

HOUSE BILL 71

Introduced by Russell

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING GENDER  
5 BALANCE AND RACIAL PARITY AMONG ELECTION JUDGES; AND  
6 AMENDING SECTION 13-4-101, MCA."

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

9 Section 1. Section 13-4-101, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "13-4-101. Appointment of election judges -- other  
11 boards of election judges. (1) At least 30 days before the  
12 primary election in even-numbered years, the county  
13 governing body shall appoint 3 an even number of four or  
14 more election judges for each precinct, one of whom shall  
15 must be designated chief judge.

16 (2) A An even-numbered board of election judges,  
17 designated as a counting board, may be appointed in any  
18 precinct if recommended by the election administrator.

19 (3) A An even-numbered board of election judges,  
20 designated as a counting board for absentee ballots, may be  
21 appointed to count all absentee ballots for all precincts if  
22 recommended by the election administrator.

23 (4) Equal numbers of men and women must be appointed as  
24 judges under subsections (1) through (3). If the ratio of a  
25 race to the total population of the most recent federal

1 census blocks wholly contained within a precinct for which  
2 appointments are made under subsection (1) or (2) or of a  
3 county for which appointments are made under subsection (3)  
4 is equal to or greater than the ratio of one to the number  
5 of judges, the number of judges of that race must at least  
6 equal the ratio of that race to the total population."

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