

STATE OF MONTANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14-89

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EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE ELECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13-1-201, MCA the Secretary of State is the chief election officer and responsible to obtain and maintain uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of election laws other than those in title 13 parts 35, 36, and 37, MCA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13-1-301, MCA the Clerk and Recorders are designated as the local election officers unless otherwise specified by the local governing body; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain good communications between the Secretary of State and the Clerk and Recorders so as to facilitate a cooperative effort to ensure the proper and fair conduct of state and local elections; and

WHEREAS, Sections 13-1-202, MCA authorizes the Secretary of State to interpret the election laws and prescribe forms and materials for elections. He is required to consult with local election administrators and printers in designing the required forms.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has requested that an Election Advisory Council be established and has recommended members to serve on such a Council; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has provided written assurances to the Office of the Governor that there is sufficient and appropriate funding from the Secretary of State's budget to conduct the affairs of such election advisory council.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, including Section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby create the Election Administrators Advisory Council.

1. PURPOSE

The council shall in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office review election procedures and prescribe and recommend to the Secretary of State possible improvements to the forms and materials used by election