

ELECTION SECURITY STUDY PLAN

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE
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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. During the January 2024 SAVA meeting, committee members voted to add the use of AI in elections to the study plan.

PROPOSED TIMELINE AND TOPICS/TASKS FOR STUDY

MEETING	PRESENTATIONS, ACTION ITEMS, & DELIVERABLES
January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Approve Draft Study Plan
March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up to January Agenda Item re. AI in Elections Review Work and Findings of the Joint Select Committee on Election Security Review 2023 Election Security Legislation Public Comment / Hear from Stakeholders
May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AI in Elections Panel Discussion Research Request - Bills and Statutes from Other States re. AI in Elections Research Request - "Deep Fake" definition examples SB 481 (2023) - Information about Budget Implications Public Comment / Hear from Stakeholders Discuss Election Security-Related Committee Legislation Ideas Discuss Election Security Final Report
July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Montana Election Observation Initiative Overview Online Voter Registration Overview Cast Vote Records/SB 481 (2023) - Information about Associated Costs Review Draft Election Security-Related Committee Legislation
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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