

House Bill 453

In The House

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to Committee on Judiciary.

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Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 453
2 INTRODUCED BY Kemmis VINCENT

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE
5 FOR THE GATHERING OF SIGNATURES FOR BALLOT ISSUE PETITIONS
6 AT A POLLING PLACE."

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

9 Section 1. Procedure for allowing petitions at a
10 polling place. (1) Upon a written request submitted at least
11 10 days prior to an election by a person circulating a
12 petition approved under 13-27-202, and if adequate space is
13 available within a polling place, an election administrator
14 shall allow the petition and the person circulating the
15 petition to be:

16 (a) present at a polling place in a tax-supported
17 building; or

18 (b) present at a polling place in a private building
19 upon the consent of a responsible person.

20 (2) The election administrator shall instruct the
21 election judges to make the petitions available in an
22 unobtrusive location convenient to the electors and to
23 provide notice of the presence and location of the
24 petitions.

25 (3) The election administrator may require the person

1 circulating the petition to provide a table.

2 (4) The election administrator shall limit the number
3 of ballot issues petitioned at any one polling place to
4 three, except that where more than three precincts vote at
5 one polling place, the election administrator shall honor
6 the first four petition requests received.

7 Section 2. Circulation of petitions at polling places.

8 (1) A petition approved by the secretary of state according
9 to 13-27-202 may be presented to the electors at the polling
10 places according to [section 1].

11 (2) A person circulating a petition may be present at
12 a polling place and shall be stationed with the petition in
13 an unobtrusive place.

14 (3) If any action of the person circulating the
15 petition disrupts the election procedures, an election judge
16 may warn the person. Upon subsequent disruption by the
17 person, the election judge may remove such person.

18 (4) Failure of a person circulating a petition to
19 leave the polling place upon an order by an election judge
20 as provided in subsection (3) shall constitute an
21 obstruction under 13-13-122.

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