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Bill Draft Requests for SAVA's Consideration
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Priority No.	Short Title	Summary/Rationale	Statutes to be Amended	Fiscal Impact? Yes/No
1	Ethics – Confidentiality	Tschida v Motl - United States Court of Appeals 9th Circuit #18-35115 - the public employee confidentiality provision of the Montana Code of Ethics is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest. It does not survive strict scrutiny and is facially unconstitutional. This bill would clarify current code to meet court decision.	2-2-136	N
2	Ethics – apply to Boards and Commissions	MSC found in Sheehy v COPP Boards and commissions subject to the Constitution's Code of Ethics, but the statute as written does not confer jurisdiction for enforcement at either the state or local level. This bill would clarify Montana's code of ethics apply to boards and commissions.	2-2-136	N
3	Clarify City candidate filing dates	2019 Legislature updated time and dates for filing campaign finance reports with COPP specifically for the June primary and November general election. City primary is generally in September. Bill would place those city candidates on a similar schedule for primary of 3 months prior to election month and the month of election and same schedule for general election.	13-37-226	N