Elections—Registration.

The county clerk is not authorized to accept an affidavit of registration sent by mail from a person outside the state.

The county clerk is not authorized to mail out registration cards to be signed by an elector and returned.

June 4, 1928.

Miss Margaret Callan, Clerk and Recorder, Anaconda, Montana.

My dear Miss Callan:

The law makes no provision for the acceptance by the county clerk of an affidavit of registration sent by mail from a person without the state.

The only way in which a voter may lawfully register is by appearing in person either before the county clerk or before a deputy registrar, as provided in sections 555-556, R. C. M. 1921.

It is also my opinion that the law does not contemplate that the clerk shall mail out registration cards to be filled in by an elector and returned.

The requirements of the statute above referred to seem to make it necessary for an elector to appear personally before the registration agent.

Very truly yours,

L. A. FOOT, Attorney General.