

Montana State Senate



The Big Sky Country

Sept 29th, 2021 3pm

Dear Senate President Blasdel and Speaker Galt:

The purpose of this letter is to request the appointment of a Special Select Committee of legislators appointed according to the current majority/minority ratio. The committee will hear testimony concerning past Montana elections and review the current election laws in Montana.

Article IV of the Montana Constitution states:

Elections. The legislature shall provide by law the requirements for residence, registration, absentee voting, and administration of elections. It may provide for a system of poll booth registration, and shall insure the purity of elections and guard against abuses of the electoral process.

Many of our constituents have reached out to us with questions about Montana election security. The Montana Legislature needs to fulfill their Constitutional duties as outlined in Article IV of the Montana Constitution and MCA 13-19-104(3)(a),(b). The Select Committee would conduct hearings about the process and security of Montana elections and propose future changes if needed; including legislation.

All Montana voters must have absolute faith in our state, county and local elections. Our oath of office makes it clear that we have this fiduciary responsibility. The election process must be transparent to the public and withstand scrutiny.

The best legislation is thought out, vetted and has input from all stake holders. This is true no matter the issue.

This select committee would give us the time and venue to uphold our constitutional duties.

We, the undersigned, do hereby request a Special Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of fulfilling our constitutional obligations, and that you respond by Oct 6th, 2021.

Faithfully for Freedom-

Sen Kenneth Bogner – SD19
Sen Bob Brown – SD7
Sen Mike Cuffe – SD1
Sen John Esp - SD30
Sen Jason Ellsworth – SD43
Sen Steve Fitzpatrick - SD10
Sen Chris Friedel – SD26
Sen Terry Gauthier – SD 40
Sen Butch Gillespie – SD9
Sen Carl Glimm – SD2
Sen Greg Hertz – SD6
Sen Steve Hinebauch – SD18
Sen Dave Howard – SD29
Sen Brian Hoven – SD13
Sen Bob Kennan – SD5
Sen Mike Lang – SD17
Sen Theresa Manzella – SD44
Sen Tom McGillvray – SD23
Sen Keith Regier - SD3
Sen Dan Salomon – SD47
Sen Cary Smith – SD 27
Sen Russ Temple – SD14
Sen Gordy Vance – SD34
Sen Jeff Wellborn – SD36

Rep Fred Anderson – HD20
Rep Dan Bartel - HD29
Rep Becky Beard – HD80
Rep David Bedey - HD 86
Rep Seth Berglee – HD58
Rep Marta Bertoglio - HD75
Rep Michele Binkley – HD 85
Rep Larry Brewster – HD44
Rep Ed Buttrey - HD21
Rep Jennifer Carlson – HD69
Rep Geraldine Custer - HD39
Rep Neil Duram – HD2
Rep Julie Dooling - HD70
Rep Paul Fielder – HD13
Rep Ross Fitzgerald - HD17
Rep Frank Flemming – HD51
Rep Gregory Frazer - HD 78
Rep John Fuller – HD 8
Rep Steve Galloway – HD24
Rep Frank Garner - HD7
Rep Jane Gillette – HD64
Rep Steve Gist – HD25

Rep Sharon Greef – HD88
Rep Steve Gunderson – HD1
Rep Ed Hill – HD 28
Rep Caleb Hinkle – HD68
Rep Jed Hinkle – HD67
Rep Ken Holmlund – HD38
Rep Llew Jones – HD18
Rep Josh Kassmier – HD27
Rep Scot Kerns – HD23
Rep Rhonda Knudsen – HD 34
Rep Casey Knudsen – HD33
Rep Dennis Lenz- HD53
Rep Brandon Ler – HD35
Rep Denley Loge – HD14
Rep Marty Malone – HD59
Rep Ron Marshall – HD87
Rep Wendy McKamey - HD19
Rep Braxton Mitchell – HD3
Rep Terry Moore – HD54
Rep Fiona Nave – HD57
Rep Mark Noland – HD 10
Rep Bob Phalen – HD36
Rep Brian Putman – HD9
Rep Joe Read – HD93
Rep Amy Regier – HD6
Rep Matt Regier - HD4
Rep Linda Reksten – HD12
Rep Vince Ricci – HD55
Rep Jerry Schillinger - HD37
Rep Kerri Seekins- Crowe – HD43
Rep Lola Sheldon-Galloway – HD22
Rep Derek Skees – HD11
Rep Mallerie Stromwold - HD50
Rep Jeremy Trebas – HD26
Rep Brad Tschida – HD97
Rep Barry Usher – HD40
Rep Sue Vinton – HD56
Rep Tom Welch - HD72
Rep Kathy Whitman - HD96
Rep Katie Zolnikov - HD45

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