
For the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

Secretary of State: Linda McCulloch (D), statewide elected official, 444-4195, LMcCulloch@mt.gov

Agency Responsibilities:

Elections -

- The secretary of state is the chief election officer of this state.
- Maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of the election laws and in the use of voting systems.
- Provide advise and training.
- Maintain public election records.
- Administer statewide elections.

Records management -

- Maintain official records of the executive branch and of the acts of the legislature and keep the great seal.
- Attest to the governor's signature on executive actions.

Business services -

- File and maintain records of secured financial transactions, such as liens.
- Review, maintain, and distribute public-interest records of businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Other -

- File administrative rules adopted by state agencies.
- Serve on the state Board of Land Commissioners and the Board of Examiners.
- Serve on the Capital Finance Advisory Council.
- Commission notaries public.

Programs, FTE, and Budgeted Funding - 2015 Biennium:

Programs	FTE FY 2014	General Fund	State Special	Federal Revenue	Proprietary	Other	Total Funding	% of Total Funds	% Generally Funded
Business & Government Services	7.00	\$0	\$0	\$256,000	\$9,209,343	\$0	\$9,465,343	100.00%	0.00%

Source: Legislative Fiscal Division

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Statutory Advisory Councils:

- none

Administratively Attached Agencies:

- Commissioner of Political Practices

Most Recent Legislative Audits:

- Financial compliance, December 2012
- Financial compliance, November 2010

Agency Bills Passed During 2013 Session:

- HB 120 - generally revise election laws
- SB 57 - adopt certain uniform laws commission language for military/overseas ballots
- SB 142 - clarify process to fill state senate seat vacancy

Agency Bills that Failed During 2013 Session:

- HB 126 - generally revise ballot issues and petition statutes
- HB 327 - allow youth election judges
- HB 349 - provide state reimbursement to counties for legislative referenda costs
- SB 205 - provide for special election to fill US senate vacancy
- SB 206 - allow electronic voter registration

Committee Areas of Interest Previous Interim:

- none

Hot Topics of 2013 Session:

- Combining county and school elections, resulted in study resolution - SJR 14

Statutorily Required Reports:

- Uniform Commercial Code Secured Transactions Report (amended 2013 Session to no longer be required unless there are changes to the relevant uniform code rules)

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