THE 6-MILL UNIVERSITY LEVY; PROVIDING THAT THE INCREASE IN THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY DOES NOT OCCUR IF CERTAIN LEGISLATION IS NOT ENACTED; REPEALING AN OBSOLETE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXING JURISDICTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-6-138, 15-6-219, 15-8-301, 15-10-420, 20-9-406, AND 20-9-407, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 362](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT COUNTY TREASURERS MUST REMIT PROTESTED PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ON CERTAIN CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 455](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ALLOWING A TAXPAYER TO DEFER PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES ON THE TAXPAYER'S RESIDENCE; PROVIDING THAT INTEREST AND PENALTY DO NOT ACCRUE WHILE THE PROPERTY TAXES ARE DEFERRED; PROVIDING THAT A DEFERMENT IS TERMINATED UPON CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT THE UNPAID TAXES ARE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY BUT THE PROPERTY MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO TAX PROCEEDINGS UNTIL THE DEFERMENT IS TERMINATED; ALLOWING REPAYMENT OF DEFERRED PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT DEFERMENT; AMENDING SECTION 15-16-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 465](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE LAWS RELATED TO THE TREATMENT OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF THE BED OF NAVIGABLE RIVERS AND STREAMS; PROVIDING FOR A REDUCTION FROM GRAZING LAND BEFORE A REDUCTION FROM CURRENT LAND USE FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; PROVIDING THAT IN A DISPUTE OVER THE OWNERSHIP OF THE BED OF A RIVER OR STREAM A PRESUMPTION MAY NOT BE MADE BASED UPON THE TAX STATUS OF THE PROPERTY; CLARIFYING THE OWNERSHIP OF STRUCTURES; CLARIFYING THE ABILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-8-371, 77-1-111, 77-1-126, 77-1-127, 77-1-806, 77-1-809, 77-3-442, 77-6-113, 77-6-115, 77-6-302, 77-6-303, AND 77-6-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 477](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GIVING SCHOOL DISTRICTS PERMISSIVE LEVY AUTHORITY IN THE OVER-BASE PORTION OF THEIR GENERAL FUND BUDGETS; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-9-353, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 490](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND REVISING RELATED LAWS; INCREASING THE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION TO THE FIRST \$20,000 OR LESS AND ONE-THIRD OF THE MARKET VALUE BETWEEN

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\$20,000 AND \$5 MILLION OF MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY; PROHIBITING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY FROM BEING SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE EXEMPTION IS EXCEEDED; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF EXEMPT CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY BY LOCATION; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; PROVIDING THAT THE REIMBURSEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATION; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BLOCK GRANTS; REPEALING AN OBSOLETE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXING JURISDICTIONS; PROVIDING THAT THE INCREASE IN THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY DOES NOT OCCUR IF CERTAIN LEGISLATION IS NOT ENACTED; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-6-138, 15-6-219, 15-8-301, 15-10-420, 20-9-406, 20-9-407, AND 20-9-630, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 491](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR GROUP BENEFIT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION LAW; PROVIDING A TRANSITION PROVISION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-9-212, 2-18-703, AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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