

House Bill 72

In The House

January 6, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 7, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
January 12, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
January 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
January 14, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 15, 1981	Second reading do pass.
January 16, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
	Third reading not passed.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 72
 2 INTRODUCTION BY HARPER

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 5 THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
 6 PRIMARY ELECTION; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-107 AND 13-10-401,
 7 MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 13-10-402, MCA."

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

10 Section 1. Section 13-1-107, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "13-1-107. Times for holding primary elections. (1) On
 12 the first Tuesday after the ~~first~~ second Monday in ~~June~~
 13 ~~September~~ preceding the general election provided for in
 14 13-1-104(1), a primary election shall be held throughout the
 15 state.

16 (2) On the Tuesday following the second Monday in
 17 September preceding the general election provided for in
 18 13-1-104(2), a primary election, if required, shall be held
 19 throughout the state."

20 Section 2. Section 13-10-401, MCA, is amended to read:

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 24 held on the ~~same-day-as-the-primary-provided-for-in-13-1-107~~
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1 Section 3. Repealer. Section 13-10-402, MCA, is
 2 repealed.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 51-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 7, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 72 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

House Bill 72 is proposed amendment to Section 13-10-401 changing the date of the primary election from June to September.

COMMISSION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE & PRACTICESAssumptions

1. Current staff can administer proposed legislation.
2. Act would be effective before 1982 primary.
3. Costs are based on same basis as FY 1982 and 1983 biennium budget.

Fiscal Impact

	<u>FY 1982</u>	<u>FY 1983</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
Expenditures under proposed amendment			
Personal Services	\$95,575	\$95,621	\$191,196
Operating Expenses	19,930	20,494	40,424
Equipment	<u>1,175</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>1,390</u>
Total expenditures under proposed amendment	\$116,680	\$116,330	\$233,010
Less:			
Expenditures under the current law			
Personal Services	95,575	95,621	191,196
Operating Expenses	21,373	19,051	40,424
Equipment	<u>1,175</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>1,390</u>
	\$118,123	\$114,887	\$233,010
Increased/Decreased expenditures	(1,443)	1,443	0
General Fund	(1,443)	1,443	0

Comment

No net fiscal impact on the Commission of Campaign Finance & Practices

SECRETARY OF STATEAssumptions

1. No change in other statutory deadlines for filing, certification, ballot preparation, etc.
2. Approximately the same number of candidates and initiatives file with the Secretary of State in the future as have filed in the past, i.e. no workload increase.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-10-81

3. Proposed legislation will not result in increased printing costs or supplies and materials but will only shift these expenses to a later part of the elections processing cycle.

Fiscal Impact

	<u>FY 1982</u>	<u>FY 1983</u>	<u>Biennium</u>
Expenditures under proposal			
Personal Services	\$ 0	\$10,827	\$10,827
Operating Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,750</u>
Total	0	\$12,577	\$12,577
Expenditures under current law	0	0	0
Increased expenditures under proposal	0	<u>\$12,577</u>	<u>\$12,577</u>

Local Impact

Proposed legislation would adversely affect county election administrators by compaction of workload requiring additional personnel and by increasing equipment costs in those areas using automatic voting devices other than CES-Volmatic. This letter impact occurs in the case of potential recounts which would preclude unsealing and reprogramming of election devices. Representative impact estimates were obtained from various counties. Estimates ranged from \$10,000 to \$50,000 per annum.

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