

HOUSE BILL NO. 501

1/26 Introduced
1/26 Referred to State Administration
1/29 Fiscal Note Requested
2/05 Fiscal Note Received
2/12 Hearing
2/12 Committee Report-Bill Do Pass
2/15 2nd Reading Do Not Pass
2/15 Bill Killed

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Phillip North, G. Skid, M. Hanson
 3 Cropton, J. Switzer, J. Hays, Thomas, J. Park
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE REGULAR
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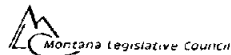
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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 10 Section 1. Section 13-1-104, MCA, is amended to read:
 11 "13-1-104. Times for holding general elections. (1) A
 12 general election shall be held throughout the state in every
 13 even-numbered year on the first Tuesday after the first
 14 Monday of November to vote on ballot issues required by
 15 Article III, section 6, or Article XIV, section 8, of the
 16 Montana constitution to be submitted by the legislature to
 17 the electors at a general election, unless an earlier date
 18 is provided in a law authorizing a special election on an
 19 initiative or referendum pursuant to Article III, section 6,
 20 and to elect federal officers, state or multicounty district
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 22 court, and county officers when the terms of such offices
 23 will expire before the next scheduled election for the
 24 offices or when one of the offices must be filled for an
 25 unexpired term as provided by law.

1 (2) A general election shall be held throughout the
 2 state in every odd-numbered year on the first Tuesday after
 3 the first Monday in November to elect municipal officers,
 4 officers of political subdivisions wholly within one county
 5 and not required to hold annual elections, and any other
 6 officers specified by law for election in odd-numbered years
 7 when the term for the offices will expire before the next
 8 scheduled election for the offices or when one of the
 9 offices must be filled for an unexpired term as provided by
 10 law.

11 (3) The general election for any political subdivision
 12 required to hold elections annually shall be held on school
 13 election day, the first Tuesday ~~of April~~ after the first
 14 Monday in November of each year, and is subject to the
 15 election procedures provided for in 13-1-401."

16 Section 2. Section 20-3-304, MCA, is amended to read:
 17 "20-3-304. Annual election. In each district an
 18 election of trustees shall be conducted annually on the
 19 regular school election day, the first Tuesday ~~of--April~~
 20 after the first Monday in November. Election of trustees
 21 shall comply with the election provisions of Title 13 and
 22 this title."

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2 election day. Unless otherwise provided by law, special
3 school elections may be conducted at such times as
4 determined by the trustees."

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STATE OF MONTANA
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN 268-85

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 29, 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H.B. 501 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:

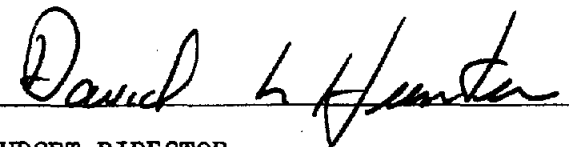
House Bill 501 is an act to change the regular school election day from the first Tuesday of April of each year to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. A school election for trustees is held each year in all school districts.
2. Ninety percent (90%) of all school districts hold special levy elections each year.
3. The 10 percent of school districts which do not hold special levy elections each year are small districts.
4. Small school districts can hold an election for approximately \$100 to \$150.
5. Large school districts can hold an election for a cost of approximately \$7,000 to \$12,000.
6. There are 388 school districts that hold elections and most are combined high school and elementary districts.
7. Of 388 school districts, 188 are small districts, 8 are the largest districts and 192 are districts in which the cost of an election ranges from \$100 to \$900.
8. In the combined general election and school election every other year, the county would assume the total cost of the election.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 1986</u>	<u>FY 1987</u>
Current Law	\$ <u>190,800</u>	\$ <u>190,000</u>
Proposed Law	<u>188,920</u>	<u>188,920</u>
Change	\$ <u>1,880</u>	\$ <u>1,880</u>



BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: Feb 4, 1985

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures: (continued)

The savings from the proposed bill results from only 10% of small districts not holding a special levy election each year. Although the annual school trustee election is combined with the county general election on even numbered years and the municipal election on odd numbered years; the majority (90%) of local school districts would still hold special levies independent of the November elections under the proposed law.

Revenues:

N/A

AFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

1. Under the proposed law small school districts not holding special levies would have a cost savings of holding one school trustee election on even numbered years.
2. On even numbered years where county and school elections are combined, school districts would still have some costs such as notice of election, printing of ballots, and cost of voter lists. No estimate is available.
3. On odd numbered years school districts may have to share election costs with municipalities. There would be an increased cost to small rural districts that contain no municipality within their boundaries who would have to pay for an additional election.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

N/A

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

N/A

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
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