

1 H BILL NO. 436
 2 INTRODUCED BY Country Lynch Corey White
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REORDER THE
 5 PLACEMENT OF OFFICES ON BALLOTS; AMENDING SECTION 23-3513,
 6 R.C.M. 1947."

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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: -

9 Section 1. Section 23-3513, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 10 read as follows:

11 "23-3513. Order of placement. (1) The order of offices
 12 on the ballot in the first column designated "~~STATE--AND~~
 13 NATIONAL PARTISAN OFFICES," shall be as follows:

14 (a) If the election is in a year in which a president
 15 of the United States is to be elected, in spaces separated
 16 from the balance of the party tickets by a heavy black line,
 17 shall be the names and spaces for voting for candidates for
 18 president and vice-president. The names of candidates for
 19 president and vice-president for each political party shall
 20 be grouped together.

- 21 (b) United States senator;
- 22 (c) United States representative;
- 23 (d) Governor and lieutenant governor;
- 24 (e) Secretary of state;
- 25 (f) Attorney general;

- 1 (g) State treasurer;
 - 2 (h) State auditor;
 - 3 (i) Public service commissioners;
 - 4 (j) State superintendent of public instruction;
 - 5 (k) ~~Clerk of the supreme court~~ State senators, members
 6 of the house of representatives;
 - 7 (l) ~~Chief justice of the supreme court~~ County
 8 commissioner;
 - 9 (m) ~~Associate justices of the supreme court~~ County
 10 clerk and recorder;
 - 11 (n) ~~District court judges~~ Sheriff;
 - 12 (o) ~~State senators, members of the house of~~
 13 representatives County attorney;
 - 14 (p) County auditor;
 - 15 (q) Other offices in the order designated by the
 16 Registrar.
- 17 If any offices are not to be elected, they shall not be
 18 designated but the order of offices to be filled shall
 19 maintain their relative positions.
- 20 (2) In the column designated, "~~COUNTY--AND--TOWNSHIP~~
 21 NONPARTISAN OFFICES," the following order of placement shall
 22 be observed:
- 23 (a) Clerk of the district court;
 - 24 (b) ~~County commissioner~~ Clerk of the supreme court;
 - 25 (c) ~~County clerk and recorder~~ Chief justice of the

1 supreme court;

2 (d) ~~Sheriff; Associate justices of the supreme court.~~

3 ~~(e) County attorney;~~

4 ~~(f) County auditor;~~

5 ~~(g) Other offices in the order designated by the~~

6 ~~registrars~~

7 (3) In the third column constitutional amendments

8 shall be followed by referendum and initiative measures."

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~~23-3804~~, R.C.M. 1947."

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Refer to Introduced Bill

(Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:)

SECTION 1. SECTION ~~23-3804~~, R.C.M. 1947, IS AMENDED TO
READ AS FOLLOWS:

"23-3804. Preparation of machines for use. (1) The
registrar or city clerk shall put the proper ballots upon
each voting machine corresponding with the sample ballots.
The registrars or city clerks shall also:

(a) Set, adjust, and put the machines in order;

(b) Deliver the machines to the precincts together
with necessary furniture and appliances;

(c) Place a shield painted black and marked "not in
use" over the keys or levers not in use on the voting
machine.

(2) In primary elections a separate row or column
shall be assigned to each political party and at least one

~~(1)~~ row shall separate the rows assigned to the ~~two--(2)~~
major political parties. This row shall be used for the
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(3) In general elections the ballot shall be arranged
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(5) The party designation of each candidate shall
appear below his name in type as large as machine design
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(6) The judicial ballot shall appear in the first ~~two~~
~~(2)~~ horizontal or vertical rows or columns as prescribed by
section 23-3513.

(7) The election judges shall compare the ballots on
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