

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

INTRODUCED BY KITSelman, SALES, BLISS

BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

IN THE HOUSE

January 14, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 25, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
January 26, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 27, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
January 28, 1983	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 29, 1983	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

January 31, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 28, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 3, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 5, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.

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March 5, 1983

Returned to House.

March 7, 1983

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 127-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 15, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 233 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 233 deletes the requirement of the Secretary of State to maintain count of votes cast and vote results by municipality.

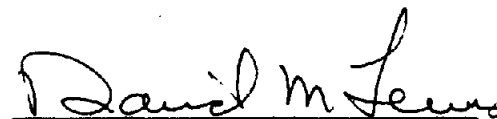
FISCAL IMPACT:

None Anticipated.

EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The Secretary of State does not currently enforce this provision. Enforcement of this provision would require local election administrators to redraw precinct boundaries to coincide with municipal boundaries or to devise some alternative means to identify municipal votes. Either action would require an overhaul of registration records for affected precincts at considerable cost to the county. Moreover, this would have to occur with each change in municipal boundaries.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

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