

Bill Number	Short description	Sponsor	Case Name and Number	District Court	Judge	Lawsuit filed	Current Status of Lawsuit	Current Status of Bill	Appealed	Appellate Court Action	Basis for Litigation in Introduced Bill or in Amendments	Legal Review Note	LSD Comments; Last Update
HB 121	Privacy in certain restrooms/changing rooms/sleeping quarters	Kerri Seekins-Crowe	<i>Perkins v. State</i> , DV 25-282 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0397 (MSC)	Missoula County	Shane Vannatta	March 2025	Filed March 2025; district court granted preliminary injunction on 5/16/2025; Appealed to MSC June 2025; Case fully briefed, submitted to court on briefs on 1/21/2026; awaiting decision	Temporarily enjoined pending MSC decision on preliminary injunction	Yes, MSC	Awaiting decision	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
HB 278	Require peace officer to check and report immigration status during lawful stop	Nelly Nicol	<i>Valley Neighbors of the Flathead v. SOM</i> ; BDV-2025-608 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	McMahon	September 2025	District Court granted State's motion to dismiss on 02/27/26. Complaint dismissed without prejudice due to standing issue (no clear injury in fact). Plaintiff's requested leave to amend their complaint per Rule 59(e). District Court denied leave to amend on 04/28/26	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/30/26. District Court case closed. Appeal likely.
HB 413	Revised temporary residents election laws	Jane Gillette	<i>MontPIRG v. SOM/Jacobsen</i> ; DV-25-419 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); 9:25-cv-00082 (US Dist. Ct., Dist. of Mont.)	Missoula County	Jason Marks (originally assigned to Shane Vannatta, motion to substitute); Judge Molloy (fed ct.) remanded back to state court	May 2025	Defendants removed to federal court June 2025; remanded back to state court July 2025; Preliminary injunction granted 2/13/2026; no additional activity	Temporarily enjoined	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
HB 719	Revise election laws related to an elector's date of birth	Braxton Mitchell	<i>Disability Rights Montana et al v. State/Jacobsen</i> ; ADV-2025-293 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); 6:25-cv-0048 (US Dist. Ct., Dist. of Mont.)	Lewis & Clark County	Menahan (originally Seeley, D's filed a motion to substitute); while briefly in fed. court, Judge John Johnston	May 2025	Removed to federal court 6/27/2025; remanded to state court 8/4/2025; Discovery served 12/16/2025; Plaintiff filed MSJ on 5/26/2026	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026

SB 41	Requiring substitution of district court judges by random selection	Daniel Emrich	<i>Jordan Williams v. State et al</i> , DV-2025-466 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0825 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark	Elizabeth Best	August 2025	Plaintiffs and Defendants filed separate MSJ in District Court. Interlocutory appeal by State to determine whether District Court judge was properly assigned and assumed jurisdiction over the Complaint. District Court case continued on merits despite MSC interlocutory appeal -- DC granted Plaintiff's MSJ. P's then sought to remand MSC question to DC. MSC denied Plaintiff's Motion for Remand and halted review of underlying merits in order to decide judicial assignment question. Case ongoing at	In effect	Yes, MSC	Denied Plaintiff's Motion for Remand on 5/12/26. Ongoing.	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/30/26
HB 285, HB 291, SB 221	Generally revise Montana environmental policy act, revise laws related to air quality standards	Brandon Ler, Greg Oblander, Wylie Galt	<i>Held v. State</i> , CDV 2026-7	Broadwater County	Mike Menahan	June 2026	Litigation ongoing, motions to dismiss being briefed	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SB 490, SB 276	Revise election laws regarding late registration; Generally revise voter identification laws	Mike Cuffe	<i>MFPE v. SOM/Jacobsen</i> ; XDDV-25-268 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis & Clark County (reassigned to Adam Larsen in the 14th Jud. District, Musselshell County)	Adam Larsen (reassigned from Chris Abbott)	May 2025	Motions for preliminary injunction and summary judgment fully briefed; Court granted Plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction re: implementation of SB 490; pretrial conference 7/27/2026; trial scheduled 8/24	SB 490 enjoined; SB 276 in effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	Yes on SB 490; No on SB 276	AJC updated 5/29/2026

SB 542	Generally revise property tax laws	Wylie Galt	<i>Hertz et al v. State et al</i> , DV-2026-134 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); OP 26-0175 (MSC)	Gallatin	Andrew Bruener	January 2026	MSJ filed by plaintiffs, no answer filed; Petition by defendants for MSC original jurisdiction denied; briefing resumed in District Court; amicus brief filed by MT Republican State Central Committee on 04/20/26 in District Court; extended briefing filed 05/22/26; case ongoing.	In effect	Yes, MSC denied	State filed petition for original jurisdiction and declaratory judgment on 03/16/2026; MSC denied petition 03/31/26	Amendments	No	EHM updated 05/30/26
CI-128	A right to make and carry out decisions about one's own pregnancy, including the right to abortion	N/A	<i>Montana Life Defense Fund v. State</i> ; DV-25-966 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Yellowstone County	Thomas Pardy	August 2025	Motions to dismiss and cross motions for summary judgment fully briefed; court granted intervenor's motion to dismiss on 5/4/2026	In effect	N/A	N/A	Initiative	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026

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HB 359	Drag shows in public places	Braxton Mitchell	<i>Imperial Sovereign Court v. Knudsen</i> , No. CV-23-50-BU-BMM (US Dist. Ct., Dist. of Mont.); 23-3581 (9th Cir.)	Federal court: District of Montana	Brian Morris	July 2023	Preliminary injunction granted on 10/13/2023; Plaintiffs filed for summary judgement on 11/29/2023; Case appealed to the 9th Circuit on 11/17/2023; 9th Circuit affirmed preliminary injunction and remanded on 3/13/2026; status report filed 4/6/2026; court issued scheduling order on 4/28/2026, bench trial set for 1/26/2027	Temporarily enjoined	Yes, 9th Cir.	9th Cir. affirmed PI	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; case ongoing, set for trial 1/26/2027
HB 393	Education savings accounts for special needs students	Sue Vinton	<i>Disability Rights Montana v. Gianforte</i> , DV-2024-44 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 26-0179 (MSC); OP 25-0888 (MSC Pet. for Sup. Control)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan (originally Judge McMahon, motion for substitution filed by Plaintiff)	January 2024	Lawsuit filed; PI denied 6/27/24; Summary judgment granted in Plaintiffs' favor on 12/8/2025; petition for supervisory control filed by Plaintiffs 12/29/2025 and denied 1/13/2026 (re: stay pending appeal); appealed to MSC by Defendants on 3/19/2026; Plaintiffs cross-appealed on 4/30/2026; awaiting briefing	Enjoined	Yes, MSC	Awaiting briefing, no action	Introduced Bill	Yes	AJC Updated 5/29/2026; Awaiting briefing at MSC
HB 562	Charter schools	Sue Vinton	<i>Felchle v. State</i> , DV-2023-425-IJ (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Chris Abbott	June 2023	Temporary injunction issued 9/6/2023 (the independent commission structure is likely unconstitutional); awaiting court order on motion for summary judgment; Reminder of submittal filed 3/3/2026	Partially temporarily enjoined (no charter school authorization while PI in effect)	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	Yes	AJC updated 5/29/2026; Awaiting order on motion for summary judgment
HB 544	Medicaid funding for abortions only allowed for life of mother, rape/incest pregnancy, or medically necessary	Jane Gillette	<i>Planned Parenthood of MT, et al v. State</i> , ADV-2023-299-OC (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 23-0287 (MSC Case 1); DA 25-0602 (MSC Case 2)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan (originally Abbott, then McMahon assumed, then Plaintiff filed motion to substitute, Judge Seeley assumed, then AG moved to substitute Seeley)	April 2023	Temporary injunction issued; MSC affirmed TI on 10/9/24; on remand, district court decided motion for summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs, enjoining statute; Defendants appealed case on 8/21/25, briefing ongoing	Enjoined	Yes, MSC twice	MSC 1: Affirmed Preliminary Injunction (2024 MT 228) MSC 2: awaiting briefing, no decision	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; Briefing ongoing on appeal
HB 862	Prohibits state money being used for abortion except rape/incest and life of mother	Mike Hopkins	<i>Planned Parenthood of MT, et al v. State</i> , ADV-2023-299-OC (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 23-0287 (MSC Case 1); DA 25-0602 (MSC Case 2)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan (originally Abbott, then McMahon assumed, then Plaintiff filed motion to substitute, Judge Seeley assumed, then AG moved to substitute Seeley)	April 2023	Temporary injunction issued; MSC affirmed TI on 10/9/24; on remand, district court decided motion for summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs, enjoining statute; Defs appealed case on 8/21/25, briefing ongoing	Enjoined	Yes, MSC twice	MSC 1: Affirmed Preliminary Injunction (2024 MT 228) MSC 2: awaiting briefing, no decision	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; Briefing ongoing on appeal

HB 575	Prohibits abortion of viable unborn children (~24 weeks), requires ultrasounds to determine viability	Lola Sheldon-Galloway	<i>Planned Parenthood of MT, et al v. State</i> , ADV-2023-231 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 23-0288 (MSC 1); DA 26-0056 (MSC 2)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan (originally Abbott, then McMahon assumed, then Plaintiff filed motion to substitute, Judge Seeley assumed, then AG moved to substitute Seeley)	May 2023	Temporary injunction issued 7/11/23; MSC affirmed TI on 10/9/24; Court decided motion for summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs on remand on 3/7/25, enjoining statute; Defs appealed to MSC on 1/27/2026, briefing ongoing	Enjoined	Yes, MSC twice	MSC 1: Affirmed Preliminary Injunction (2024 MT 227) MSC 2: awaiting briefing, no decision	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; On second appeal to MSC following district court issuing injunction
HB 721	Dismemberment Abortion Prohibition Act	Matt Regier	<i>Planned Parenthood of MT, et al v. State</i> , ADV-2023-231 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 23-0288 (MSC 1); DA 26-0056 (MSC 2)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan (originally Abbott, then McMahon assumed, then Plaintiff filed motion to substitute, Judge Seeley assumed, then AG moved to substitute Seeley)	May 2023	Temporary injunction issued 7/11/23; MSC affirmed TI on 10/9/24; Court decided motion for summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs on remand on 3/7/25; Defendants appealed to MSC on 1/27/2026, briefing ongoing	Enjoined	Yes, MSC twice	MSC 1: Affirmed Preliminary Injunction (2024 MT 227) MSC 2: awaiting briefing, no decision	Introduced Bill	Yes	AJC updated 5/29/2026; On second appeal to MSC following district court issuing injunction
HB 937	Creates licensure of abortion clinics	Lola Sheldon-Galloway	<i>All Families Healthcare, et al v. Charlie Brererton, et al</i> , DV-23-592 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0040 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Chris Abbott	September 2023	On 11/15/24, the district court granted the Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction; MSC affirmed preliminary injunction on 3/31/2026; remanded to proceed to trial; Plaintiff filed MSJ 4/17/2026; Defendants requested additional discovery before MSJ, which was granted 5/26/2026	Temporarily enjoined	Yes, MSC	Affirmed Preliminary Injunction; remanded back to DC for further action (2026 MT 64)	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SB 93	Additional requirements for ballot initiatives	Mike Cuffe	<i>Ellingson v. State</i> , ADV-2023-388 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0142 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan (originally Seeley, State moved to substitute 8/30/23)	May 2023	Partial summary judgement granted, filing-fee and AG-review portions of the bill struck down. Second summary judgment found 4-year ban on similar initiative unconstitutional as well as leg. interim committee vote to support or not support bill. The provisions struck down were appealed by the state on 2/18/25; Case submitted to court on 9/30/25 after all briefing finished. Oral argument in Missoula on April 10, 2026.	Partially enjoined	Yes, MSC	Fully briefed, no action	Amendments increased filing fee from \$100 to \$3,700	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; parties agreed to dismiss all claims except the four on which Plaintiff prevailed, which were appealed; appeal is ongoing

SB 99	Prohibits transgender medical & surgical treatments on minors	John Fuller	<i>Cross v. State</i> , DV-23-541 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 23-0572 (MSC)	Missoula County	Jason Marks	May 2023	Preliminary injunction granted on 9/27/23; appealed to MSC on 2/12/24, which affirmed. On remand, summary judgment granted in district court to Plaintiffs 5/13/25; judgment entered 5/23/25; Defendant filed and Court denied a motion for relief from judgment on 10/2/25; parties currently briefing attorney fees.	Enjoined	Yes, MSC	Affirmed Preliminary Injunction; remanded back to DC for further action (2024 MT 303)	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; attorneys' fees being briefed.
SB 109	Redistrict the PSC districts	Keith Regier	<i>Brown v. Jacobsen</i> , ADV-2023-702 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0187 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Chris Abbott	October 2023	Preliminary injunction denied 2/29/24; following partial summary judgment and advisory jury, court held there was no discriminatory intent, siding with defendants; appealed to MSC 3/11/2025; oral argument on 2/11/2026; awaiting MSC decision	In effect	Yes, MSC	Fully briefed, no action	Amendments in Senate Energy and Telecommunication s offered by Sen. Regier	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SB 202	Food freedom	Greg Hertz	<i>Havens v. State</i> , DV-2023-766 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0867 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Chris Abbott	December 2023	Dist. Court dismissed case for lack of justiciability; appealed to MSC 12/18/2025; fully briefed and sent to five-justice panel on briefs 5/27/2026	In effect	Yes, MSC	Fully briefed, no action	<i>Possibly</i> amendments which included farmer's market	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SB 285	Revise subdivision sanitation laws	Carl Glimm	<i>Upper Missouri Waterkeeper v. MT DEQ</i> , DV-25-956 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Gallatin County	Peter Ohman (originally John Brown, motion for substitution filed by Plaintiff)	June 2025	Complaint and answer filed; expert witnesses disclosed	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SBs 382, 323, 245, 528	Pro-housing zoning reform bills	Forrest Mandeville, Jeremy Trebas, Daniel Zolnikov, Greg Hertz	<i>Montanans Against Irresponsible Densification, LLC v. State</i> , DV-23-1248 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 24-0039 (MSC 1); DA 25-200 (MSC 2)	Gallatin County	Michael Salvagni	December 2023	Preliminary injunction issued on SBs 323 and 528, reversed by MSC; on remand court granted summary judgment to plaintiffs in part and defendants in part; on second appeal to MSC, court held on 3/17/2026 that the challenged laws do not violate right to participate, affirmed that laws do not violate equal protection	In effect	Yes, MSC twice	MSC 1: reversed grant of PI (2024 MT 200) MSC 2: held statutes constitutional (2026 MT 53)	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; MSC held that the statutes were constitutional and remanded back to district court
SB 442 (veto) lawsuit 1 (consolidated w/ #2)	Greg Gianforte's veto of the bill/legislature override opportunity	Mike Lang	<i>Montana Wildlife Federation, et al v. Gianfore</i> , ADV-2023-411 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 24-0153 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menehan	June 2023	District court ruled in favor of plaintiffs, said legislature must be given opportunity to override veto (1/16/24); appealed 3/13/24; awaiting MSC decision	Vetoed	Yes, MSC	N/A	Amendments	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; awaiting MSC decision
SB 442 (veto) lawsuit 2 (consolidated with #1)	Greg Gianforte's veto of the bill/legislature override opportunity	Mike Lang	<i>Montana Wildlife Federation, et al v. Gianfore</i> , ADV-2023-411 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 24-0153 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menehan	June 2023	District court ruled in favor of plaintiffs, said legislature must be given opportunity to override veto (1/16/24); appealed 3/13/24; awaiting MSC decision	Vetoed	Yes, MSC	N/A	Amendments	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; awaiting MSC decision

SB 458 (note: there is a separate lawsuit challenging Gianforte & DPHHS withholding public documents related to implementing this bill. That case is not part of this tracker)	Defines "sex" in law	Carl Glimm	<i>Edwards v. MT</i> , DV-23-1026 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Missoula County	Leslie Halligan	October 2023	Summary judgment granted in Plaintiff's favor 2/18/25; Attorney fees still being litigated, reply briefed filed 10/3/25; plaintiff filed new motions for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction (4/6/2026); TRO and PI issue fully briefed on 4/29/2026; TRO denied by court on 5/22/2026; oral argument on PI motion reset for 6/19/2026	Enjoined	N/A	N/A 87	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SB 458 (note: there is a separate lawsuit challenging Gianforte & DPHHS withholding public documents related to implementing this bill. That case is not part of this tracker)	Defines "sex" in law	Carl Glimm	<i>Dandilion Cloverdale v. Knudsen</i> , ADV-2023-1245 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0618 (MSC)	Missoula County	Shane Vannatta	December 2023	Summary judgment granted in Plaintiff's favor 7/1/25; Case appealed to Montana Supreme Court on 9/2/25; fully briefed and sent to court on 4/27/2026	Enjoined	Yes, MSC	Fully briefed, no action	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; fully briefed and awaiting decision
SB 458 (2023) and 2022 Rule on the basis of equal protection, privacy, compelled speech, and MAPA	Defines "sex" in law	Carl Glimm	<i>Kalarchik v. State, Gianforte, DPHHS, Brereton, DOJ, and Knudsen</i> , ADV 24-261 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0139 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Menahan	April 2024	District court granted Plaintiff's preliminary injunction. Interlocutory appeal to MSC -- affirmed prelim injunction 04/14/26. District Court case is proceeding on the merits; scheduling order on 05/29/26.	Temporarily enjoined	Yes, MSC	Interlocutory appeal granted prelim injunction	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/30/26
HB 903	Revises marijuana laws	Mike Hopkins	<i>Granite Peak Holdings v. State</i> , DV-2023-570 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan	August 2023	Consent judgement entered into on 1/5/24 and case closed	Cumulative dispensary fees permanently enjoined	N/A	N/A	Amendments	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; case closed

HB 576	Loosens regulations on coal mining	Rhonda Knudsen	<i>Montana Environmental Information Center v. DEQ</i> , CV-23-28 (US Dist. Ct., Dist. of Mont.)	Federal court: District of Montana	Brian Morris	June 2023	Parties entered a consent decree that was approved by the district court on 1/22/25; DEQ agreed in the consent decree that it would not apply, effectuate, or enforce any provision of HB 576 or SB 392 unless and until it is reviewed and approved by the Director of Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement	Federal mine regulators rejected the law; unclear how this impacts court case but bill appears blocked	No	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SB 392	Revises determination of court costs in coal mining litigation (loser pays)	Steve Fitzpatrick	<i>Montana Environmental Information Center v. DEQ</i> , CV-23-28 (US Dist. Ct., Dist. of Mont.)	Federal court: District of Montana	Brian Morris	June 2023	Parties entered a consent decree that was approved by the district court on 1/22/25; DEQ agreed in the consent decree that it would not apply, effectuate, or enforce any provision of HB 576 or SB 392 unless and until it is reviewed and approved by the Director of Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement	Federal mine regulators rejected the law; unclear how this impacts court case but bill appears blocked	No	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
SB 419 lawsuit 1	TikTok ban	Shelley Vance	<i>Alario, et al v. Knudsen</i> , 9:23-CV-61 (US Dist. Ct., Dist. of Mont.); No. 24-34 (9th Cir.)	Federal court: District of Montana	Donald Molloy	May 2023	Preliminary injunction issued (11/30/2023) and appealed to 9th Cir. (1/2/24); Stay granted 5/15/24 pending DC Circuit's decision; Stay granted 2/19/25 pending President's determination; Case dismissed and closed 2/23/2026	Statute void because of occurrence of contingency	Yes, 9th Cir.	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; Case dismissed and closed 2/23/2026
SB 419 lawsuit 2	TikTok ban	Shelley Vance	<i>Alario, et al v. Knudsen</i> , 9:23-CV-56 (US Dist. Ct., Dist. of Mont.); No. 24-34 (9th Cir.)	Federal court: District of Montana	Donald Molloy	May 2023	Preliminary injunction issued (11/30/2023) and appealed to 9th Cir. (1/2/24); Stay granted 5/15/24 pending DC Circuit's decision; Stay granted 2/19/25 pending President's determination; Case dismissed and closed 2/23/2026	Statute void because of occurrence of contingency	Yes, 9th Cir.	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; Case dismissed and closed 2/23/2026

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HB 224	Allows trappers to snare wolves	Paul Fielder	<i>Wildearth Guardians v. MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks</i> , 1-DV-22-0896 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Christopher Abbott	October 2022	District court denied State's motion to dismiss. Oral argument on defendant's motion for preliminary injunction held on 11/14/25. District court denied preliminary injunction. Defendants answered second complaint on 01/16/26. Expert disclosure rebuttal filed 05/01/26. Trial is scheduled for early 2027.	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; case ongoing
HB 225	Authorizes wolf trapping, sets season dates	Paul Fielder	<i>Wildearth Guardians v. MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks</i> , 1-DV-22-0896 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Christopher Abbott	October 2022	District court denied State's motion to dismiss. Oral argument on defendant's motion for preliminary injunction held on 11/14/25. District court denied preliminary injunction. Defendants answered second complaint on 01/16/26. Expert disclosure rebuttal filed 05/01/26. Trial is scheduled for early 2027.	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; case ongoing
SB 314	Liberalizes wolf hunting regs to include use of bait and night vision under some circumstances	Bob Brown	<i>Wildearth Guardians v. MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks</i> , 1-DV-22-0896 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Christopher Abbott	October 2022	District court denied State's motion to dismiss. Oral argument on defendant's motion for preliminary injunction held on 11/14/25. District court denied preliminary injunction. Defendants answered second complaint on 01/16/26. Expert disclosure rebuttal filed 05/01/26. Trial is scheduled for early 2027.	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; case ongoing
SB 267	Authorizes paid reimbursement for wolf trapping/hunting	Bob Brown	<i>Wildearth Guardians v. MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks</i> , 1-DV-22-0896 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Christopher Abbott	October 2022	District court denied State's motion to dismiss. Oral argument on defendant's motion for preliminary injunction held on 11/14/25. District court denied preliminary injunction. Defendants answered second complaint on 01/16/26. Expert disclosure rebuttal filed 05/01/26. Trial is scheduled for early 2027.	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; case ongoing
SB 199	Food freedom	Greg Hertz	<i>Havens v. State</i> , DV-2023-766 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0867 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Christopher Abbott	December 2023	Motion for judgment on the pleadings fully briefed; State filed motion for summary judgment 10/3/25. District Court granted summary judgment 10/21/25. Notice of Appeal to MSC 12/18/25. Appellant filed opening brief with MSC 01/29/26. Appellant's motions to amend briefs denied on 5/21/26	In effect	N/A	N/A	Possibly amendments which included farmer's market	No	EHM updated 05/28/2026; case ongoing
HB 379	Authorizes sex-based insurance ratemaking	Sue Vinton	<i>Randall v. State</i> , 1-DV-22-0925 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan	November 2022	State's motion to dismiss denied 2/9/24; matter went to discovery; State's motion for summary judgment denied in part, granted in part 3/2/26; MSC notice of filing 04/27/26	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; on appeal to MSC
HB 407	Bans local governments from restricting single-use plastics	Mark Noland	<i>Cottonwood Environmental Law Center et al. v. State</i> ; BDV 2023-754 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 24-0324 (MSC 1); OP 25-0594 (MSC 2)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike McMahon	November 2023	District Court held HB 407 was unconstitutional on 3/19/24; MSC reversed on 12/18/24; On remand, discovery is ongoing, and district court held that some discovery requests were deemed admitted in response to a motion to compel; state filed a writ of supervisory control about these discovery issues with the MSC on 8/20/25, which was denied and dismissed on 01/06/26; on remand, case ongoing on moving towards trial	In effect	Appeal 1 on 5/21/24 (MSC) Appeal 2 on 8/20/25 (MSC) for writ of supervisory control	MSC Appeal 1: Reversed on 12/18/24 (2024 MT 313) MSC Appeal 2: Denied on 01/06/26	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; case ongoing
SB 99, HB 471	Establish parameters for K-12 human sexuality education	Cary Smith	<i>MSCA v. State</i> (previously <i>Empower MT v. State</i>), DV-2024-230 (Mont. Dist. Ct.)	Lewis and Clark County	Christopher Abbott	April 2024	Defendant's motion to dismiss granted in part and denied in part. Litigation ongoing.	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill and Amendments	No	EMH updated 08/28/26; case ongoing

junque files	The plaintiffs, Montana newspapers and broadcasters, challenged then Representative Usher's decision to meet privately with Republican members of the House Judiciary Committee during the 2021 legislative session.	N/A	<i>Saslav v. Howe</i> , CDV-24-539 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 25-0054 (MSC)	Cascade County	John Kutzman	October 2024	District Court granted preliminary injunction on 1/21/25 preventing LSD from withholding or redacting information contained in junque files; appealed 1/22/25; State's motions to stay district court's order denied 1/27/25 and 1/28/25; the case was fully briefed and submitted to the supreme court on 7/25/25; case classified for five justice panel on 9/10/25; awaiting decision	N/A	Yes, MSC	N/A	N/A	N/A	EHM updated 05/28/26; awaiting MSC action
SB 319	Makes several changes to campaign finance law, including allowing joint fundraising committees, also prohibited some campaign activities on college campuses	Greg Hertz	<i>Forward Montana, et al. vs. State of Montana</i> ; 1-DV-21-0611 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 22-0639 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan (originally McMahon, State filed motion to substitute on 6/14/21, then assigned to Seeley, then State filed a second motion for substitution on 6/17/21 and assigned to Menahan)	June 2021	Constitutional issues resolved (see current status of bill section); District court did not award attorney fees, so Plaintiffs appealed only fees (not merits); on 4/9/24 MSC ordered that attorney fees be granted and remanded; parties stipulated to dismissal with prejudice on 1/28/2026; court dismissed with prejudice and closed case 1/29/2026	Partly enjoined. Ruled in favor of plaintiffs, finding that the bill unconstitutionally included two provisions unrelated to its title and was amended during the legislative process to the extent that its original purpose was changed. The ruling strikes down restrictions on political activity on college campuses and a judicial recusal requirement, but leaves the original bill about campaign finance intact.	Yes, but only attorney fees, not merits (MSC)	Reversed and required assessment of attorney fees (2024 MT 75)	Amendments	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; case closed
<i>Rep. Barry Usher; 2021 committee meeting lawsuit</i>	Litigation stemming from 2021 House Judiciary committee meeting where Chair Usher recessed a committee meeting for members to discuss administrative action on several controversial bills. A reporter attempted to observe the discussion but was informed by Barry that she could not observe the discussions. Reporter sued under Montana's constitutional right-to-know provision and the state's open meetings laws.	N/a	<i>The Associated Press v. Barry Usher</i> ; DV-21-0124 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 21-0392 (MSC)	Lewis and Clark County	Mike Menahan		District Court denied plaintiff's motion of judgment on the pleadings and granted defendant's motion to dismiss the case. On appeal, MSC affirmed District Court decision.	N/a	Yes	MSC affirmed District Court decision.	N/a	N/a	EHM updated 05/29/26. Court determined that a "gathering of a minority of committee members during a recess does not constitute a public meeting..." and noted that the court was "unwilling to redefine 'quorum' as 'a majority of a majority.'" While the court found that 8 or 9 committee members gathered outside of the committee meeting, these members "did not constitute a quorum of the committee, hence no 'meeting' occurred."
HB 702 lawsuit 1	Prohibits discrimination based on vaccine status	Jennifer Carlson	<i>Netzer v. State</i> ; 7-DV-21-0089 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 22-0109 (MSC 1); DA 24-0501 (MSC 2)	Richland County	Olivia Rieger	June 2021	District court denied preliminary injunction and MSC agreed and remanded; on remand, DC ruled that §49-2-312(1)-(3) okay, but (4) violates single subject; on second appeal, plaintiffs are seeking DC reversal and remand with a new judge assignment. On second appeal, MSC affirmed DC's upholding of §49-2-312(1), but found that the DC erred in striking §49-2-312(4).	Partly enjoined	Yes, MSC twice	MSC 1: Court agreed with DC no preliminary injunction and remanded. (2022 MT 234) MSC 2: Upheld Subsection (1) and reversed DC's striking of Subsection (4)	Introduced Bill	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; closed
SB 280	Requires surgery in order to change sex on birth certificate	Carl Glimm	<i>Marquez, et al. v State, et al.</i> , 13-DV-21-0873 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 24-0318 (MSC)	Yellowstone County	Collette Davies	July 2021	Dismissed by MSC on procedural grounds in May 2024 and sent back to District Court. In District Court, ultimately both Plaintiffs and Defendants appeared to agree that the law was unconstitutional. Both parties submitted proposed orders. Final order included attorneys fees for Plaintiff.	Enjoined	Yes, MSC	Notice of appeal dismissed without prejudice on 5/29/2024 on procedural grounds		No	EHM updated 05/29/26.

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HB 694	Revise certain licensing fees for investment-related advisors	Jim Hamilton	<i>Strobhar v. State of Montana</i> , DDV 24-27	Lewis & Clark County	Chris Abbott	January 2024	Pretrial Conference Scheduled for 12/14/2026; Oral argument on motion to dismiss held on 2/24/2026, no decision	In effect	N/A	N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026
HB 971	Prohibits evaluation of greenhouse gases in MEPA	Josh Kassmier	<i>Held v. Montana</i> , DV-2020-307 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 23-0575 (MSC 1); DA 25-0809 (MSC 2)	Lewis and Clark County	Kathy Seeley	May 2023	District court ruled in favor of plaintiffs (DV 2020-307); MSC affirmed; on remand, district court awarded attorney fees; State appealed attorney fee award, case currently on appeal	Permanently enjoined	Yes, MSC	MSC 1: Statute enjoined (2024 MT 312) MSC 2: N/A	Introduced Bill	No	AJC updated 5/29/2026; case on second appeal to MSC re: attorney fees

Bill Number 2015	Short description	Sponsor	Case Name and Number	District Court	Judge	Lawsuit filed	Current Status of Lawsuit	Current Status of Bill	Appealed	Appellate Court Action	Basis for Litigation in Introduced Bill or in Amendments	Legal Review Note	LSD Comments; Last Update
SB 396	Generally revise regulation of transportation for hire laws	Edward Butrey	<i>Noland v. State</i> ; DV-22-1308 (Mont. Dist. Ct.); DA 24- 0369 (MSC)	Flathead County	Amy Eddy	November 2022	2/8/24 - P's Motion for Summary Judgment denied by Dist. Ct. 12/23/25 - MSC affirmed in part, reversed in part. Affirmed that Plaintiff lacks standing to bring an as-applied challenge, reversed DC thus remanding facial challenges. 05/15/26 - Supplemental briefs filed with Dist Ct., case ongoing	In effect	Yes	MSC affirmed in part, reversed in part - remanded.	Amendments	No	EHM updated 05/28/26; case ongoing