

SURVEY RESULTS - MEMBER TOPICS

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE
PREPARED BY REBECCA C. POWER - OCTOBER 2023

BACKGROUND

At the September 2023 State Administration and Veterans' Affairs' (SAVA) meeting, committee members voted to allocate 0.25 FTE within the work plan to member topic and to complete a poll between the September and November meetings to decide on the specific topics. 0.25 FTE is the equivalent of 3-4 agenda items and 1-2 study topics. Agenda items are topics that should be able to be addressed in 1-2 meetings and study topics are items that should be able to be addressed in 3 or more meetings. 4 out of 10 committee members completed the survey.

AGENDA ITEMS

TOPIC	VOTES
Update from Secretary of State's Office on the transition to and implementation of Elect MT system	4
Follow-up/clean-up bill to align Title 7 provisions to the changes made in SB 93	3
Review current protections and rules for poll watchers and determine if changes are needed	3
Review current training for election administrators and determine if changes are needed	2
Review bills from Joint Select Committee on Election Security and consider introducing as SAVA bills in the 2025 session (SB 481 and SB 482)	2
Review the impact of the transition to partisan interim committees (SB 176)	1

STUDY TOPICS

TOPIC	VOTES
Study the possible implementation of universal voter registration (HB 756)	3
Study election security in Montana and create list of items that make elections secure	2

HJ 23 - Study of disaster and emergency service recovery response	2
Study the consolidation of the election schedule and timeline so all types of elections are held on either primary or general election day (HB 774); Look at incremental approach to implementation and/or pilot project to determine what's feasible; Work with election administrators and other interested parties	1
SJ 26 - Study of public information requests	1
Study the creation of the office of public records ombudsman (HB 893)	0