HOUSE BILL 657

Introduced by J. Johnson

2/06	Introduced
2/06	Referred to Local Government
2/07	First Reading
2/19	Hearing
·	Died in Committee

LC 0989/01

INTRODUCED BY John Johnson 1 2 3

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE GOVERNING 5 BODY OF A COUNTY TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER PERSON AS THE ELECTION 6 ADMINISTRATOR IF THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR IS A CANDIDATE 7 FOR ELECTION; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS TO 8 POST THE RESULTS OF A CANVASS OF VOTES IN A PLACE IN THE 9 COUNTY COURTHOUSE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC; AND 10 AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-301 AND 13-15-405, MCA."

11

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 13-1-301, MCA, is amended to read: 13 14 \*13-1-301. Election administrator. (1) The county clerk and recorder of each county is the election administrator 15 16 unless the governing body of the county designates another official or appoints an election administrator. If the 17 election administrator is a candidate for election, the 18 governing body of the county shall designate another 19 official or appoint another person as the election 20 21 administrator.

(2) The election administrator is responsible for the
administration of all procedures relating to registration of
electors and conduct of elections and shall keep all records
relating to elector registration and elections.

Montana Legislative Council

1 (3) The election administrator may appoint a deputy 2 election administrator for each political subdivision required to hold annual elections under the provisions of 3 4 13-1-104(3). Each election administrator or deputy election administrator is responsible for the conduct of the annual 5 elections of such political subdivision, as provided by 6 13-1-401." 7 Section 2. Section 13-15-405, MCA, is amended to read: 8 9 "13-15-405. Declaration or certification of results. (1) The board shall declare nominated or elected the 10 individuals having the highest number of votes cast for each 11 12 county and precinct office, except as provided in 13-10-204.

13 (2) The board shall proclaim the adoption or rejection14 of a county ballot issue.

15 (3) The board shall certify the results of the canvass 16 of votes cast for individuals for political subdivision 17 offices and for and against political subdivision ballot 18 issues to the governing body of each political subdivision 19 participating in the election.

(4) If there is a tie vote for a county office, an
office of a political subdivision wholly within the county,
a precinct office, or a ballot issue voted on only in that
county or portion of that county, the board shall certify
the vote to the election administrator.

25 (5) The board shall post the results of a canvass of

INTRODUCED BILL -2-HB 657

LC 0989/01

## 1 votes in a place in the county courthouse that is accessible

2 to the public."

-End-