

SB 95 INTRODUCED BY RASMUSSEN, HOFMAN, S., AKLESTAD, ET AL.  
PERMIT ELECTOR TO VOTE BY PAPER BALLOT INSTEAD OF  
USING A VOTING DEVICE

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1/13 REFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION  
1/14 FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED  
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1/16 HEARING  
2/09 TABLED IN COMMITTEE AS AMENDED

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *95*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Representative [unclear]*  
 3 *[unclear] Donaldson*  
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN  
 5 ELECTOR MAY REQUEST TO VOTE BY PAPER BALLOT INSTEAD OF USING  
 6 A VOTING DEVICE; AMENDING SECTION 13-17-305, MCA; AND  
 7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."  
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
 10 Section 1. Section 13-17-305, MCA, is amended to read:  
 11 "13-17-305. Request to use paper ballots. (1) ~~fe~~  
 12 Where voting machines or devices are used, an elector may  
 13 request to vote by paper ballot instead of using the machine  
 14 or device. The election judges shall provide the elector  
 15 with a paper ballot when requested.  
 16 ~~(b) Where voting devices are used, the election~~  
 17 ~~administrator, with approval of the governing body of the~~  
 18 ~~county, if the election administrator is an appointed~~  
 19 ~~official, may provide paper ballots if the election~~  
 20 ~~administrator believes such ballots are necessary. However,~~  
 21 ~~if more than 5% of the electors voting in the last preceding~~  
 22 ~~general election voted using paper ballots, the election~~  
 23 ~~administrator shall provide paper ballots. The printing of~~  
 24 ~~paper ballots provided pursuant to this subsection is an~~  
 25 ~~allowable election cost under the provisions of 13-1-302.~~

1 (2) Paper ballots shall be cast and counted by the  
 2 election judges in the manner provided by law.  
 3 ~~{3} For the purposes of this section, "voting machine"~~  
 4 ~~means a mechanical apparatus which is used for voting by~~  
 5 ~~using levers which provide a tabulating system within the~~  
 6 ~~machine."~~  
 7 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. This act is  
 8 effective July 1, 1987.

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-2- INTRODUCED BILL  
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB095, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing that an elector may request to vote by paper ballot instead of using a voting device.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. All twenty-two counties currently using voting devices would resume printing paper ballots as allowed under the proposed legislation.
2. Cost of providing paper ballots is a direct function of the number of registered electors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The actual costs will be determined by the number of paper ballots used. This number is unknown. Of six counties contacted the cost of each paper ballot used in the last election cost between \$35 - \$40 per ballot. If more electors chose paper ballots this per ballot cost would decrease.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:


Costs of providing election supplies are the responsibility of counties and other local political subdivisions.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

N/A

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

N/A

 DATE 1/15/87  
DAVID L. HUNTER, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
Office of Budget and Program Planning

 DATE 1-15-87  
TOM RASMUSSEN, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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