

SAVA Interim Committee Legislation Idea Tracker

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PD/Status	Topic	Legislation Idea	Notes	Drafter
PD1	Elections	Make voter address verification notices forwardable	Election administrators supportive of draft with the removal of 13-2-207, MCA	RCP
PD2	Elections	Streamline process and increase frequency of death notifications and add definition for "Montana resident"	Draft reflects committee idea and incorporates DPHHS & SOS suggestions	RCP
PD3	Elections	Align Filing Timelines for Special District and School Elections	Supported by election administrators; SOS prefers consistent deadlines	RCP
PD4	Veterans Affairs	Add 3 FTE for Additional Veteran Service Officers (VSOs)	Includes note about cost of salary and benefits for VSOs and admin assistants from LFD	RCP
PD5	Veterans Affairs	Establishing the Montana Veterans Claims Protection Act	Based on California SB 694 and Kansas HB 2214	RCP
PD6	Elections	Allow for youth election judges	Election administrators suggest a 2:1 or 3:1 ratio of election judges to youth judges	RCP
PD7	Elections	Jury duty protections for election judges	Applies same employment protections as jury duty for election judge work	RCP
PD8	Elections	Align timelines for election-related notices	Election administrators are supportive	RCP
PD9	Elections	Requiring only executive branch offices with essential election functions to remain open on election day	Only applies to the executive branch	RCP
PD11	Elections	Clean-up funding language for Youth Voting Act	Suggested by SOS	RCP
PD15	Elections	Providing definition of "penal institution"	Companion to PD16	AH
PD16	Elections	Revising voting laws related to individuals of unsound mind	Companion to PD15	AH
Hold	Elections	Require school clerks to notify county election administrator of any returned school election materials	Per OPI, school clerks are already instructed to report any address changes to county	
Hold	Elections	Require phone numbers on voter application	Current practice based on national best practices; Any changes should be made via rule rather than statute	
Hold	Elections	Increase the frequency of required voter roll maintenance in 13-2-220	Change to frequency not yet determined by committee	
Hold	Elections	Add best practices and suggestions from Heather Honey's UOCAVA presentation (slides 7, 15, 24) to the MCA	Materials from Ms. Honey are currently unavailable	