



# MACo LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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## MACo & The Montana Legislature

*MACo & The Montana Legislature* is a new page on the Montana Association of Counties website dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings at the 60th Montana Legislature. You'll find the MACo Resolutions, links to bills pertaining to MACo resolutions, MACo's Weekly *Legislative Updates*, links to bills and bill status reports, hearings calendars, committee listings, Legislator contact information, and much, much more.

Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this legislative season.

## Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

\*MACo Bill

### Monday, January 08

		<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 17	Enforce license plate violations by nonresidents working in Montana	Room 137	9:00 a.m.
*HB 2	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
HB 30	Allow crime victims compensation fund to retain restitution	Room 137	9:00 a.m.
HB 37	Weed Control on state land	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 61	Increase fire assessment rate	Room 472	3:00 p.m.

SB 1	Information disclosure requirements for material submitted to Legislature	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 16	6-mill levy for university system referendum	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
SB 40	Gender neutralize and conform code language to bill drafting manual	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 109	Clarify standing to challenge open meeting law violation	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
SB 131	Revise land banking laws	Room 422	3:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 09

*HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 5	Regulate use of unmarked police vehicles	Room 303	8:00 a.m.
SB 66	Revise fiscal note laws	Room 317	5:00 p.m.
SB 69	Revise value-added loan program laws	Room 317	5:00 p.m.
SB 139	Governor's \$400 property tax rebate	Room 405	8:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, January 10

HB 16	Eliminate water adjudication fee	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 35	Assistance to victims of identity theft	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
HB 93	Eliminate water adjudication fee	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 130	Suspend water adjudication fee	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 151	Repeal water adjudication fee and provide rebate	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 57	Exempt department of justice from information technology act	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 64	Increase membership in state group health insurance	Room 335	3:00 p.m.

### Thursday, January 11

No scheduled hearings as of yet.

### Friday, January 12

SB 45	Revise laws governing inpatient behavioral health facilities	Room 317	3:00 p.m.
SB 70	Revise membership of state emergency response commission	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 80	Identification of ballot issue signature gatherers	Room 335	3:00 p.m.

## Projected Session Calendar

**Please note:** This calendar was revised by legislative leadership December 19, 2006; leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

**Introduction deadlines:** Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

**"General bills"** is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

**Notes:** Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Jan 3:	60 <sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Begins
Jan 16:	Last Day to Request General Bills
Jan 25:	Last Day to Request Revenue Bills
Feb 16:	Last Day for Committee to Request General Bills
Feb 27:	Transmittal of General Bills to Other Chamber
Feb 28-March 4:	Transmittal Break
March 21:	Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 23:	Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5:	Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	through April 7 - Break
April 10:	Last day to request study Resolution or Committee Bills to implement HB2
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Session Adjourns; Sine Die

## MACo Resolutions/Legislation

			<u>Sponsor</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll
HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik
HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns
HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert
SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson

SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley
SB 155	Older American's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams
SB 169	Adjust local government basic entitlement share for public defender costs	2006-23	Jesse Laslovich
LC0026	Establish board; fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner
LC0620	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham
LC0697	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson
LC0950	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove
LC1070	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson
LC1153	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker
LC1157	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker
LC1294	Independent and partisan candidate filing deadlines	2006-29	Lane L. Larson
LC1473	Prohibit use of non-wood bats in competitive baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands
LC1544	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski
LC1545	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski
LC1546	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski
LC1560	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser
LC1669	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek
LC1701	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham
LC1736	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story
LC1767	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt
LC1796	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik
LC1933	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones
LC2204	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John (Jack) W. Ross

### County Administration

HB 191	Appropriation for county infrastructure
SB 183	Clarify standing to challenge open meeting law violation

### Courts, Justice, Public Safety

HB 187	Increase jury duty pay
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### Health and Human Services

SB 186	School district access to health insurance loss information
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### Land Use and Economic Development

SB 190	Interim study to determine the feasibility of a bike path
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### Natural Resources; Environment

HB 184	Protect public access to water via growth policy
HB 196	Create coal development impact fund

### State Administration

HB 192	Indemnification provisions in state loans to local government
SB 181	Revise deadlines for write-in candidates to conform to mail election timelines