

SENATE BILL 86

Introduced by Vaughn, et al.

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1/09	Referred to State Administration
1/12	Hearing
1/17	Committee Report--Bill Passed
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1/23	3rd Reading Passed

Transmitted to House

2/21	Referred to State Administration
3/09	Hearing
3/10	Committee Report--Bill Not Concurred
3/11	Adverse Committee Report Adopted

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *86*
2 INTRODUCED BY *Senator Hughes* *Representative*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING AN ELECTION
5 ADMINISTRATOR, AFTER EACH GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN AN
6 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, TO CANCEL THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
7 WHO DID NOT VOTE IN THAT ELECTION; AND AMENDING SECTION
8 13-2-401, MCA."

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

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13 vote -- reregistration. (1) Except as provided in subsection
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15 ~~president is elected~~ held in an even-numbered year as
16 provided in 13-1-104(1), the election administrator shall:

17 (a) cancel the registration of the electors who have
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19 pollbook and precinct register of each precinct;

20 (b) mark the form of each elector whose registration
21 has been canceled; and

22 (c) place canceled forms for the entire county in
23 alphabetical order in the canceled file.

24 (2) An elector whose registration is canceled may
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2 (3) The registration of an elector who votes by
3 absentee ballot but whose ballot does not arrive in time to
4 be counted may not be canceled if his ballot is received and
5 rejected by the election administrator within 10 days
6 succeeding the election.

7 (4) A notice of cancellation shall be published on
8 radio or television as provided in 2-3-105 through 2-3-107
9 or in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once
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11 notice shall be run in a display advertisement (known as ROP
12 in the trade) if in a newspaper or as an announcement if on
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14 secretary of state. The names of those electors whose
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