

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

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Bill Killed

1 ~~House~~ BILL NO. 275
2 INTRODUCED BY Rep. Steve Austin
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE
5 REQUIREMENT FOR ROTATION OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES ON PAPER
6 BALLOTS IN COUNTIES WHERE VOTING MACHINES ARE USED; AMENDING
7 SECTION 13-12-205, MCA."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 ballot. (1) The candidates' names shall be arranged
13 alphabetically on the ballot according to surnames under the
14 title of the respective offices.

15 (2) If two or more individuals are candidates for
16 nomination or election to the same office, the election
17 administrator shall divide the ballot forms into sets equal
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19 office. The candidates for nomination to an office by each
20 political party shall be considered separately in
21 determining the number of sets necessary for a primary
22 election.

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