

**Electors, Registration of. Registration, of Electors. Women,  
Registration of. Age of Woman, on Registering.**

Under the law it is necessary for women when applying to be registered to state their correct ages.

March 20, 1915.

Hon. Frank Hunter,  
County Attorney,  
Miles City, Montana.

Dear Sir: :

Some time ago you wrote to this office requesting an opinion as to whether it is necessary for a woman applying to be registered to state her correct age. Your inquiry has not been answered sooner for the reason that at the time you wrote, several bills were pending in the legislature relating to the registration of electors, one of which had for its express object the permitting of women to register without compelling the women to state more than that they were twenty-one years of age, or would be prior to the next general election. This Bill failed of passage. House Bill No. 287, however, was passed, and is now a law. It amends Chapter 113 of the Laws of 1911. Section 7 reads as follows.

"The official register of electors in each county shall be contained in a book designated register which book shall be so arranged in precincts and alphabetical divisions suitable to record the full and complete information given by each elector and a card index of which the county clerk of such county shall at all times have the custody. The cards shall be four by six inches in size, of white calendared stock, and shall be so perforated that all cards in any drawer may be fastened in by a rod passing through such perforations, which rod shall be kept locked except when the Clerk shall be making necessary changes in the register. The registry book herein provided shall be in such form as shall be designated by the Secretary of State of the State of Montana. The registry card shall be substantially in the following forms:

State of Montana		}	ss.
County of.....			
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Number	Date	Name	Sex
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Where Born	Age	Height Ft.-In.	Occupation
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naturalized when	Where		
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Residence	Postoffice	Sec. Twp. Rg.	
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Length of time in	Precinct	Ward	School Dist.
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State	County	City	
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Date cancelled	Date registered	Disability if any	
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Place where last registered.			
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State of Montana }  
 County of..... } ss.

....., being duly sworn says: I am the elector whose name appears on the face of this card; the several statements thereon contained affecting my qualifications as an elector are true; I am able to mark my ballot (or I am unable to mark my ballot by reason of the physical disabilities on this card specified), and I am not registered elsewhere within the State of Montana, and claim no right to vote elsewhere than in the precinct on this card specified, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day  
 of ....., 19

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 County Clerk & Ex-Officio Registrar.  
 By ..... Deputy"

It is apparent from a reading of this Section, that all electors whether male or female, when applying to be registered, must give their correct age, for they are required to make affidavit that the several statements made by them affecting their qualifications as electors, are true.

Yours very truly,

D. M. KELLY,

Attorney General.