

ELECTION SECURITY STUDY PLAN

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE PREPARED BY REBECCA C. POWER - JANUARY 2024

BACKGROUND

During the September 2023 State Administration and Veterans' Affairs (SAVA) Interim Committee meeting, members voted to allocate 0.25 FTE to member topics in the committee workplan. At the November 2023 meeting, committee members voted to conduct a study on election security in Montana and to create a list of items that make Montana elections secure.

PROPOSED TIMELINE AND TOPICS/TASKS FOR STUDY

MEETING	PRESENTATIONS, ACTION ITEMS, & DELIVERABLES
January 2024	Review and Approve Draft Study Plan
March 2024	 Review Work and Findings of the Joint Select Committee on Election Security Review MCA and ARM Sections Related to Election Security Review 2023 Election Security Legislation Hear from Stakeholders Review Best Practices from Other States
May 2024	 Follow-up on March Topics (as needed) Discuss Election Security-Related Committee Legislation Ideas Discuss Election Security Final Report
July 2024	 Review Draft Election Security-Related Committee Legislation Review Draft Election Security Final Report
September 2024	 Finalize Election Security-Related Committee Legislation Finalize Election Security Final Report

DELIVERABLES

At the end of the 2023-2024 interim, the following documents will be prepared in addition to any staff papers requested throughout the course of the study:

- Election Security Final Report
- Committee Legislation