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## MT Legislative Scorecard 2023

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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**2. SJ15 Resolution on *Marbury v. Madison*** (failed 44 to 55 on 4/12/2023). Resolves that "the belief that the court has exclusive authority to interpret the constitution and that its decisions are binding on the other two branches is a myth based on a faulty understanding" of the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion in *Marbury v. Madison*. **YES** ★

**3. HB604 "Sheriffs First" Bill** (failed 32 to 68 on 3/2/2023). Would require federal employees to obtain the county sheriff's written permission prior to making an "arrest, search, or seizure" in the state. **NO** ✗

**4. HB598 Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting** (passed 56 to 43 on 3/2/2023). Prohibits a ranked-choice voting method from being used to determine the election or nomination of a candidate to a local, state, or federal office. **YES** ★

**5. HB527 Defend the Guard Act** (failed 40 to 60 on 3/2/2023). Would have prevented any member of the Montana National Guard from being deployed for active duty combat without Congress passing an "official declaration of war." **YES** ★

**6. HJ13 Article V Convention: Balanced Budget Amendment** (failed 29 to 70 on 3/1/2023). Would apply to Congress for a "convention of the states" under Article V of the U.S. Constitution for the "sole purpose" of proposing a federal balanced budget amendment (BBA). **NO** ★

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