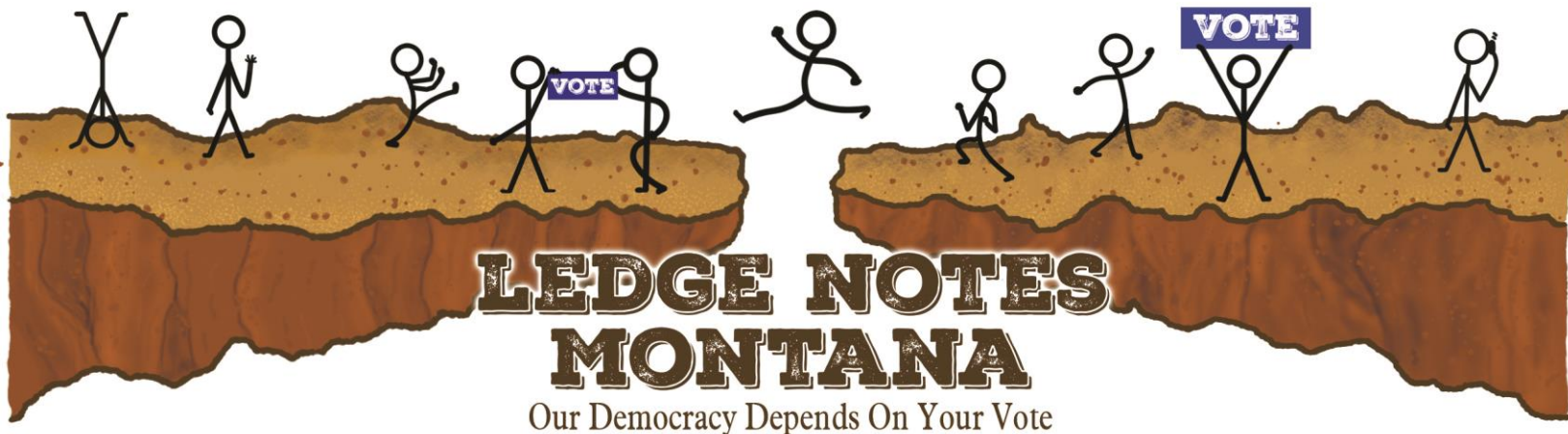




### What Do We Want To Do?

Help all Montanans make informed voting decisions, easily!

### How Can We Help?

By providing information about –

- [Voter registration](#)
- [Voting districts](#)
- [Late registration and early voting](#)
- How candidates will likely vote on key issues based on –
  - Past voting records for incumbents
  - Links to websites/Facebook pages for challenging candidates
  - [Party platforms](#)

### 🗳️ What are the Key Montana Issues? 🗳️

👍 Human Rights<sup>1</sup>    👎 Government for the Rich<sup>2</sup>

👍 Gun Safety    👎 Christian Nationalism

👍 Government Checks & Balances

👍 Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship

Ledge Notes provides –

- How to [register to vote](#) and determine your [voting districts](#)
- [Party platforms in a nutshell](#)
- A summary of each incumbent candidate's position on Key Montana Issues
- Information about [statewide ballot initiatives](#) and [candidates](#).
- [Voting tips](#)
- Notes on [56 laws and referenda](#) from Montana's 2021 legislative session that were used to evaluate incumbent legislators<sup>3</sup>.

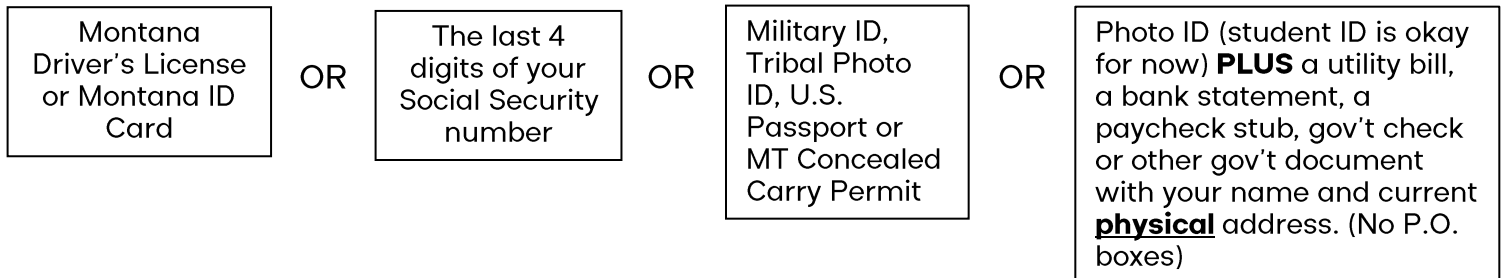
<sup>1</sup> Human rights include voting rights, racial justice, Native American rights, LGBTQIA rights, worker rights and protections, education and healthcare rights which includes reproductive rights, gender determination rights, and access to healthcare regardless of income (Medicaid).

<sup>2</sup> Examples of Government for the Rich: reducing taxes for the wealthy and corporations, providing access to government services primarily for the wealthy, cutting protections for workers, consumers and the environment, and funneling public funds to private schools.

<sup>3</sup> Our thanks to the [Montana Free Press](#) for their excellent reporting and analysis of the 2021 Montana legislative session, information about 2022 candidates and overall superb political reporting. Large portions of the information provided in this document has been sourced from the Montana Free Press.

## Where to start?

1. **Confirm that you are registered to vote.** Look up your registration status at <https://www.voteinmt.org/check-your-status>. (This website also has an excellent FAQ.) **If you have moved, even within the same districts, you need to update your voter registration.** The check-your-status website can also be used to check the status of your absentee ballot, obtain the address of your polling place, learn which Senate and House districts you will vote for, download a voter registration form, and download a list of Montana Election Administrators (aka voter registration officers) by county. If you need to register to vote, in addition to the registration form, you will need –



2. Determine for which districts you will vote in the Montana legislature, U.S. House of Representatives, and the Public Service Commission.



3. Review the information for the –
  - a. [Party platforms in a nutshell](#) (optional)
  - b. [U.S. House of Representatives for your district](#)
  - c. [Montana Supreme Court](#)
  - d. [Montana Senate for your district](#)
  - e. [Montana House of Representatives for your district](#)
  - f. [Public Service Commission](#)

Only commissioners from PSC districts #1 and #5 are up for re-election

- g. [Statewide ballot initiatives](#)

You probably have county and municipal initiatives on your ballot. If we have the resources to provide information at the county and municipal level at a later date, it will be available on our website – [ledgenotes.org](http://ledgenotes.org).

4. Complete your [Voting Notes Worksheet](#).

If you don't feel that you have enough information to vote on all your county and municipal candidates/initiatives, it's okay to leave them blank. Voting for the candidates, issues and values that are important to you is the objective.

## You will be ready to vote!

### Voting Tips

- You can review a sample ballot for your districts, county and city at [vote411.org/ballot](http://vote411.org/ballot).
- A good resource for additional information on candidates is [VoteSmart.org](http://VoteSmart.org).
- [Absentee ballots](#) are mailed 25 days before election day. After absentee ballots have been mailed, you can drop off your [absentee ballot application](#) and pick up an absentee ballot at your county election office.

- College students have a right to register to vote at the address you consider the place where you live, whether that is your family's home or where you attend school. Update your registration *anytime* this home address changes.
- Take advantage of opportunities to meet with candidates. Not sure what to ask? The [Great Falls Rising 2022 Voter's Guide](#) has questions for candidates to get you started.
- If you don't support your district's only candidate, leave it blank. You don't need to vote for them. If you're not sure about a ballot initiative or a set of candidates, it's okay not to vote that section.
- If you have questions about registration or voting, CALL your [county election administration office](#). Do not rely on your neighbor or Uncle Phil or even the Secretary of State for voter registration and election information. The COUNTIES administer the elections. This is where election integrity and the check & balances happen.
- ***Be sure to vote for the candidates that best reflect your values! That's what this is all about. The candidate doesn't need to be perfect, close is good enough.***

### **Late Registration & Early Voting**

You can late register to vote, and vote, at your [county election administration office](#) every business day during normal hours and until 12pm on November 7<sup>th</sup> and from 7am until 8pm on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>. However, you can't do it by mail. The good news is that you can register to vote and vote early, on the same visit to your county registrar. So get your stuff together and make a plan to vote. Early voting and late registration begins on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Plan**

1. Download your registration form and fill it out.
2. Sort out your identification documentation.
3. Use your [Voting Notes Worksheet](#) and [vote411.org/ballot](http://vote411.org/ballot) to decide who and what you will vote for (or against).
4. Call your county registrar to confirm when they will be open. You can look up the phone number on [Vote in MT](#). The phone number is at the bottom of the page.
5. GO VOTE! Take your Voting Notes Worksheet, your completed registration form and your identification documentation to your county's election administration office. Register to vote and ask to vote early. You will be given a ballot. VOTE! You are done. Get your "I Voted!" sticker.

Alternatively, you can [register to vote](#) and [register for an absentee ballot](#) at the county election administrator's office. When you turn in the absentee ballot registration, the clerk will give you an absentee ballot. You can turn absentee ballot in at [your polling place](#) on Election Day or mail it before October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> County election offices pause acceptance of late registrations from noon until closing on the day before the election so that they can prepare for Election Day. Acceptance of late registrations resumes on Election Day at 7am and continues until the polls close at 8pm.

If you haven't updated your address with your county elections office you can –

- 1) Go to your current local county elections office, update your address and pick up your ballot, or
- 2) Go to your old polling place on Election Day, vote and update your address.

## WHAT ARE MY DISTRICTS

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

Visit the [Montana Redistricting Map](#) and click on the “[View Districts in Detail](#)” button. Click on the “Counties” checkbox in the lower left corner. Identify your county of residence from the map. If you live in Pondera county, near a county line, or just want to be completely certain of your U.S. House district, enter your address in the search box in the upper right corner.

### **Montana Legislature**

Go to the [Montana Legislator Look-Up](#). Enter your address and click the “Find My District” button. Click on the red dot. A box will pop-up with your Montana Senate and House District numbers and the names of the incumbent representatives.

### **Montana Public Service Commission**

Visit the [Public Service Commission Districts](#) map and find your county.

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## MONTANA PARTY PLATFORMS IN A NUTSHELL

### **Democratic Party**

Human Rights are addressed and supported throughout the [MT's Democratic Party Platform](#). The platform supports healthcare as a human right, Reproductive Rights, the right to make private health decisions about dying, full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, access to affordable childcare, and affordable housing. In matters of equality, the platform not only includes race, gender, religion, et al, it also includes sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or intellectual ability/health status, language of origin, national origin and marital status. Regarding labor, MT Dem's support equal pay for equal work, unions, a living wage, and opposes efforts to bypass the minimum wage laws and any “right-to-work” (anti-union) legislation. In education, the platform supports adequate funding for public schools and universities, and high-quality early education programs.

Opposition to Government for the Wealthy is reflected in the MT Dem's support for a progressive, broad-based, equitable tax system, net neutrality, a Constitutional remedy to ensure that corporations are not accorded the rights of natural persons, federal ownership and management of federal public lands, and Montana's Stream Access Law. The platform promotes termination of the 18-month tax holiday for horizontal drilling for oil and gas production.



MT Dem's support the right to keep and bear arms and education on gun safety practices.

Endorsement of Government Checks & Balances is established in the platform's support for reinstituting the merit-based judicial appointment process conducted by an independent Judicial Nominating Commission (rather than the governor appointments), campaign finance reforms and for Montana's constitution.

Opposition to Christian Nationalism is demonstrated through the support for a judiciary that is independent and uninfluenced by political, religious, or ideological biases or agendas. The platform advocates for the right to hold personal beliefs without interference from those with different beliefs. MT Dems oppose any use of public funds for private education.

The MT Dems support far-sighted, cost-effective policies to protect our environment and steward our natural resources, including sufficient government oversight of MT's extractive industries and finding solutions to climate change. They recognize that our planet is in a state of climate emergency and that aggressive action is needed to reduce our reliance on burning fossil fuels for energy. The MT Dems support requiring that all natural resource projects consult with impacted and neighboring tribes and sufficient, well-enforced financial bonding of extraction companies.

### **Green Party**

Montana's Green Party has not published a state specific platform. However, the national Green Party Platform has all sorts of interesting plans. The party supports the elimination of the electoral college, ranked choice voting, a constitutional amendment that would reverse the Citizens United decision, drastic reductions in military spending, the rights of labor unions and workers, Puerto Rican independence, women's rights legislation, Reproductive Rights, reparation for United States Afrodescendants, LGBTQIA rights, rights of the disabled, indigenous people's rights, universal healthcare and you get the idea. Of course, the Green Party also strongly supports ecological sustainability, clean, green energy and jobs, elimination of dirty and dangerous energy sources, localized food systems, biological diversity, and plenty of other Earth-friendly initiatives. The extensive platform can be summed up in the Green Party's 10 Key Values – Grassroots Democracy, Social Justice and Equal Opportunity, Ecological Wisdom, Non-Violence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism and Gender Equity, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus and Sustainability. The Green Party's platform does not appear to address Gun Safety. However, the party's website includes information endorsing a ban on the sale of assault weapons and eliminating the gun show loophole for background checks. While the Green Party appears to support nearly all of the Key Montana Values, ***please do not assume that candidates running on a Green Party ticket support these values.***

## **Libertarian Party**

The [MT Libertarian Party's platform](#) has adopted the national platform from the 2016 convention. The core of the platform focuses on individual rights and opposition to government interference.

In the area of Human Rights, the platform opposes consumer protections, victimless laws, the death penalty, public education, and Social Security. Libertarians believe that sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on regulations regarding marriage, child custody, adoption immigration or military service. The Libertarian platform asserts that abortion is a private individual decision and the government should stay out of it. Libertarians oppose any requirement for government employees to join a union or pay union dues. Labor bargaining or unions should be free from government interference.

Regarding Government for the Wealthy, the platform opposes any preferential treatment by the government for any person, corporation, or organization. It ignores circumstances where the wealthy use their power to subjugate the poor and marginalized.

Libertarians support the repeal of the income tax, abolishing the IRS, and the passage of a "Balanced Budget Amendment" to the Constitution. The government shouldn't incur debt.

On Gun Safety, Libertarians oppose laws related to gun restrictions, registering guns, manufacturer of guns or transfer of firearms or ammunition.

Libertarians believe that a free market is sufficient to protect the environment. However, protecting the environment requires definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities for resources such as land, air, water and wildlife.

## **Republican Party**

Opposition to Human Rights is reflected throughout the [MT Republican Party's Platform](#). The MT-GOP's platform opens with an attack on human rights by insisting that the Constitution is perfect as it was written nearly 250 years ago when women and persons-of-color had no human rights. The platform does not address Human Rights as a specific issue. Not only is the Party against Reproductive Rights, supporting a complete ban on elective abortion, they also oppose [Compassionate Choices](#) for the terminally ill. They oppose worker's rights, labor unions and consumer protections. The MT GOP Platform advocates against voting rights by supporting the Big Lie. The MT GOP also endorses establishing closed primaries and registration by party in Montana. The party denies the human right to love who we choose by insisting marriage can only be between "one man and one woman," and goes on to clarify that this means only "a biological man and a biological woman." The platform does not endorse the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The platform does not support any education standards, adequate school funding or early education programs but does support public tax money for private schools.

The MT GOP supports Government for the Wealthy through endorsing (1) the transfer of public lands to the state<sup>5</sup>, (2) a flat rate tax<sup>6</sup>, (3) tort reform<sup>7</sup> and (4) unregulated free markets<sup>8</sup>. The platform supports economic development over consumer protections, worker's rights, and environmental stewardship.

The Platform advocates for the elimination of the Federal Reserve Bank System.

MT's GOP opposes Gun Safety of any kind. Regarding the safety of children in school, they support hardening MT schools with armed security.

The MT GOP does not support the public input or government restrictions on the subdivision of private property.

The MT GOP encourages Christian Nationalism through promoting the transfer of public tax money "inside or outside the public school system" and the omission of rights for anyone who isn't a cisgender heterosexual. They only support families comprising cisgendered, heterosexual men and women.

The MT GOP strongly opposes Climate Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship throughout the platform. It states that economic gain is "just as important as environmental impacts." The Energy section of page 14 includes, "We oppose any classification of CO2 or other greenhouse gasses as dangerous gasses or pollutants." They strongly oppose "any government entity depositing public funds in any financial institutions that uses [Environmental Social Governance \(ESG\)](#)" investing.

The MT GOP supports the elimination of corporate subsidies. In this area, there could be some agreement with the MT Dems in eliminating the 18-month tax holiday for horizontal drilling for oil and gas production.

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*We apologize for not specifically addressing Native American issues and rights as discussed in the party platforms for the MT Dems and MT GOP. Both parties seek to support Montana's Native Tribes in addressing the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). In the 2021 legislature, the MT-GOP largely voted against a [Native American Voting Rights Act](#), killing the bill in the House. The MT Dem's platform outlines a much broader range of support for Human Rights issues for Native Americans than the MT GOP platform, particularly in economic development and employment opportunities. In upcoming editions of Ledge Notes, we hope to enlist the services of Montana's Native American non-profit organizations to provide a better analysis of the Native American issues addressed in the party platforms.*

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<sup>5</sup> Montana does not have the resources to manage the state's Federal public lands. Thus, they would have to be sold, probably to the wealthy, thereby eliminating large areas of Montana public lands.

<sup>6</sup> Montana's billionaires would pay the same tax rate as our schoolteachers, probably less.

<sup>7</sup> Strips the constitutional right of juries to decide justice, reduces consumer protections and allows corporations to budget the cost of corporate negligence.

<sup>8</sup> Allowing markets to operate without oversight creates an environment rife with worker oppression and insufficient consumer protections. The private sector is not naturally competitive but favors the creation of monopolies and excessive corporate influence on our government.

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES<sup>9</sup>

### **U.S. House District #1**

#### **Monica Tranel - Challenger (D)**

Attorney. Not previously elected to public office. Ran for the PSC unsuccessfully in 2020. Opposes [Gov't for the Wealthy](#) and supports fair taxation for corporations, consumer protections, affordable housing and childcare, investment in rural and public schools, tribal sovereignty and democratic participation, social security, access to healthcare, Reproductive Rights, and Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship.

#### **John Lamb - Challenger (L)**

Farmer. Ran for MT SD 36 unsuccessfully in 2020. Supports smaller government and investigating corrupt politicians. Against Reproductive Rights, government investment in Montana, and Gun Safety.

#### **Ryan Zinke - Challenger (R)**

[Former U.S. Navy Seal](#). Elected to the MT State Senate in 2008, served 1 term. Ran for Lieutenant Governor of MT as running mate to Neil Livingstone in 2012. Finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 7 in the primary. Elected to Congress in 2014 & 2016. Became Trump's Sec'y of Interior in 2017 but resigned following [allegations of multiple ethics violations](#). August, 2022, [more news on past ethics and misconduct violations](#) reported by the Inspector Gen'l for the Dep't of Interior. Both reports of misconduct and ethics violations referred to the DOJ. In Congress, missed 8.7% of roll call votes (high) and voted to disapprove of the Interior's Stream Protection Rule. Voting records show support for Gov't for the Wealthy and repeated opposition to Reproductive Rights, Consumer Protections, Worker Protections, Human Rights. Zinke has a 4% Lifetime Score with the [League of Conservation Voters](#) and voted on numerous occasions against Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship. [Other ratings](#).

[According to the Ravali Republic](#), 15% of Zinke's donations are from MT citizens and corporation. Tranel's donations from Montanans are 75% of the total.

### **U.S. House District #2**

#### **Penny Ronning - Challenger (D)**

Small business owner, filmmaker. Billings City Council 2018-2021. Supports affordable healthcare and housing, investment in rural and public schools, access to healthcare, Reproductive Rights, Human Rights and Gun Safety.

#### **Gary Buchanan - Challenger (I)**

Billings financial advisor. Served in MT economic development roles for Democratic & Republican governors. Helped create the MT Dept of Commerce. Supports Reproductive Rights, Gun Safety, access to healthcare, affordable housing, and marriage equality. Mostly opposes Gov't for the Wealthy.

#### **Sam Rankin - (L)**

Billings realtor & attorney. Ran unsuccessfully for US House in 2010 & 2012 and US Senate in 2014. Primary objective: to eliminate financial influence in politics. Supports Reproductive Rights, tribal sovereignty, Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship and marriage equality.

#### **Matt Rosendale - Incumbent (R)**

Former real estate developer. MT Representative HD28 2011-2013. Candidate 2014 U.S. House of Representatives, lost in the primary to Ryan Zinke. Candidate 2016 MT State Auditor/Insurance Commissioner 2016, won against Jesse Laslovich. Candidate 2018 U.S. Senate, lost to Jon Tester. Candidate 2020 U.S. House of Representative, won against Kathleen Williams. Voting record in the U.S. House opposes Reproductive Rights, Human Rights, Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship, Gun Safety and supports Gov't for the Wealthy. Has a 0% Lifetime Score with the [League of Conservation Voters](#) and a 100% rating by the [Independent Petroleum Association of America](#). [Other ratings](#).

In 2022, voted against the Right to Contraception Act, the Respect for Marriage Act, the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act, and the Infant Formula Supplement Appropriations Act

Supported the Big Lie in Congress.

<sup>9</sup> Political party abbreviations: (D)emocrat, (G)reen, (I)ndependent, (L)ibertarian, (R)epublican.



# MONTANA SUPREME COURT<sup>10</sup>

## **Seat #1**

### **Jim Rice - Incumbent**

When appointed to the MT Supreme Court in 2001 by Gov. Martz (R), Rice was in private practice. Elected to the MT House of Representatives (R) in 1988, 1990 and 1992. Was House Majority Whip in 1993 legislative session. Longest serving current member on the court. Has voted to support MT's Stream Access law. Has voted against Reproductive Rights in two previous cases. Although Rice sued the Republican legislature to quash a subpoena for his personal and professional communications (he won), Rice is strongly endorsed by the MT GOP.

<http://www.jimriceforjustice.com/>

### **Bill D'Alton - Challenger**

Attorney in private practice. Has tried jury cases in several types of Montana courts, appealed cases before the Montana Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. He has not previously run for public office. Supports restructuring of Montana's Judicial Standards Commission. In the interest of maintaining judicial independence, D'Alton has said he will only serve one term (8 years).

No on-line campaign presence

## **Seat #2**

### **Ingrid Gustafson - Incumbent**

Previously a district court judge in Yellowstone County. Received judicial appointments by Republican Governor Judy Martz and Democratic Governor Steve Bullock. As a District Court Judge, initiated a Felony Drug Court to support rehabilitation tools for drug users and a child welfare program to improve family reunification rates. Has voted in favor of Reproductive Rights and MT's stream access law.

<https://www.gustafsonformontana.com/>

### **James Brown - Challenger**

Elected to the PSC in 2020 and is the Commission's chairman. Brown represented American Tradition Partnership, the dark money group that illegally coordinated with former MT legislator Art Wittich and other legislators. The case went to the US Supreme court to challenge MT's campaign finance laws. Brown appears in the film, Dark Money, to voice blanket opposition to any limits on campaign spending or contributions. During Brown's tenure on the PSC, auditors have found that the commission has falsified documents and understated revenues and expenses by \$100k. On his website, Brown makes the misleading statement that, "While on the Court, Gustafson blocked a legislative subpoena that sought to reveal her own public emails..." The subpoena was quashed in a lawsuit brought by MT Supreme Court Justice Jim Rice. The [entire MT Supreme Court blocked this legislative subpoena](#) and the [U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case](#). Opposes gun safety. Supports Gov't for the Wealthy. Strongly endorsed by the MT GOP.

<https://www.jamesbrownformontana.com/>

<sup>10</sup> Elections for the Montana Supreme Court are statewide and non-partisan.

## MONTANA SENATE<sup>11</sup>

### **Senate District #1**

**Michael J. Cuffe - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (89%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #5**

**Mark Noland - Challenger (R)**

Representative for HD#10 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #4**

**Kyle Waterman - Challenger (D)**

<https://kyle4kalispell.com/>

**John Fuller - Challenger (R)**

Representative for HD#8 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #8**

**Susan Webber - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (75%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Rick Jennison - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

<sup>11</sup> Voting record percentage calculations are based on number votes for/against bills in a particular category divided by the total number of bills in that category.

Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship includes War on Bears and Wolves data.

For more information about the 2021 legislation included in the categories, please review the [Notes on Key Bills - Montana 2021 Legislative Session](#). The Notes include a plain language summary of each bill.

### **Senate District #9**

#### **Bruce Gillespie - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (83%), Education (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (89%), Transgender Rights (67%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #12**

#### **Jacob Bachmeier - Challenger (D)**

[facebook.com/bachmeier4senate](https://facebook.com/bachmeier4senate)

#### **Wendy McKamey - Challenger (R)**

Representative for HD#19 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (75%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #14**

#### **David Brewer - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

#### **Russel Tempel - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (83%), Education (100%), Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (92%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (89%), Transgender Rights (67%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #11**

#### **Tom Jacobson - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (67%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (67%), Transgender Rights (67%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (67%), Gov't for the Wealthy (50%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

#### **Daniel Emrich - Challenger (R)**

[facebook.com/demrich1](https://facebook.com/demrich1)

### **Senate District #13**

#### **Casey Schreiner - Challenger (D)**

[www.caseyformontana.com/](https://www.caseyformontana.com/)

[facebook.com/CaseyForMontana/](https://facebook.com/CaseyForMontana/)

#### **Jeremy Trebas - Challenger (R)**

Representative for HD#26 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #15**

**Cindy Palmer - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Dan Bartel - Incumbent (R)**

Representative for HD#29 in the 2021 legislature. (See [Douglas Flament](#))

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #20**

**Barry Usher - Challenger (R)**

Representative for HD#40 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #19**

**Kenneth Bogner - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (67%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (92%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (89%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #22**

**Terry Dennis - Challenger (D)**

<https://www.dennisformt.com/>  
<facebook.com/dennis4mt>

**Daniel Zolnikov - Challenger (R)**

<https://danielzolnikov.com/serving-you>

### **Senate District #24**

**Kathy Kelker - Challenger (D)**

Representative for HD#47 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Elijah Tidswell - Challenger (R)**

<https://elijahtidswellformt.com/>  
<facebook.com/ElijahTidswellforMT>



### **Senate District #27**

#### **Dennis Lenz - Challenger (R)**

Representative for HD#53 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #32**

#### **Pat Flowers - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (75%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (83%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

#### **Randy Chamberlin - Challenger (R)**

[facebook.com/people/Randy-Chamberlin-for-Montana/100064452513302/](https://facebook.com/people/Randy-Chamberlin-for-Montana/100064452513302/)

### **Senate District #34**

#### **Damion Lynn - Challenger (D)**

<https://lynnformontana.com/>  
[facebook.com/lynnnsd34](https://facebook.com/lynnnsd34)

#### **Shelley Vance - Challenger (R)**

<https://www.voteformance.com/>

### **Senate District #29**

#### **Forrest Mandeville - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **Senate District #30**

#### **Jamie Isaly - Challenger (D)**

<https://www.jamieisaly.com/>

#### **John Esp - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (83%), Education (75%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (92%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (50%), Healthcare Rights (89%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #33**

#### **Denise Hayman - Challenger (D)**

Representative for HD#66 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

#### **Adam Dewis - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **Senate District #39**

#### **Jesse Mullen - Challenger (D)**

<https://mullenformontana.com/>  
[facebook.com/JesseForMontana](https://facebook.com/JesseForMontana)

#### **Terry Vermiere - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **Senate District #41**

**Janet Ellis - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (75%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Dave Galt - Challenger (R)**

<https://galtformontana.com/>  
<facebook.com/gogaltSD41/>

### **Senate District #43**

**John Schneeberger - Challenger (D)**

<facebook.com/schneeberger4sd43/>

**Jason Ellsworth - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (89%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **Senate District #42**

**Mary Ann Dunwell - Challenger (D)**

Representative for HD#84 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Matt Olson - Challenger (R)**

<https://olsonformontana.com/>  
<facebook.com/olsonformontana>

### **Senate District #48**

**Shane Morigeau - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (75%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (89%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (83%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Jacob Van Horn - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **Senate District #49**

#### **Willis Curdy - Challenger (D)**

Representative for HD#98 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

#### **Brad Tschida - Challenger (R)**

Representative for HD#97 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

***In July, 2022, Tschida said that a woman's uterus serves "no specific purpose to her life or well-being."***

### **Senate District #50**

#### **Andrea Olsen - Challenger (D)**

Representative for HD#100 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

#### **Nick Knowles - Challenger (R)**

<https://olsonformontana.com/>  
<facebook.com/olsonformontana>

**When people show you who they are, believe them the first time.**

- Maya Angelou

## DID YOU KNOW...

that the 2021 Montana legislature passed a bill ([HB 273](#)) that repealed a 1978 law requiring nuclear energy facilities be approved by a majority of Montana voters?

***The legislature wiped out our right to decide whether or not Montana has a nuclear power plant.*** And it gets WORSE!! HB 273, sponsored by Derek Skees (R, HD11), also removes nuclear facilities from the [Major Facility Siting Act\\*](#) (MFSA) review. The MFSA provides an opportunity for citizens to participate at a public hearing during the application and review process for major energy projects in Montana. Rebecca Harbage, the public policy director for Montana's Department of Environmental Quality has [stated that the bill removes nuclear facilities from the MFSA](#). Thanks to HB 273, Montanans have been gagged by our legislators and barred from being heard through two important channels – the ballot box and the MFSA review process.

Representative Skees indicated that Montana voters didn't know what they were voting for when they passed the 1978 initiative requiring voter approval and the MFSA for nuclear power generation. (Does he really think we're that stupid?) Skees also said that the legislature is better equipped to make decisions about complex energy projects than Montana voters. (Yes, he does think we're that stupid. And the legislators who voted for Skees' bill probably think that too.)

The following legislators voted in support of keeping Montanans out of the nuclear energy conversation.

[Mike Cuffe](#) (R-SD1), [Carl Glimm](#) (R-SD2), [Keith Regier](#) (R-SD3), [Mark Blasdel](#) (R-SD4), [Bob Keenan](#) (R-SD5), [Greg Hertz](#) (R-SD6), [Bob Brown](#) (R-SD7), [Bruce Gillespie](#) (R-SD9), [Steve Fitzpatrick](#) (R-SD10), [Brian Hoven](#) (R-SD13), [Russel Tempel](#) (R-SD14), [Ryan Osmundson](#) (R-SD15), [Mike Lang](#) (R-SD17), [Steve Hinebauch](#) (R-SD18), [Kenneth Bogner](#) (R-SD19), [Duane Ankney](#) (R-SD20), [Jason Small](#) (R-SD21), [Douglas Kary](#) (R-SD22), [Tom McGillvray](#) (R-SD23), [Chris Friedel](#) (R-SD26), [Cary Smith](#) (R-SD27), [David Howard](#) (R-SD29), [John Esp](#) (R-SD30), [Gordon Vance](#) (R-SD34), [Walt Sales](#) (R-SD35), [Jeffrey Welborn](#) (R-SD36), [Terry Gauthier](#) (R-SD40), [Jason Ellsworth](#) (R-SD43), [Theresa Manzella](#) (R-SD44), [Daniel Salomon](#) (R-SD47), [Steve Gunderson](#) (R-HD1), [Neil Duram](#) (R-HD2), [Braxton Mitchell](#) (R-HD3), [Matt Regier](#) (R-HD4), [Amy Regier](#) (R-HD6), [Frank Garner](#) (R-HD7), [John Fuller](#) (R-HD8), [Brian Putnam](#) (R-HD9), [Mark Noland](#) (R-HD10), [Derek Skees](#) (R-HD11), [Linda Reksten](#) (R-HD12), [Paul Fielder](#) (R-HD13), [Denley Loge](#) (R-HD14), [Ross Fitzgerald](#) (R-HD17), [Llew Jones](#) (R-HD18), [Wendy McKamey](#) (R-HD19), [Fred Anderson](#) (R-HD20), [Edward Buttrey](#) (R-HD21), [Lola Sheldon-Galloway](#) (R-HD22), [Scot Kerns](#) (R-HD23), [Steven Galloway](#) (R-HD24), [Steve Gist](#) (R-HD25), [Jeremy Trebas](#) (R-HD26), [Joshua Kassmier](#) (R-HD27), [Ed Hill](#) (R-HD28), [Dan Bartel](#) (R-HD29), [Wylie Galt](#) (R-HD30), [Frank Smith](#) (R-HD31), [Casey Knudsen](#) (R-HD33), [Rhonda Knudsen](#) (R-HD34), [Brandon Ler](#) (R-HD35), [Bob Phalen](#) (R-HD36), [Jerry Schillinger](#) (R-HD37), [Kenneth Holmlund](#) (R-HD38), [Geraldine Custer](#) (R-HD39), [Barry Usher](#) (R-HD40), [Kerri Seekins-Crowe](#) (R-HD43), [Larry Brewster](#) (R-HD44), [Katie Zolnikov](#) (R-HD45), [Bill Mercer](#) (R-HD46), [Mallerie Stromswold](#) (R-HD50), [Frank Fleming](#) (R-HD51), [Jimmy Patelis](#) (R-HD52), [Dennis Lenz](#) (R-HD53), [Terry Moore](#) (R-HD54), [Vince Ricci](#) (R-HD55), [Sue Vinton](#) (R-HD56), [Fiona Nave](#) (R-HD57), [Seth Berglee](#) (R-HD58), [Marty Malone](#) (R-HD59), [Jane Gillette](#) (R-HD64), [Jedediah Hinkle](#) (R-HD67), [Caleb Hinkle](#) (R-HD68), [Jennifer Carlson](#) (R-HD69), [Julie Dooling](#) (R-HD70), [Kenneth Walsh](#) (R-HD71), [Tom Welch](#) (R-HD72), [Marta Bertoglio](#) (R-HD75), [Gregory Frazer](#) (R-HD78), [Becky Beard](#) (R-HD80), [Michele Binkley](#) (R-HD85), [David Bedey](#) (R-HD86), [Ron Marshall](#) (R-HD87), [Sharon Greef](#) (R-HD88), [Mike Hopkins](#) (R-HD92), [Joe Read](#) (R-HD93), [Kathy Whitman](#) (R-HD96), [Brad Tschida](#) (R-HD97).



# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **House District #1**

**Steve Gunderson - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

## **House District #2**

**Neal A. Duram - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

## **House District #3**

**Andrea Getts - Challenger (D)**

[andragetts.com](http://andragetts.com)

**Braxton Mitchell - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

## **House District #4**

**Kimberly Pintner - Challenger (D)**

No online campaign presence

**Matt Regier - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (71%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #5**

**Dave Fern - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (70%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (60%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Lyn Bennett - Challenger (R)**

[lynbennettforwhitefish.com](http://lynbennettforwhitefish.com)

### **House District #7**

**Angela Kennedy - Challenger (D)**

[kennedy4kalispell.com](http://kennedy4kalispell.com)

**Courtenay Sprunger - Challenger (R)**

[courtenayforkalispell.com](http://courtenayforkalispell.com)

### **House District #10**

**Mark Phillips - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Bob Keenan - Challenger (R)**

Senator for SD#5 in the 2021 legislature.  
Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (92%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (88%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #6**

**Amy Regier - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #8**

**Sid Daoud - Challenger (L)**

<http://libertysid.com>

**Terry Falk - Challenger (R)**

[falkhd8.com](http://falkhd8.com)

### **House District #9**

**Tony Brockman - Challenger (R)**

<http://brockmanhd9.com>

### **House District #11**

**Tanner Smith - Challenger (R)**

[tannerformontana.com](http://tannerformontana.com)

### **House District #12**

**Sterling James Laudon - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Linda Reksten - Incumbent (R)**

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (75%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #13**

**Colleen Hinds - Challenger (D)**

<http://www.hindsforhd13.com/>

**Paul C. Fielder - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #15**

**Marvin Weatherwax, Jr. - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Ralph Foster - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #14**

**Denley Loge - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (71%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #16**

**Tyson Running Wolf - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (73%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

### **House District #17**

**Barnett Sporkin-Morrison - Challenger (D)**

<facebook.com/barnettforhouse>

**Ross H. Fitzgerald - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (71%), Education (100%), Transgender Rights (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%) Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #18**

**Llew Jones - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #21**

**Lela Graham - Challenger (D)**

[lelagraham.com](http://lelagraham.com)

**Ed Buttrey - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Transgender Rights (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #19**

**Russel Miner - Challenger (R)**

<https://russminer.com/>

### **House District #20**

**Samantha Rispens - Challenger (D)**

<http://facebook.com/rispens4mt>

**Fred Anderson - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Transgender Rights (75%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #22**

**Nick Henry - Challenger (D)**

[facebook.com/people/Nick-Henry-for-HD22/100077693621710](https://facebook.com/people/Nick-Henry-for-HD22/100077693621710)

**Tony Rosales - Challenger (L)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Lola Sheldon-Galloway - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).



### House District #23

**Melissa Smith - Challenger (D)**

<https://melissasmith4mt.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/MontanansForMelissaSmith/>

**Scot Kerns - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### House District #25

**Jasmine Krotkov - Challenger (D)**

<http://www.jasminekrotkov4mt.com/>

**Steve Gist - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### House District #24

**Barbara Bessette - Challenger (D)**

<facebook.com/bessette4montana>

**Steve Galloway - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### House District #26

**Kari Rosenleaf - Challenger (D)**

<facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079029920709>

**George Nikolakakos - Challenger (R)**

<georgeforus.com/>

### House District #27

**Josh Kassmier - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #28**

**Paul Tuss - Challenger (D)**

[facebook.com/paultussforhouse](https://facebook.com/paultussforhouse)

**Ed Hill - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #31**

**Frank Smith - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (64%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (60%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Arlie Gordon - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #29**

**Douglas Flament - Incumbent (R)**

Was not a Representative during the 2021 legislative session. In the fall of 2021, Flament was appointed to HD#29 to replace Rep. Dan Bartel. Rep. Dan Bartel was appointed to SD#15 to replace Sen. Ryan Osmundson. Osmundson left his state senate seat to become Gov. Gianforte's budget director.

### **House District #30**

**Wendy Palmer - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**James Bergstrom - Challenger (R)**

<http://bergstrom4hd30.com>

### **House District #32**

**Jonathan Windy Boy - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

### **House District #33**

**Jordan Ophus - Challenger (D)**

[facebook.com/JordanOphusHD33](https://facebook.com/JordanOphusHD33)

**Casey Knudsen - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (75%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #35**

**Brandon Ler - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Education (75%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #38**

**Steve Muggli - Challenger (D)**

<http://facebook.com/SteveMuggli>

**Greg Kmetz - Challenger (R)**

<http://kmetzforhouse.com>

### **House District #39**

**Gary Parry - Challenger (R)**

[facebook.com/gary.parry.796](https://facebook.com/gary.parry.796)

### **House District #40**

**Greg Oblander - Challenger (R)**

<https://gregoblender4montana.com/>

### **House District #34**

**Rhonda Knudsen - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (67%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #36**

**Bob Phalen - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #37**

**Jerry Schillinger - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #41**

**Rynalea Whiteman Pena - Incumbent (D)**  
Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Paul Green - Challenger (R)**

<http://greenformontana.com/>

### **House District #42**

**Sharon Stewart Peregoy - Incumbent (D)**  
Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Virginia McDonald - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #43**

**Kerri Seekins Crowe - Incumbent (R)**  
Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #44**

**Melissa Smith - Challenger (D)**

<https://electmelissasmith.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/electmelissasmith>

**Larry Brewster - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (71%), Education (75%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #45**

**Katie Zolnikov - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).



### **House District #46**

**Tim Warburton - Challenger (D)**

[facebook.com/timforbillings](https://facebook.com/timforbillings)

**Bill Mercer - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (75%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #50**

**James Reavis - Challenger (D)**

[reavisformontana.com](https://reavisformontana.com)

**Mallerie Stromswold - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (71%), Education (50%), Transgender Rights (100%), Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #47**

**Denise Baum - Challenger (D)**

<http://facebook.com/baumformontana>

**Thomas Madigan - Challenger (R)**

<http://m.facebook.com/people/Thomas-Madigan/100055948361450/>

### **House District #48**

**Jennifer Merecki - Challenger (D)**

<http://jmereckihd48.com>

**Jodee Etchart - Challenger (R)**

[facebook.com/JodeeforMT](https://facebook.com/JodeeforMT)

### **House District #49**

**Emma Kerr Carpenter - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (60%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Jeff Wylie - Challenger (R)**

<http://facebook.com/jeff.wylie.33>

### **House District #51**

**Carole Boerner - Challenger (D)**

[caroleformt.com](https://caroleformt.com)

**Mike Yakawich - Challenger (R)**

[facebook.com/mikeyakawich](https://facebook.com/mikeyakawich)

### **House District #52**

**Jenna Martin - Challenger (D)**

<https://jennamartinforhd52.com/>

**Sherrie Essman - Incumbent (R)**

<https://www.sherryessmann.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/housedistrict52>

Was not a Representative during the 2021 legislative session. In June, 2021, Essmann was appointed to HD#52 to replace Rep. Jimmy Patelis. Patelis left his state representative seat after being appointed to the Board of Pardons & Parole.

### **House District #55**

**Lee Deming - Challenger (R)**

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Lee-Deming/100079470728598/>

### **House District #56**

**Sue Vinton - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #58**

**Judith Gregory - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Brad Barker - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #53**

**Nelly Nichol - Challenger (R)**

<facebook.com/NellyNicolForMontana>

### **House District #54**

**Terry Moore - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #57**

**Thomas Flanagan - Challenger (D)**

<http://www.tommyflanaganfor57.com>

**Fiona Nave - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (75%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (67%), Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (55%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #59**

**Ruth Weissman - Challenger (D)**

<http://ruthweissmanforhd59.com>

**Marty Malone - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #61**

**Jim Hamilton - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (60%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Steve Kelly - Challenger (G)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Peter Bower - Challenger (R)**

<http://www.bowerformontana.com>

### **House District #60**

**Laurie Bishop - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Dan Skattum - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #62**

**Ed Stafman - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Mark Greendorfer - Challenger (R)**

<facebook.com/Marc4HD62/>

### **House District #63**

**Alice Buckley - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (73%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (60%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Catherine Purcell - Challenger (R)**

<http://purcellformontana.com>

### **House District #64**

**Alanah Griffith - Challenger (D)**

<http://www.griffithformt.com/>

**Doug Campbell - Challenger (L)**

[dougformt.us](http://dougformt.us)

**Jane Gillette - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #67**

**Elizabeth Marum - Challenger (D)**

<http://www.marum4mt.com/>

**Jedediah Hinkle - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #65**

**Kelly Kortum - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**James Cocco - Challenger (R)**

<http://coccoformontana.com>

### **House District #66**

**Eric Matthews - Challenger (R)**

<http://matthewsformt.com>

### **House District #68**

**Joe Hancock - Challenger (D)**

<http://gjioeformontana.com>

**Caleb Hinkle - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).



### **House District #69**

**Rocky Hamilton - Challenger (D)**

[rockyformt.com](http://rockyformt.com)

**Carl Mohler - Challenger (L)**

[carlmohler.com](http://carlmohler.com)

**Jennifer Carlson - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #71**

**Ken Walsh - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (67%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #73**

**Jennifer Lynch - Challenger (D)**

Selected to replace the late Art Noonan (11/24/51 - 9/17/22) on the Democratic ticket.

**Jason Freeman - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #70**

**Jon Jackson - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Julie Dooling - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #72**

**Holt Gibson - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Tom Welch - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (71%), Education (75%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #74**

**Derek Harvey - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (55%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (67%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**James Kephart - Challenger (R)**

<https://www.jimkephart.org/>

### **House District #75**

**Marta Bertoglio - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (67%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (50%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #77**

**Sara Novak - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (67%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Wolves (67%), Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (55%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**John Fitzpatrick - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #79**

**Laura Smith - Challenger (D)**

[lauraforlegislature.com](http://lauraforlegislature.com)

**Keith Pigman - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #81**

**Melissa Romano - Challenger (D)**

[melissaformontana.com](http://melissaformontana.com)

**Jill Sark - Challenger (R)**

[jillsarkforhousedistrict81.com](http://jillsarkforhousedistrict81.com)

### **House District #76**

**Donovan Hawk - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (60%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Suzann Nordwick - Challenger (R)**

<https://nordwick.com/>

### **House District #78**

**Gregory Frazer - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Voting Rights (80%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #80**

**Becky Beard - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (50%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #81**

**Melissa Romano - Challenger (D)**

<http://melissaformontana.com/>

**Jill Sark - Challenger (R)**

<http://jillsarkforhousedistrict81.com>

### **House District #83**

**Kim Abbott - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Bob Leach - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #85**

**Rosan Stover - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Michelle Binkley - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #82**

**Mary Caferro - Challenger (D)**

Representative for HD#81 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (75%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Alden Tonkay - Challenger (R)**

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### **House District #84**

**Jill Cohenour - Challenger (D)**

Representative for SD#42 in the 2021 legislature.

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (75%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Kaitlyn Ruch - Challenger (R)**

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### **House District #86**

**Anne Brown - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**David Bedey - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #88**

**Ko Moua - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Wayne Rusk - Challenger (R)**

<http://waynerusk.com>

### **House District #90**

**Marilyn Marler - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (80%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Gary Marbut - Challenger (G)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Josiah Hinkle - Challenger (L)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Alan Ault - Challenger (R)**

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### **House District #87**

**Ron Marshall - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #89**

**Katie Sullivan - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (75%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Gary Wanberg - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence



### **House District #91**

#### **Connie Keough - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

#### **Anthony Pawlisz - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #93**

#### **Shirley Azzopardi - Challenger (D)**

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#### **Devin Braaten - Challenger (L)**

No on-line campaign presence

#### **Joe Read - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Education (75%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (90%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #95**

#### **SJ Howell - Challenger (D)**

No on-line campaign presence

#### **JC Windmueller - Challenger (L)**

No on-line campaign presence

#### **Lauren Subith - Challenger (R)**

No on-line campaign presence

### **House District #92**

#### **Gary Stein - Challenger (D)**

<http://garysteinhd92.com>

#### **Mike Hopkins - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (67%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (71%), Education (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (50%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Voting Rights (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #94**

#### **Tom France - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (91%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (60%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

#### **Rebecca Mapston - Challenger (R)**

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### **House District #96**

**Jonathan Karlen - Challenger (D)**

<http://jonathankarlen.org>

**Karen Whitman - Incumbent (R)**

Voting Record

**Supports** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (86%), Education (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Opposes** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (100%), Gov't Checks & Balances (67%), Gun Safety (100%), Healthcare Rights (80%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (75%), Voting Rights (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

### **House District #99**

**Mark Thane - Incumbent (D)**

Voting Record

**Supports** Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (82%), Gov't Checks & Balances (100%), Gun Safety (100%), Education (100%), Healthcare Rights (100%), Native American Voting Rights (100%), Transgender Rights (100%), Voting Rights (100%), Worker Rights & Protections (100%), MT Non-Profit Free Speech (100%).

**Opposes** the War on Bears (100%) and Wolves (100%), Gov't for the Wealthy (100%), Politicizing MT's Judicial System (100%), Christian Nationalism (100%).

**Ryan Darling - Challenger (R)**

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### **House District #97**

**Devin Jackson - Challenger (D)**

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**Lyn Hellegaard - Challenger (R)**

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### **House District #98**

**Bob Carter - Challenger (D)**

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**Richard Armerding - Challenger (L)**

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**Sonia Sherer-Heitt - Challenger (R)**

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### **House District #100**

**Zooey Zepher - Challenger (D)**

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**Michael Vanecek - Challenger (L)**

No on-line campaign presence

**Sean McCoy - Challenger (R)**

[facebook.com/VoteSeanMcCoy](https://facebook.com/VoteSeanMcCoy)

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### **PSC District #1**

#### **Randy Pinocci - Incumbent (R)**

Printer. Elected to HD19 in 2014. Elected to the PSC in 2018. During Pinocci's tenure on the PSC, auditors have found that the commission has falsified documents, understated revenues and expenses by \$100k, and disregarded compliance policies. Opposes gun safety. (Daily Montanan)  
<https://www.facebook.com/randyformontana>

### **PSC District #5**

#### **John Repke - Challenger (D)**

Retired executive, last position as CFO for SmartLam. Experience includes various executive level positions and business instructor. Opposes unethical activities at the PSC. Repke believes that it is inappropriate for commissioners to place "personal or political preferences for specific energy sources over their obligation to serve ratepayers." (MTFP)  
<https://repke4psc5.com/>

#### **Anne Bukacek - Challenger (R)**

Internal medicine physician. Supports coal-burning power. Denies the facts and reality of climate change. Opposes Reproductive Rights and Environmental Stewardship. Bukacek plans to continue working in her medical practice if she is elected to the PSC. <https://bukacek4psc.com/>

[Click here for more details on these candidates.](#) (MTFP)

## STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVES

### **C-48**

Would amend the Montana Constitution to specify that "electronic data and communications" are included in the clause that protects Montanans from "unreasonable searches and seizures." (MTFP)

The Montana Free Press published an in-depth article on C-48 on 10/11/22.

Sponsored by Sen. Kenneth Bognar, R-Miles City, the measure passed the Legislature last year with bipartisan support in the Senate, but 22 Democrats voted against the bill in the House.

### **LR-131**

An anti-abortion measure formally titled the Montana Born-Alive Infant Protection Act, specifying that any infant born alive "must be treated as a legal person." It passed the Legislature with GOP support on a near party line vote. (MTFP)

Laws already exist to protect newborn infants. This bill pushes the false narrative about abortions later in pregnancy which is extremely rare. Attempts to pass laws like LR-131 are anti-doctor, anti-woman and anti-family. "In heartbreaking instances where an infant cannot survive, LR-131 deprives grieving parents of the right to comfort or baptize their child." (No on LR-131)



## VOTING NOTES WORKSHEET

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State Ballot Initiative C-48

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State Ballot Initiative LR-131

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# VOTING NOTES WORKSHEET

CITY & COUNTY ELECTION ISSUES

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## Notes on Key Bills<sup>12</sup> - Montana 2021 Legislative Session

(Unless otherwise noted, all bills shown were passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor.)

### Climate Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship

#### War on Bears

- 🐾 **SB 98**: Revising laws related to grizzly bear take in defense of persons and livestock. Based on assertions by Conservatives that grizzly bears should have been delisted from the endangered species list years ago, the bill expands the circumstances under which it is legal to kill or attempt to kill a grizzly. The previous law stated that it was legal to kill a grizzly in self-defense or if the bear was in the act of attacking or killing livestock. Under SB-98, if the bear is threatening livestock or people, it is legal to kill it. The law is only a state protection against killing a grizzly, not a federal protection.
- 🐾 **SB 337**: Revising laws related to grizzly bear relocation. Prevents Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) from relocating grizzly bears into new areas. Prohibits MT FWP managers from "relocating problem grizzlies outside of zones already approved by the state's governor-appointed Fish and Wildlife Commission." (MTFP) This law has the potential to damage the relationship between federal and state wildlife managers and creates new issues by stuffing problem bears on top of each other.
- 🐾 **HB 468**: Allowing hound hunting and chase seasons for black bears. The use of dogs to hunt certain animals such as mountain lions, bobcats and game birds during specified hunting seasons has been allowed by law. HB-468 provides for the inclusion of black bears in hound hunting regulations. Some conservatives opposed the measure as hound hunting will likely endanger black bear cubs and delay delisting of grizzly bears.

#### War on Wolves

- 🐾 **HB 224**: Allow for the snaring of wolves in Montana by licensed trappers. Legalizes the use of neck snares to trap wolves. These snares also frequently trap and kill other animals. "According to a 2018 report prepared by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, legal coyote snares killed captured non-target animals 73% of the time, whereas foothold traps resulted in the captured animal's death 24% of the time." (MTFP) Furthermore, death by snare is inhumane. (<http://www.wolfmatters.org/snaring.html>) This law is part of an all-out assault on Montana wolf populations. Montana's elk population is higher than it was when wolves were reintroduced. Wolves are critical to curbing the elk population and reducing the spread of chronic wasting disease.
- 🐾 **SB 267**: Authorize reimbursement for wolf trapping and hunting. The law legalizes a bounty on wolves and commercializes wolf hunting and trapping.
- 🐾 **HB 302**: Requires county approval to relocate <wild> bison. The law interferes with tribes' ability to manage bison and the establishment of wild herds. Proponents of the law say that it's necessary to control the spread of brucellosis. Opponents counter that the concerns regarding brucellosis are overblown and states that the legislature has ignored tribal input on the issue.
- 🐾 **SB 314**: Revise laws related to wolf harvest. Allows for the "harvest of an unlimited number of wolves by the holder of a single wolf hunting or wolf trapping license." (SB-314) Allows for the use of bait and hunting wolves on private lands at night with artificial light or night vision scopes.

#### Other Issues

- 🐾 **HB 358**: Repeal numeric nutrient standards for water quality. Loosens nutrient water quality regulations by replacing numeric standards with narrative ones. Law directs the MT-DEQ to scrap scientific numerical standards for water quality and replace them with

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<sup>12</sup> Includes most of the bills listed on the ["Key Bills"](#) list from the Montana Free Press.

subjective “narrative” standards. The previous law on water quality standards, adopted in 2015, provided clear and consistent limits on nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus and protected Montana’s cold, clear water which is the “lifeblood of Montana’s \$7.1 billion outdoor recreation economy.” (MTFP) The law shifts water quality management from prevention to remediation which will lead to increasing instances of “harmful algal blooms, fish kills, oxygen-starved “dead” zones, and health concerns related to impaired drinking water and increased exposure to toxic microbes.” (MTFP) “Nutrient pollution is widespread in Montana. 35% of Montana’s river miles and 22% of its lake acres are considered impaired by nutrient pollution.” (MTFP)<sup>13</sup>

- 🗣️ **SJ 3:** Provide for a feasibility study of advanced nuclear reactors. Joint resolution of the Senate and the House requesting an interim study of the feasibility of advanced nuclear reactors as a replacement for coal-fired boilers. Getting rid of coal-fired boilers is admirable but the 2021 legislature is pushing nuclear reactors as a solution while ignoring the potential to further expand the state’s geothermal, wind and solar energy resources.
- 🗣️ **HB 170:** Revise laws to include renewable hydrogen. Law creates a new tax classification for green hydrogen and provides tax incentives and exemption from the Major Facility Siting Act. Law dramatically lowers the tax rate for any facility that uses green hydrogen. It gives an extremely low property tax rate of 1.5% to any gas-fired power plant that uses as little as 8% hydrogen. Thus, if the plant burns 92% gas in its electricity generation, it qualifies for the 1.5% tax rate. This law is a green-washing, tax loophole.
- 🗣️ **HB 273:** Eliminate restrictions on nuclear facility development. Repeals the laws authorizing the People of the State of Montana, through statewide vote, to approve or reject a proposed nuclear power facility. (Derek Skees stated that the legislature, dominated by Republicans, “knows better than Montana citizens about whether nuclear power should be added to Montana’s energy infrastructure.” MTFP) The law also removes nuclear facilities from the regulations of the Major Facility Siting Act (MFSA). The MFSA allows Montana citizens to “take part in decisions regarding major energy projects in the state.” (MTFP)
- 🗣️ **SB 379:** Generally revise coal-fired generation laws. Failed. Passed in the Senate but was tabled by the House Energy Committee. Guarantees NorthWestern Energy funding for coal plants by limiting PSC authority over power bills. The bill, drafted by NorthWestern Energy, guaranteed cost recovery and a rate of return on new coal-fired power acquisitions.

## Government Checks & Balances

- 🗣️ **SB 140:** Revise laws relating to the judiciary. Lets the governor appoint judges to vacancies directly. SB-140 eliminated the independent non-partisan Judicial Nomination Committee as outlined in Montana’s 1972 state constitution. Law was immediately challenged, requesting a Montana Supreme Court ruling. Unfortunately, the Montana Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of SB-140.
- 🗣️ **HB 325:** Elect supreme court justices by districts. Supports a voter referendum regarding whether to elect supreme court justices by district rather than in statewide elections. Would create a system of judicial gerrymandering. The bill was struck down by the MT Supreme Court as unconstitutional. The MT Constitution requires that Montana Supreme Court justices be elected statewide.
- 🗣️ **HB 685:** Revise judicial standards laws. Failed in the house. Constitutional referendum to give Judicial Standards Commission direct power to discipline judges and make a majority of members non-attorneys appointed by governor.
- 🗣️ **SB 160:** Establish Public Service Commission appointments. Failed to pass out of the Senate. Bill would have reduced the size of the PSC to three from five. Rather than allowing

<sup>13</sup> See MTFP follow-up articles - <https://montanafreepress.org/2022/05/11/epa-challeneges-montana-water-quality-standards/> and <https://montanafreepress.org/2022/03/25/water-quality-law-provokes-lawsuit/>

voters to elect members of the PSC by district and the PSC would be appointed by the governor based on professional criteria and approved by the Senate.

## Government for the Wealthy

- 🗳️ [SB 159](#): Personal Income Tax Relief Act. Reduced the rate on the state's top income tax bracket.
- 🗳️ [SB 184](#): Montana Entrepreneur Magnet Act - Exempts shareholders of Montana businesses from paying capital gains taxes on stock options. "Senate Bill 184 would create a new tax loophole in Montana for businesses selling stock," said Rose Bender of the Montana Budget and Policy Center, "further rewarding wealth over work." (YPRadio.org)
- 🗳️ [HB 303](#): Revise business equipment tax laws: Business Investment Grows (BIG) Jobs Act. Exempts more businesses from paying equipment tax by increasing the exemption from \$100K to \$300K. This will reduce the state revenues by \$7m/year. The total state budget for 2022 is \$2.6B and for 2023 is \$2.7B. In comparison, \$7m may seem like a paltry amount but the legislature could decide at a later date to not reimburse schools and MUS for the lost revenues from this tax.
- 🗳️ [HB 372](#): Eliminate the business equipment tax. Failed when it was tabled by the House Appropriations Committee. Raises the exemption threshold by \$100,000 a year for 10 years, eventually resulting in an \$87m deficit to the General Fund, Montana University System, county revenues, city revenues, school revenues and economic development. Would have reduced state tax collections by \$10m/year.
- 🗳️ [SB 399](#): Generally Revise and Simplify Income Taxes. Major rewrite of Montana income tax code. The bill collapses Montana's tax brackets from 7 to 2, ties Montana taxable income to the federal taxable income, and eliminates a dozen tax credits and deductions. The benefit to low-income taxpayers is that 55,000-93,000 won't have to pay state income taxes due to the higher federal tax deduction. However, the bill was rushed through the legislature at the last minute and, although described as a simplification, the long-term implications of the 98-page bill are very unclear. "State legislators are rushing a massive overhaul of our income tax system through the legislature at the last minute. Senate Bill 399 would cost the state millions in revenue and result in one in five Montanans paying more in income taxes." "Under SB 399 not only do the wealthiest taxpayers get an additional break on capital gains, but their top tax rate is also reduced from 6.9% to 6.5%." (Mike Kadas, former director of the Montana Department of Revenue, MissoulaCurrent.com) Democrats say that, "comparing Montana's income-tax rates to other states overlooks the fact that our state has no sales tax, and therefore is more reliant on income taxes to pay for services that citizens expect, like schools, public safety and public health." (Mike Dennison, KTVH)
- 🗳️ [SB 10](#): Providing for circuit breaker income tax credit for property taxes paid. Failed in the Senate. Creates a property tax "circuit breaker" credit to lighten tax burden on lower-income residents.
- 🗳️ [HB 320](#): Prohibit sales of federal land transferred to Montana. Narrowly passed the House but failed in the Senate committee. The bill was a red herring to lure support for transfer of public lands from federal to state control. Montana doesn't have the resources to effectively manage these lands which will create significant costs for Montana taxpayers. Once the costs become a dead weight on Montana's budget resources, the conservatives would rescind the law and sell the lands to wealthy landowners, effectively cutting off access to public lands.

## Gun Safety

- 🗳️ [HB 102](#): Generally revise gun laws. Expands permitless concealed carry, limits gun regulations on college campuses. Expanded Montana's concealed carry law and prohibited designation of "safe zones," (areas where concealed carry is illegal) including Montana



university campuses. In 2021, Montana had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest suicide rate in the country. 63% of all suicides in Montana involve firearms. Depression and anxiety are the most common mental health issues among college students.

- 🗳️ **HB 258:** Revise laws related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories. Bars Montana officials from enforcing new federal firearms restrictions. Prohibits the enforcement of federal bans or regulation of firearms, magazines, ammunition, accessories, or components.

## Human Rights

### Healthcare rights

- 🗳️ **SB 108:** Authorize elected official approval of city/county health board rules. Allows citizens to petition for an election to repeal local health board actions. Failed due to veto by GG<sup>14</sup>. Would have revised laws related to local boards of health and allowed citizen initiatives to amend or repeal local health board actions. GG had already signed into law two other bills that would allow political officials to control the actions of community healthcare professionals. See **HB 121**.
- 🗳️ **HB 121:** Require elected official approval of local health board and officer actions. "Requires that any rules or regulations proposed by local health officers or health boards be approved by an elected body." (MTFP)
- 👍 **HB 43:** Expand the Practice of Telemedicine. "The Bill permanently lifts telehealth limitations that were paused during the Pandemic..." (National Law Review) In addition to making permanent certain telemedicine provisions, the bill also addresses student self-insurance.
- 🗳️ **SB 101:** Provide for the Direct Patient Care Safe Harbor Act. Allows healthcare providers to negotiate payment agreements directly with patients. This law expands direct patient care in Montana, bypassing insurance companies and provides that a state licensing board cannot interfere with a Direct Patient Care provider or a patient solely because they are engaged in Direct Patient Care. The bill clarifies that Direct Patient Care is not insurance. The GOP touts the bill as offering a more affordable alternative to health insurance. But it's only affordable if the patient never experiences a catastrophic healthcare event. The bill leaves Montanans who choose this option without insurance protections against catastrophic illnesses or injuries such as cancer, auto accidents, etc.
- 🗳️ **HB 332:** Revise School Laws Related to Vaccinations. Failed to pass the House. The bill's text contains definitions that redefine what constitutes immunization for public schools including homeopathic remedies and prior infection. The change in definitions creates a potential health hazard for all Montana students, K through college.
- 🗳️ **HB 702:** Prohibit Discrimination Based on Vaccine Status or Possessing Immunity Passport. With the exception of employees of nursing homes, long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities, this bill makes it illegal to discriminate against a person for employment or business transactions based on vaccination status. The bill has been challenged as unconstitutional as it interferes with the inalienable right to "a clean and healthful environment" as outlined in the MT constitution. HB 702 "applies to all vaccinations and immunity status against any and all diseases, known and unknown, which may now or in the future pose a threat to the health of Montanans." – Sidney Herald
- 🗳️ **HB 136:** Establish pain-capable unborn child protection act. Broadly restricts abortions after 20 weeks. "This bill will stop access to safe and legal abortion after 20 weeks and criminalize doctors, even in cases involving fatal fetal anomalies and potential harm to the patient. This bill does not include any considerations for cases involving incest or rape, nor does it account for the patient's overall well-being." (Montana Women Vote)

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<sup>14</sup> Governor Gianforte

- 🗳️ **HB 140**: Requiring the provision of information before the performance of an abortion. Requires medical providers to offer patients an ultrasound before an abortion. "There is no health-based justification for this particular bill and this particular insertion into the doctor-patient relationship," Laurel Hesse, ACLU of MT.
- 🗳️ **HB 167**: Referendum to adopt the Montana Born-Alive Infant Protection Act. Provides that infants born alive are afforded live-saving healthcare. The Republican politicians behind this bill are making a problem when one doesn't exist. Late term abortions are very rare and laws already exist to protect the infant. Born-alive bills are attempts to focus on late-term abortions rather than Republican efforts to strip people of their healthcare rights. Born-alive bills also force parents to stand by as non-viable babies are subject to invasive medical procedures. This bill would give personhood to fetuses at almost any stage of development. This referendum is on the November ballot as LR-131.
- 🗳️ **HB 171**: Adopt the Montana Abortion-Inducing Drug Risk Protocol Act. Requires abortion-inducing medication to be distributed in person. This law severely limits access to abortion healthcare for people living in rural areas of Montana. One-way travel time from northeastern Montana to the nearest abortion clinic is 5 hours when the roads are good, longer during the winter months. <https://dailyyonder.com/montanas-abortion-restrictions-place-an-extra-burden-on-rural-areas-advocates-say/2021/12/01/>

### Voting Rights

- 🗳️ **HB 429**: Revise governor's power to suspend election laws during emergency. Law is GOP backlash against Governor Bullock's decision to make vote-by-mail legal statewide during the covid pandemic.
- 🗳️ **SB 169**: Generally revise voter ID laws. Requires photo ID for voter registration. Restricts the types of photo identification that can be used to register or vote, burdening the voting rights of college student, low income, housing insecure and transgender voters.
- 🗳️ **HB 176**: Close late voter registration on Friday before the election. Eliminates Election Day-voter registration. Closes regular voter registration 30 days before an election.
- 🗳️ **SB 319**: Generally revise campaign finance laws. Restricts signature gathering, voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts on college campuses. Eliminates voter registration drives, signature collection efforts, ballot collection efforts and voter turnout efforts in any Montana university residence hall, dining facility or athletic facility. This is an effort to young Montanans on college campuses from voting.
- 🗳️ **HB 506**: Generally Revise Election Laws. Even if a person would be eligible to vote on Election Day, that person would not be allowed to vote absentee prior to the election if they aren't 18 when the absentee ballots are distributed. The intent is to restrict the voting rights of persons turning 18 near an election.

### Native American Rights

- 🗳️ **HB 613**: Generally revise laws related to tribal voting. Failed in the House. HB 613 "was designed to create equal and fair access to the ballot box and remove voting barriers for Native Americans living in rural areas across Montana." Seeks to protect voting rights on reservations. Provided for better access to voting facilities on tribal lands.

### Worker Rights & Protections

- 🗳️ **SB 89**: Revise laws related to the collection of union dues. Failed in the Senate. Bars public employers from collecting dues for unions via paycheck withholding.
- 🗳️ **HB 251**: Implement right-to-work. Failed in the House. Requires written consent for union dues paycheck deductions.

## Education

-  **HB 15**: Implement K-12 inflation. Major school funding bill. Provides an increase in Montana education funding based on inflation.
-  **HB 46**: Revise special education funding. Adds special ed inflationary increases to routine state education budget. Bill rolls "inflationary increases for special education into the state's routine education budget, preventing it from being held hostage during future legislative negotiations." (MTFP)
-  **HB 143**: Provide incentives for increasing starting teacher pay.
-  **HB 179**: Generally revise laws related to community colleges. Makes it easier to set up community college districts. Streamlines local funding sources for new community colleges down to a single levy subject for approval by voters.

## Transgender Rights

-  **HB 112**: Require interscholastic athletes to participate under sex assigned at birth.
-  **HB 113**: Provide for youth health protection. Failed in the House. Prohibits hormonal treatments and gender surgeries for transgender youth. "Opponents, both in committee and on the House floor, reiterated that a growing body of evidence shows that treating gender dysphoria with a spectrum of care for minors can dramatically reduce rates of depression, anxiety and suicidality." (MTFP)
-  **SB 280**: Revise vital statistics laws regarding sex designation on birth certificate. Requires a person to obtain surgery and a court order to update the gender on their birth certificate. Prior to SB-280, "people could simply fill out a form affirming that they had undergone a gender transition." (MTFP) Surgery was not a requirement to change the sex designation on a birth certificate and is not necessary for gender transition. Requiring people to have surgery and go to court to obtain an order is a massive invasion of privacy.
-  **HB 427**<sup>15</sup>: Provide for youth health protection. Bill passed the House but failed in the Senate. HB 427 is a slightly narrower version of HB-113. HB 427 sought "to specifically prohibit medical providers from performing surgery on trans minors, including gender-affirming mastectomies or augmentations, voice or facial alterations, and any procedures on genitalia. Physicians would also be banned from issuing referrals for youth to seek those treatments elsewhere." (MTFP)

## Christian Nationalism

-  **SB 215**: Establish the religious freedom restoration act. Opponents of the bill say that it "...open[s] the door to legally protected discrimination, particularly against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit and queer Montanans in situations relating to employment, housing, medical care and public accommodations." (MTFP)
-  **HB 230**: Generally revise emergency and disaster laws. Lets Legislature weigh in on governor's emergency declarations. Limits the length of time for martial rule without legislative approval. Includes rules regarding the declaration of an emergency/disaster and prohibits the Governor from suspending a statute that affects the exercise of an individual's constitutional rights. Most importantly, it restricts the state's ability to impose safety measures if a religious organization feels that those measures restrict how it operates, regardless of the impact on the general public.

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<sup>15</sup> Note on Senate voting for HB-427. A "N" vote to 'Indefinitely Postpone' the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is a vote **FOR** this bill. A "Y" vote is **AGAINST** this bill.

- 🗣️ [HB 279](#): Revise laws related to tax credit scholarship and innovative education programs. Raises a dollar-for-dollar tax credit cap on private school scholarship donations from \$150 to \$200,000 which diverts public tax dollars to religious private schools.

#### **Other Shenanigans**

- 🗣️ [HB 355](#): Require partisan elections for state, district, local judges. Failed in the House.
- 🗣️ [SB 278](#): Generally revise civil liability law. Failed due to the governor's veto but portions of the bill are expected to be reintroduced in the 2023 legislative session. In part, the bill requires nonprofits challenging government actions to disclose their donor lists. Also prohibited certain government lawsuits against firearm or ammunition manufacturers, limited damages in malpractice claims by deducting the portion of future earnings that the deceased would have spent on basic necessities and disallowed the payment of legal fees and costs as a charitable expense for a non-profit challenging a government action. This bill is an attack on MT's non-profit organizations for challenging MT GOP legislation that is unconstitutional and limits or revokes our rights.