

SAVA Interim Committee Legislation Idea Tracker

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Topic / Legislation Idea(s)	Meeting	Notes / Questions & Considerations	Status
SJ 35 STUDY			
Make notices forwardable in 13-2-207 and 13-2-220	September	Would the change conflict with federal regulations or guidance?	PD1
Require school clerks to notify county election administrator of any returned school election materials	September	Frequency? Specify process in law or rule?	Research
Streamline process and increase frequency in 50-15-409 and add definition for "Montana resident"	November	Current DPHHS guidance: "The decedent is considered a Montana resident if the reported state of residence (the address that is listed) on the death certificate is Montana."	PD2
Increase the frequency of required voter roll maintenance in 13-2-220	January	How often? Would the change cause increased costs and/or need for additional staff?	Hold
Add best practices and suggestions from Heather Honey's UOCAVA presentation (slides 7, 15, 24) to the MCA	January	Impact to current UOCAVA voters? Would there be any implementation and/or ongoing expenses?	Hold
Add definition of "unsound mind" to the MCA	January	Are there examples from other states? What are the broader consequences of adding a definition to code?	Hold
HJ 48 STUDY			
Align Filing Timelines for Special District and School Elections	January	How would the changes impact the schools and special districts? Which schedule would better accommodate both?	PD3
VETERANS' AFFAIRS			
Regulations for Private Companies Targeting Veterans	January	What current regulations exist? How have other states approached this issue?	Research
Add 3 FTE for Additional Veteran Service Officers (VSOs)	January	How many positions are needed, where in the state should they be located, and how much will it cost?	PD4
ELECTIONS			
Require phone numbers on voter application	March	Rule or statute? Ensure voters have a privacy option	Research
Lower age for election judges and/or add youth election judges to the Youth Voting Act	March		Research

STAFF PROPOSALS / CODE CLEAN-UP			
Align timeframe in 13-3-105(2) with 13-15-105(1) and 13-17-203(1)		All related to public notice re. elections; 13-3-105(1) says "no more than 10 days or less than 2 business days before an election" and 13-15-105(1) and 13-17-203(1) say "not more than 12 days or less than 2 days before an election" (<i>changed during the 2025 session to better accommodate communities with weekly publications</i>) ; EA suggestion to change all to "no more than 14 days or less than 2 days before an election"	Discuss with Committee
Clarify language in 13-10-203(1) and (2) to match		(1) says "1 week for the deadline for filing" and (2) "before the scheduled primary election"	Discuss with Committee