

Bill Number	Legislative Session	Sponsor	Short Title	Bill Title
HB 518 LC 4027	2023	Rep. Bill Mercer - Art. III, Sec. 1	Authorize standing for legislature to bring lawsuit	AN ACT PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE STANDING TO SUE, TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS; CREATING DUTIES AND AUTHORITY TO INTERVENE WHEN THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF A STATUTE IS CHALLENGED IN A LAWSUIT; PROVIDING STANDING TO THE LEGISLATURE BY JOINT RESOLUTION OR A POLL CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.
HB 695 LC 923	2023	Rep. Bill Mercer	Revise TRO standard for suits against the state and subdivisions of government	AN ACT REVISING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER LAW; REVISING THE STANDARD FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS AGAINST THE STATE AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION; AND AMENDING SECTION 27-19-315, MCA.
HB 322 LC 2016	2023	Rep. Caleb Hinkle	Generally revise laws related to standing masters	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO STANDING MASTERS; REQUIRING STANDING ORDERS TO BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT COURT'S OR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH'S WEBSITE; ALLOWING PARTIES TO OBJECT TO A REFERENCE TO A STANDING MASTER; REQUIRING HEARINGS IF REQUESTED; REQUIRING DISTRICT COURT REVIEW OF STANDING MASTER FINDINGS OF FACT AND <u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u> ; PROVIDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR STANDING MASTERS; PROVIDING FOR DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF STANDING MASTERS; CLARIFYING THAT STANDING MASTERS ARE STATE EMPLOYEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-5-124, 3-5-125, 3-5-126, AND 3-5-901, MCA; <u>AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.</u>
HB 410 LC 2272	2023	Rep. Brandon Ler	Establish a time limit for service of process	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TIME LIMIT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS.
HB 584 LC 2702	2023	Rep. George Nikolakakos	Revise government lawsuit laws relating to firearms and ammunition	AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT LAWSUITS AGAINST FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS.

HB 239 LC 2265	2023	Rep. Brandon Ler	Revise who may serve as a judge pro tempore in justice's courts	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO WHO MAY SERVE AS A JUDGE PRO TEMPORE IN JUSTICES' COURTS; AMENDING SECTION 3-10-116, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE
SB 445 LC 4147	2023	Sen. Kenneth Bogner	Allow a professional person to testify remotely in certain civil proceedings	AN ACT ALLOWING A PROFESSIONAL PERSON IN A <u>CIVIL</u> COMMITMENT PROCEEDING TO TESTIFY REMOTELY; AMENDING SECTION 53-21-126, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.
SB 377 LC 64	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise laws for courts of limited jurisdiction	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE TO REMOVE CERTAIN CASES FILED IN COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION TO DISTRICT COURT; ALLOWING DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TO CONSOLIDATE JURISDICTION IN A DISTRICT COURT WHEN A CASE FILED IN A COURT OF LIMITED JURISDICTION AROSE OUT OF THE SAME TRANSACTION AS A CASE FILED IN DISTRICT COURT; REQUIRING A PARTY TO PAY DISTRICT COURT FEES ON REMOVAL; AMENDING SECTION 3-5-311, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.
SB 252 LC1839	2023	Sen. Greg Hertz	Expand state ethics laws to include the judicial branch and judges	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES; EXPANDING THE CODE OF ETHICS TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, JUDICIAL OFFICERS, JUSTICES, AND JUDGES; REVISING DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-2-101, 2-2-102, 2-2-103, 2-2-136, AND 2-2-144, MCA.
SB 279 LC 2573	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise offer of settlement law	AN ACT REVISING THE APPLICABILITY OF OFFER OF SETTLEMENT LAW TO ACTIONS OR CLAIMS FOR \$3 MILLION; AND AMENDING SECTION 25-7-105, MCA.
SB 278 LC 585	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Authorize legislative officer intervention in declaratory judgment action	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE INTERVENTION IN A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION; PROVIDING THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE TO LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS; PROVIDING THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE TO A <u>PRIMARY</u> SPONSOR WHO VOTED FOR PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATION AT ISSUE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

SB 218 LC 980	2023	Sen. Greg Hertz	Revise laws pertaining to settlements	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO CIVIL SETTLEMENTS; AND PROVIDING THAT A PARTY TO A SETTLEMENT MAY NOT DEMAND THAT DAMAGES BE CLASSIFIED IN A CERTAIN CATEGORY OF DAMAGES UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE.
HB 169 LC 3462	2023	Rep. Tony Brockman	Clarify confirmation requirements for interim judicial appointees	AN ACT CLARIFYING CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERIM JUDICIAL APPOINTEES; AMENDING SECTION 3-1-906, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.
SB 201 LC 308	2023	Sen. Greg Hertz	Revise judicial recusal laws when parties made campaign contributions	AN ACT REVISING JUDICIAL RECUSAL LAWS WHEN A LAWYER OR PARTY TO A PROCEEDING HAS MADE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; REPEALING SECTION 3-1-609, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.
SB 191 LC 831	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise preliminary injunction laws	AN ACT REVISING PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER LAWS; INCORPORATING THE FEDERAL STANDARD FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION INTO MONTANA LAW AS THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER; REQUIRING THE APPLICANT FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO SHOW WHY AN INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER SHOULD BE GRANTED; PROVIDING A DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTIONS 27-19-201, 27-19-301, AND 27-19-315, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.
SB 134 LC 573	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise injunction laws	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO INJUNCTIONS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DEADLINES FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS WITHOUT NOTICE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 27-19-316, 27-19-317, AND 27-19-318, MCA.
SB 135 LC 577	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise injunction laws	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO INJUNCTIONS; PROVIDING THAT AN INJUNCTION MAY NOT BE GRANTED REGARDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE BEFORE THE RULE IS ISSUED; AMENDING SECTION 27-19-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

SB 136 LC 576	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise injunction laws	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO INJUNCTIONS; AND PROVIDING THAT IF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS ENJOINED THAT THE PROPERTY MAY BE SECURED AND PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE.
SB 378 LC 984	2023	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise evidence laws	AN ACT ALLOWING INTO EVIDENCE BUSINESS RECORDS KEPT IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS THAT ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A SWORN AFFIDAVIT OR CERTIFICATION OF THE RECORDS CUSTODIAN OR OTHER QUALIFIED PERSON.
HB 537 LC 930	2021	Rep. Bill Mercer	Revise venue laws	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING VENUE LAWS; ELIMINATING CHOICE OF VENUE IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; ESTABLISHING VENUE FOR CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE LITIGANTS IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-37-113, 15-1-108, 16-4-411, 19-2-401, 19-20-201, 22-3-429, 25-2-126, 30-14-111, 30-14-1413, 31-1-726, 32-1-912, 32-5-402, 33-1-804, 37-1-332, 37-7-1513, 50-5-112, 50-5-113, 50-6-504, 50-30-102, 53-9-131, 61-4-107, 61-8-812, 61-8-815, 75-1-108, 75-2-401, 75-2-413, 75-2-514, 75-5-611, 75-5-631, 75-6-114, 75-10-228, 75-10-417, 75-10-424, 75-10-542, 75-10-711, 75-10-715, 75-10-1223, 75-11-223, 75-11-516, 75-11-518, 75-11-525, 76-4-109, 77-2-107, 82-4-142, 82-4-254, 82-4-354, 82-4-361, 82-4-427, 82-4-441, 82-15-120, 85-2-431, AND 85-6-109, MCA.
SB 402 LC 874	2021	Sen. Cary Smith	Generally revise laws related to the judiciary	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY; <u>PROVIDING THAT JUDGES MAY NOT PRESIDE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS</u> ; PROVIDING THAT THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION INCLUDE EIGHT ADDITIONAL LAY MEMBERS; INCREASING THE FEE FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-1001 AND 25-1-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.
HB 325 LC 865	2021	Rep. Barry Usher	Elect supreme court justices by districts	AN ACT ESTABLISHING SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE SELECTION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION; AMENDING SECTION 3-2-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

SB 69 LC 899	2021	Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise settlement laws	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SETTLEMENTS; PROVIDING THAT THE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE IS AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME IN THE COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION; AMENDING SECTION 25-7-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE
HB 65 LC 244	2019	Rep. Matt Regier	Revise laws related to service of process with the insurance commissioner	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS PERTAINING TO SERVICE OF PROCESS AND THE STATE AUDITOR; PROVIDING FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR A DOMESTIC INSURER; PROVIDING FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR FOREIGN OR ALIEN INSURERS AND APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENTS; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND FILING FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-1-613, 33-2-115, 33-2-315, 33-2-1216, 33-2-1701, 33-6-101, 33-19-403, 33-28-102, 33-28-207, AND 33-31-111, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 33-1-601, 33-1-602, AND 33-1-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
None	2017			
None	2015			
HB 352 LC 1215	2013	Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick	Revise justice court laws	AN ACT CLARIFYING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING JUSTICES OF THE PEACE; AMENDING SECTION 3-10-231, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.
HB 224 LC 671	2013	Rep. Cary Smith	Revise appeal bonds in civil cases	AN ACT REVISING APPEAL BONDS IN CIVIL CASES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.
HB 172 LC 1053	2013	Rep. James O'Hara	Allow Montana state bar attorney member to serve as a judge pro tem	AN ACT ALLOWING AN ATTORNEY WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MONTANA STATE BAR TO SERVE AS A JUDGE PRO TEMPORE WHEN A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE IS SICK, DISQUALIFIED, OR UNABLE TO ACT; AND AMENDING SECTION 3-6-204, MCA.

HB 480 LC 2021	2011	Rep. Mike Menahan	Revise laws relating to justice's court	AN ACT ALLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR A JUSTICE'S COURT NOT OF RECORD, ANY ATTORNEY, OR THE CLERK OF THE JUSTICE'S COURT OF RECORD TO ACT AS A JUDGE PRO TEMPORE IN A JUSTICE'S COURT OF RECORD; AND AMENDING SECTION 3-10-116, MCA.
SB 337 LC 1802	2011	Sen. Anders Blewett	Revise probate laws and laws relating to civil proceedings	AN ACT REVISING PROBATE LAWS REGARDING PLEADINGS, EVIDENCE, AND SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO UNSWORN STATEMENTS; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE VERIFICATION OF PLEADINGS; REQUIRING THAT AN AFFIDAVIT OR VERIFIED PETITION BE ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE IN AN UNCONTESTED PROBATE OR TRUST PROCEEDING; REQUIRING PLEADINGS IN PROBATE PROCEEDINGS TO BE SIGNED BY AN ATTORNEY; REQUIRING THAT GUARDIANS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CONSERVATORS ACKNOWLEDGE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PRESUMPTIVE ENTITLEMENT OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1-1-203, 25-4-203, 72-1-206, AND 72-3-401, MCA.
SB 21 LC 86	2011	Sen. Jim Shockley	Court dismissal of case with no action	AN ACT AUTHORIZING A DISTRICT COURT TO DISMISS A CIVIL ACTION FOR LACK OF PROSECUTION AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME; AMENDING SECTION 25-9-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.
SB 400 LC 1202	2009	Sen. Jesse Lazlovich	Revise laws related to justice courts	AN ACT LIMITING DISMISSALS IN JUSTICES' COURT; AMENDING SECTION 25-31-409, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 25-33-208, MCA.
HB 742 LC 1558	2007	Rep. Holly Raser	Revise law on testimony of disabled person in abuse and neglect case	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMISSIBILITY OF HEARSAY STATEMENTS TO PROVE THE OCCURRENCE OF, OR THE IDENTITY OF THE ABUSER, IN CASES OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

<p>HB 272 LC 998</p>	<p>2005</p>	<p>Rep. Michael Lange</p>	<p>Revise municipal court judge laws</p>	<p>AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MULTIPLE MUNICIPAL COURT SESSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS AND FOR A CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE WHEN THERE IS MORE THAN ONE JUDGE; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF A CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; PROVIDING FOR A PART-TIME ASSISTANT JUDGE FOR EACH MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; REVISING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A REPLACEMENT FOR A DISQUALIFIED OR SICK JUDGE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 3-6-106, 3-6-201, AND 3-6-204, MCA.</p>
<p>SB 375 LC 1331</p>	<p>2005</p>	<p>Sen. Mike Wheat</p>	<p>Revise venue of out-of- state railroad defendants</p>	<p>AN ACT REVISING THE PLACE OF TRIAL FOR A TORT ACTION SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT; AMENDING SECTION 25-2-122, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.</p>