

HB 410 INTRODUCED BY MILES  
REVISE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS -- SECRETARY  
OF STATE IDENTIFIED BY OFFICE

1/22 INTRODUCED

1/22 REFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION

1/29 HEARING

1/29 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL NOT PASSED

1/30 ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED

58 37

1 House BILL NO. 410  
2 INTRODUCED BY Philaw

3  
4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS  
5 FOR VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS TO PROHIBIT ANY REFERENCE TO  
6 THE NAME OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ELECTION YEARS WHEN  
7 THE INCUMBENT SECRETARY OF STATE'S NAME APPEARS ON THE  
8 BALLOT; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-27-410, MCA."

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

11 Section 1. Section 13-27-410, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "13-27-410. Printing and distribution of voter  
13 information pamphlet. (1) The secretary of state shall  
14 arrange with the department of administration by requisition  
15 for the printing and delivery of a voter information  
16 pamphlet for all ballot issues to be submitted to the people  
17 at least 90 days before the election at which they will be  
18 submitted. The requisition shall include a delivery list  
19 providing for shipment of the required number of pamphlets  
20 to each county and to the secretary of state.

21 (2) The secretary of state shall estimate the number  
22 of copies necessary to furnish one copy to every voter in  
23 each county, except that two or more voters with the same  
24 mailing address and the same last name may be counted as one  
25 voter. The secretary of state shall provide for an extra

1 supply of the pamphlets in determining the number of voter  
2 pamphlets to be ordered in the requisition.

3 (3) The department of administration shall call for  
4 bids and contract with the lowest bidder for the printing  
5 and delivery of the voter information pamphlet. The contract  
6 shall require completion of printing and shipment, as  
7 specified on the delivery list, of the voter information  
8 pamphlets by not later than 30 days before the election at  
9 which the ballot issues will be voted on by the people.

10 (4) The county official responsible for voter  
11 registration in each county shall mail one copy of the voter  
12 information pamphlet to each registered voter in the county,  
13 except that two or more voters with the same mailing address  
14 and the same last name may be counted as one voter. The  
15 mailing shall take place no later than 2 weeks after the  
16 pamphlets are received from the printer.

17 (5) Ten copies of the voter information pamphlet shall  
18 be available at each precinct for use by any voter wishing  
19 to read the explanatory information and complete text before  
20 voting on the ballot issues.

21 (6) In years when the incumbent secretary of state's  
22 name appears on the ballot, any reference in the voter  
23 information pamphlet to the office of secretary of state may  
24 not include the name of the incumbent secretary of state."

-End-



INTRODUCED BILL  
HB-410