# HOUSE BILL NO. 86

# INTRODUCED BY M. HANSON

## IN THE HOUSE

DECEMBER 23, 1992

JANUARY 4, 1993

**JANUARY 13, 1993** 

JANUARY 14, 1993

JANUARY 16, 1993

JANUARY 18, 1993

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FIRST READING.

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

PRINTING REPORT.

SECOND READING, DO PASS.

ENGROSSING REPORT.

THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 96; NOES, 2.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 20, 1993

FEBRUARY 11, 1993

FEBRUARY 12, 1993

FEBRUARY 13, 1993

ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FIRST READING.

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

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SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 44; NOES, 6.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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FEBRUARY 15, 1993

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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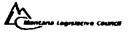
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24 intention of making it his the individual's residence, he
25 the individual loses his residence in this state.

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1 (7) The place where an individual's family resides is 2 presumed to be that individual's place of residence. 3 However, an individual who takes up or continues a residence 4 at a place other than where his <u>the individual's</u> family 5 resides with the intention of remaining is a resident of the 6 place where he the individual resides.

7 (8) A change of residence can <u>may</u> be made only by the 8 act of removal joined with intent to remain in another 9 place."

10 Section 2. Section 13-10-201, MCA, is amended to read: "13-10-201. Declaration for nomination. (1) Each 11 12 candidate in the primary election, except nonpartisan candidates filing under the provisions of chapter 14, shall 13 14 send a declaration for nomination to the secretary of state 15 or election administrator. Each candidate for governor shall 16 send a joint declaration for nomination with a candidate for 17 lieutenant governor.

18 (2) A declaration for nomination shall must be filed in
 19 the office of:

20 (a) the secretary of state for a congressional office,
21 state or district office to be voted for in more than one
22 county, member of the legislature, or judge of the district
23 court;

(b) the election administrator for a county, municipal,
precinct, or district office (other than a member of the

legislature or judge of the district court) to be voted for
 in only one county.

3 (3) Each candidate shall sign the declaration and send 4 with it the required filing fee or, in the case of an 5 indigent candidate, send with it the documents required by 6 13-10-203. The declaration for nomination shall must be 7 acknowledged by an officer empowered to acknowledge 8 signatures if sent by mail or by the officer of the office 9 at which the filing is made.

10 (4) The declaration, when filed, is conclusive evidence
11 that the elector is a candidate for nomination by his the
12 elector's party.
13 (5) (a) The declaration for nomination shall must be in

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 the form and contain the information prescribed by the
 secretary of state.

16 (b) A person seeking nomination to the legislature 17 shall provide the secretary of state with a street address, 18 legal description, or road designation to indicate the 19 person's place of residence. If a candidate for the 20 legislature changes residence, the candidate shall, within 21 15 days after the change, notify the secretary of state ON A 22 PORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. 23 (c) The secretary of state and election administrator

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 24 shall furnish declaration for nomination forms to
 25 individuals requesting them.

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1 (6) Declarations for nomination shall <u>must</u> be filed no 2 sooner than 135 days before the election in which the office 3 first appears on the ballot and no later than 5 p.m., 75 4 days before the date of the primary election."

Section 3. Section 13-10-208, MCA, is amended to read: 5 6 \*13-10-208. Certificate of primary ballot -- printing 7 ballot. (1) Not more than 75 days and not less than 67 days before the date of the primary election, the secretary of 8 state shall certify to the election administrators the names 9 10 and designations of candidates, except as provided in 11 13-37-126, and any ballot issues as shown in the official 12 records of his the secretary of state's office in the manner 13 provided in 13-10-209 and chapter 12, part 2, of this title. 14 (2) Not more than 67 days and not less than 62 days 15 before the date of the primary election, the election 16 administrator shall certify the names and designations of 17 candidates, except as provided in 13-37-126, and any ballot 18 issues as shown in the official record of his the election 19 administrator's office and have the official ballots printed 20 in the manner provided in 13-10-209 and chapter 12, part 2, 21 of this title.

22 (3) If a candidate for the legislature is no longer
23 eligible under Article V, section 4, of the Montana
24 constitution to seek the office for which the candidate has
25 filed because the candidate has changed residence, the

1	secretary of state shall decertify-the-candidate-and-shall
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2	notify the candidate that the candidate is required to
3	withdraw AS PROVIDED IN 13-10-325."
4	Section-4;Section-13-10-325;-MCAy-is-amended-to-read:
5	*13-10-325;Withdrawal-from-nomination;-(1)-A-candidate
6	fornominationorcandidate-for-election-to-an-office-may
7	withdrawfromtheelectionbysendingastatementof
8	withdrawal-to-the-officer-withwhomhis the declaration,
9	petition,oracceptanceofnominationwasfiledThe
10	statement-must-contain-all-information-necessary-to-identify
11	the-candidate-and-theofficesoughtandthereasonfor
12	withdrawalIt-shall The-statement-must be-sworn-or-affirmed
13	beforeanofficerempowered-to-administer-oathsA <u>Bxcept</u>
14	<u>for-a-candidate-for-the-legislatureya</u> candidatemaynot
15	withdrawlater-then-85-days-before-a-general-election-or-75
16	days-before-m-primary-election-
17	<del>{2}Filing-feespaidbythecandidatemaynotbe</del>
18	refunded."
19	Section 4. Section 13-12-201, MCA, is amended to read:
20	"13-12-201. Secretary of state to certify ballot. (1)
21	Seventy-five days or more before an election, except as
22	provided in 13-10-208, the secretary of state shall certify
23	to the election administrators the name and party or other
24	designation of each candidate entitled to appear on the
25	ballot and the ballot issues as shown in the official

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records of his the secretary of state's office, which must 1 include the notification specified in 13-37-126. 2 3 (2) The election administrator shall certify the name and party or other designation of each candidate entitled to 4 5 appear on the ballot and the ballot issues as shown in the 6 official records of his the election administrator's office, 7 which must include the notification specified in 13-37-126, 8 and shall have the official ballots printed. (3) If a candidate for the legislature is no longer 9 10 eligible under Article V, section 4, of the Montana 11 constitution to seek the office for which the candidate has 12 filed because the candidate has changed residence, the 13 secretary of state shall decertify-the-candidate-and-shall 14 notify the candidate that the candidate is required to 15 withdraw AS PROVIDED IN 13-10-325."

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