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HD-77, Gallatin  
**FMT POSITION** Oppose  
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**SPONSOR** Mike Cuffe (R)  
SD-1, Lincoln  
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**SPONSOR** Daniel Emrich (R)  
SD-11, Cascade  
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**OUTCOME** Failed

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HB 838: Allow supreme court justices to use partisan affiliation ♦

**SPONSOR** Brandon Ler (R)  
HD-33, Richland  
**FMT POSITION** Oppose  
**OUTCOME** Failed

HB 838 would have allowed judicial candidates for the Montana Supreme Court to run under a party affiliation making our judiciary partisan.

♦ Only scored for the House.

HB 821: Revise vote requirement to enact constitutional amendment by initiative

**SPONSOR** Jodee Etchart (R) HD-51, Yellowstone  
**FMT POSITION** Oppose **OUTCOME** Failed

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SCORECARD

Key: Republican Democrat Y=Yes N=No E=Excused A=Absent (Not factored into score)

	SCORE	HB 413	SB 490	SB 42	HB 838	HB 821
Albus, Eric	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barker, Brad	60%	N	Y	N	N	Y
Baum, Denise	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Bedey, David	40%	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Bennett, Lyn	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bertoglio, Marta	40%	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Brewster, Larry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buttrey, Edward	40%	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Byrne, Ed	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Caferro, Mary	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Carter, Bob	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Close, Brian	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Cochran, Curtis	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cohenour, Jill	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Crowe, Thedis	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Cunningham, Melody	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Darling, Julie	20%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
DeMarois, Scott	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Deming, Lee	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Duram, Neil	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edwards, Becky	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Elverum, Pete	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Essmann, Sherry	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Etchart, Jodee	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Falk, Terry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fielder, Paul	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fitzpatrick, Chip	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Fitzpatrick, John	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fitzpatrick, Steve	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fox, Mike	100%	N	N	N	N	N
France, Tom	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Fyant, Shelly	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Gillette, Jane	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gist, Steve	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gregg, Randyn	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Griffith, Alanah	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Hawk, Donavon	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Hinkle, Caleb	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hinkle, Jedediah	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Howell, SJ	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Isaly, Jamie	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Jones, Llew	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Joy, Denise	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Karlen, Jonathan	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Kelly, Steve	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keogh, Connie	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Klakken, Shane	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Kmetz, Greg	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kortum, Kelly	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Lee, Marc	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Ler, Brandon	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Love, Kathy	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lynch, Jennifer	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Maness, Shannon	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marler, Marilyn	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Marshall, Ron ▲	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Matthews, Eric	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Mercer, Bill	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Millett, Tom	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miner, Russ	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mitchell, Braxton	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moore, Valerie	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Muszkiewicz, Luke	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Nave, Fiona	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nelson, Terry ■	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicastro, Anthony	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nicol, Nelly	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nikolakakos, George	40%	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Nikolakakos, Melissa	40%	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Oblander, Greg	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Overstreet, Greg	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Parry, Gary	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Powers, Debo	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Reavis, James	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Regier, Amy	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reksten, Linda	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Romano, Melissa	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Rosenzweig, Scott	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Running Wolf, Tyson	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Schillinger, Jerry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Schomer, Curtis	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Schubert, Lukas	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seckinger, Joshua	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Seekins-Crowe, Kerri	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sharp, Tracy	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith, Frank	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Sooktis, Jade	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Sprunger, Courtenay	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stafman, Ed	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Strand, Peter	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Sullivan, Katie	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Thane, Mark	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Thiel, Morgan	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tilleman, Eric	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Tuss, Paul	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Vinton, Mike	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walsh, Ken	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Weber, Jane	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Wirth, Zack	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zephyr, Zooey	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Zolnikov, Katie	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

▲ Rep. Marshall resigned on March 3.  
■ Rep. Nelson took office on March 10.

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Beard, Becky	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bogner, Kenneth	40%	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Boldman, Ellie	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Cuffe, Mike	40%	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Curdy, Willis	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Dunwell, Mary Ann	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Ellis, Janet	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Ellsworth, Jason	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Emrich, Daniel	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Esp, John	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fern, Dave	100%	N	Y	N	N	N
Flowers, Pat	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Fuller, John	0%	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Galt, Wylie	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gillespie, Bruce	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Glimm, Carl	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harvey, Derek	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Hayman, Denise	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Hertz, Greg	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hunter, Gregg	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Kassmier, Josh	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Lammers, Gayle	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Lenz, Dennis	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Loge, Denley	40%	Y	Y	N	N	Y

SB 543: Revise judiciary laws ★

**SPONSOR** Wylie Galt (R)  
SD-39, Meagher

**FMT POSITION** Oppose

**OUTCOME** Failed

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★ Only scored for the Senate.

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Mandeville, Forrest	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Manzella, Theresa	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
McGillvray, Tom	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
McKamey, Wendy	20%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Morigeau, Jacinda	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Morigeau, Shane	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Neumann, Cora	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Noland, Mark	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Novak, Sara	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Olsen, Andrea	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Phalen, Bob	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pope, Christopher	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Regier, Matt	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ricci, Vince	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith, Laura	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Tempel, Russ	40%	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Tezak, Tony	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Trebas, Jeremy	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Usher, Barry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vance, Shelley	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vinton, Sue	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Webber, Susan	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Windy Boy, Jonathan	100%	N	N	N	N	N
Yakawich, Mike	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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