

On November 23, 1889, the **1st Montana Legislature** convened. On January 6, 2025, the **69th Montana Legislature** will convene.



LEGISLATIVE DAY 1:

Monday, January 6, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

Within 90 Legislative Days

SENATE COMPOSITION

- 50 MEMBERS

Republicans: 32 (64%)

Democrats: 18 (36%)

HOUSE COMPOSITION

- 100 MEMBERS

Republicans: 58 (58%)

Democrats: 42 (42%)

LEGISLATURE HOME PAGE

<https://www.legmt.gov/>

FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR

<https://www.legmt.gov/districts/>

LOOK UP BILL INFORMATION

<https://bills.legmt.gov/>

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<https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/harmony/en>

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www.amrpe.org

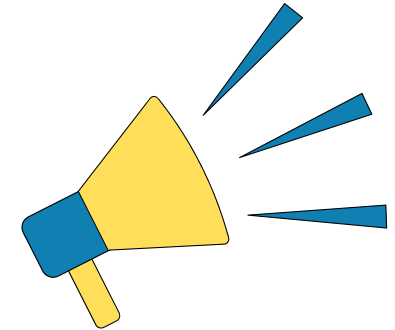
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AMRPE ROLE & MEMBER ROLES

By Tom Livers, AMRPE President

AMRPE is busy preparing for the 2025 legislative session. Between our Legislative Committee and our contracted lobbyist, we've been closely following discussions of key committees such as the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs (SAVA) regarding interim analyses and potential legislation impacting retirees and pensions. We are the only organization dedicated solely to retired Montana public employees and the issues that directly affect them.

We also coordinate our legislative efforts with organizations such as AARP whose interests typically coincide with those of AMRPE members.

We'll keep you posted on draft legislation as it takes shape and is introduced through updates to our website and targeted announcements, as needed. For major legislation, we may ask you as AMRPE members to directly contact your local legislators to help convey our support or concerns. Hearing from constituents is often the most effective path for helping legislators understand and appreciate potential impacts.

Important legislative decisions may happen quickly given the pace and deadlines of the 90-day session. We'll work to summarize key issues and bills to help you stay informed to be ready when quick action is needed. Thanks in advance for your help in working together in the coming legislative session.



POTENTIAL 2025 LEGISLATION

State Administration & Veterans' Affairs' proposed bills

- LC 0225 – increase PERS, SRS, HPORS & GWPORS employer contributions by 0.1% each year for 10 years (*PERB supports*).
- LC 0226 – return SRS & HPORS retirement requirement to 20 years of service OR age 50. Would repeal legislation passed in 2023. (*PERB is informational*).
- LC 0227 – repeal the use of layered amortization for SRS, HPORS, GWPORS & JRS actuarial valuations (*PERB supports*).

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Public Employees' Retirement Board's proposed general revisions bill

- LC 0267 – Duty-related disability benefits in public safety systems will not convert to service retirement benefits and are not subject to federal taxation.

Legislators' Proposed Bills to Date (check bill information link for later bills)

- LC 0020 – Capping the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution decrease at 0.5%, same as the current 0.5% cap on contribution increases.
- Other bills – go to Legislative Website “look up bill information” and search subject “retirement.”

TRACKING 2025 LEGISLATION

AMRPE will maintain a legislative page on its website listing bills that AMRPE is tracking and indicating whether AMRPE supports, opposes, or is monitoring these bills.

<https://www.amrpe.org/legislative-activities/>

Most public pension bills will be heard in the Senate and House State Administration Committees. Senate State Administration Chair: Theresa Manzella (R). House State Administration Chair: Julie Darling (R).

SHARE YOUR VIEWS

Share your views with legislators and committees regarding bills under consideration by:

- Testifying in person at a committee hearing or testifying remotely - <https://www.legmt.gov/participate/>
- Leaving a phone message by calling (406) 444-4800
- Completing an on-line message form (activated on 1st day of session)
- Sending a letter by USPS mail using the following addresses:

Senator (NAME)
Montana Senate
P.O. Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620-0500

Representative (NAME)
Montana House of Representatives
P.O. Box 200400
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